Faculty Position Ad

Position Overview

St. Ambrose University, an inclusive, Catholic, and diocesan community of learners located in Davenport, Iowa, invites applications for a full-time Assistant Professor in Psychology at its St. Ambrose University campus.

As part of a diverse community of faculty and staff representing many faith traditions and worldviews, St. Ambrose University seeks a tenure-track eligible Assistant Professor in Psychology (rank negotiable) who will support and advance the University's mission. In this role, the selected candidate will be joining an established Forensic Psychology undergraduate program focused on educating students about how psychology informs the criminal justice field and working from a trauma-informed lens with both offending and victimized populations.

Our new hire will teach long-standing courses in our undergraduate Forensic Psychology and general Psychology curricula, advise and mentor students particularly within the Forensic Psychology program, and coordinate the existing, successful Forensic Psychology undergraduate internship program.

Qualifications

Faculty rank (e.g., Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor) and appointment status (e.g., tenure-track or term/professional faculty) will be commensurate with the candidate's qualifications, experience, and institutional needs.

The anticipated rank of the appointment is at the Assistant level (although candidates with more extensive experience may be appointed at a higher rank). The start date is Thursday, August 12, 2027. The successful candidate will possess some combination of the following with respect to credentials and experience:

- Doctorate degree (Ph.D. or PsyD.) in Clinical or Counseling Psychology or related field preferred, though ABD candidates and applicants with master's degrees in Counseling, Forensic Psychology, Psychology, or related fields will be considered.

- Expertise teaching undergraduate students and clinical background to successfully teach courses such as Psychology and Law, Psychology of Criminal Behavior, Abnormal Psychology, and Statistics
- Experience working with community agencies, courts, law enforcement, and/or schools to help identify and maintain partnerships within our undergraduate Forensic Psychology internship program
- Eagerness to assist with providing supervision of undergraduates at internship sites in our Forensic Psychology Internship semester course

Position Responsibilities

The individual hired for this position will be expected to enthusiastically embrace the following responsibilities and objectives:

- Actively engage and advance the Catholic, diocesan mission and identity of St. Ambrose University by fostering an inclusive community of learners, integrating faith and reason, and contributing to the formation of students who act courageously, work for justice, and lead lives of service.
- Teach a 3/3 course load in a variety of delivery modalities.
- Coordinate the Forensic Psychology internship program.
- Advise and mentor students.
- Provide service to the Department, College, and University.
- Be a learner-centered educator who has relevant experience with the field of Forensic Psychology.
- Embrace both the challenges and rewards of working to build a vibrant and sustainable learner-centered model for Catholic higher education across the campuses of Mount Mercy and St. Ambrose University.
- Be committed to supported and guided, evidence-based innovation in pursuit of creating impactful learning experiences for students.
- Contribute to the learning and professional outcomes of students across the university generally as well as in the Forensic Psychology and Psychology programs.
- Engage in ongoing professional development appropriate to the faculty member's discipline, status, and academic responsibilities.
- Offer high-quality learning experiences for students in a range of modalities (e.g., face-to-face, hybrid, and online) or demonstrate a willingness to learn how to do so.

Institutional Context

In August 2024, St. Ambrose University and Mount Mercy University signed an agreement to fully combine the two universities. The university received approval from its accrediting body in 2025 and anticipates regulatory approval in the coming year. Mount Mercy employees became St. Ambrose employees in the summer of 2025, and the two campuses anticipate fully merging operations during the fall 2026 semester.

The strategic combination of Mount Mercy and St. Ambrose University represents the proactive and innovative combination of two healthy Catholic universities. The combined university will reduce costs by significantly reducing the duplication of administrative roles across the two universities and by combining and streamlining a host of back-office operations. The combined university has also reimagined general education and academic programs with a focus on learner-centeredness, sustainability, strong student outcomes, and engaging and innovative learning experiences.

St. Ambrose University was founded as a diocesan college in Davenport, Iowa in 1882. The Mount Mercy campus of St. Ambrose University was founded in 1928 by the Sisters of Mercy. St. Ambrose has a strong financial profile with an endowment of $247.5 million, of which nearly 80% is unrestricted. Collectively, St. Ambrose and Mount Mercy enroll over 3500 undergraduate and graduate students. The combined university offers more than 40 undergraduate majors and boasts a portfolio of a dozen graduate programs in a variety of fields, including multiple graduate degrees in healthcare, business, social work, education, and counseling. You can learn more about the strategic combination between St. Ambrose and Mount Mercy at https://sau.edu/education-together/ .

Mission Statement

St. Ambrose University is an inclusive, Catholic, and diocesan community of learners that empowers all Ambrosians to act courageously, to seek wisdom through faith and reason, to work for justice and mercy, and to lead lives of service.

Application Process

Interested individuals should apply online at https://stambroseuniv.applicantlist.com and submit:

- Letter of application addressing:
  - Qualifications and experience
  - Approach to teaching and student development

    - Interest in and capacity to contribute to the mission of St. Ambrose University
- Curriculum vitae or professional resume
- Contact information for at least three professional references

To ensure full consideration, application materials should be received by **November 13th**. Review of applications will begin at that time and continue until the position is filled.

Additional Information

- Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a background check and verification of academic credentials
- St. Ambrose University is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE) committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment