

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

Belhaven University, a vibrant Christ-centered academic community committed to the ministry of integrating faith and learning, is searching for the ideal candidate for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor of Dance to begin July 2024. The mission of the Dance Department is to prepare students technically, artistically, academically, and spiritually to move into the world of dance and affiliated careers in adherence with the mission of the university. Degrees offered include a Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Bachelor of Arts (BA), and a Dance Minor. Belhaven's dance program provides rigorous technical training, innovative performance opportunities, individualized mentorship, and focused career preparation with particular attention to the integration of faith and learning. This thriving program serves a large number of dance majors and minors on a small campus located in the heart of the capital city.

Responsibilities

The Belhaven University Dance faculty is dedicated to offering students opportunities to gain in-depth knowledge and practice in the field of dance within a Christ-centered environment. The Assistant/Associate Professor of Dance will:

- Model an active Christian faith and inspire students to pursue excellence as dancers and scholars
- Teach studio technique courses in ballet technique; successful candidates will have significant experience teaching classical variations, pas de deux, pointe and/or contemporary partnering; the hiring committee is also interested to learn about applicants' other areas of technical expertise such as jazz, tap, hip hop, contemporary dance, or global dance forms
- Teach 1-2 dance theory or studio/lab undergraduate and/or graduate courses per semester such as pedagogy, ballet teaching methods, kinesiology, production, conditioning, choreography, research and writing, dance and technology, or somatics
- Choreograph and/or direct rehearsals for the Belhaven University Dance Ensemble and/or Dance Ministry Ensemble concerts as well as assist with coordinating dance productions and performances on and off campus
- Supervise student choreography and capstone projects
- Advise undergraduate students toward degree completion and preparation for careers
- Assist with recruitment for the Dance Department and administrative duties as assigned

Qualifications

MFA in Dance preferred; ideal candidates will have a record of success in higher education and a national and/or international professional reputation as a performer, choreographer, or dance scholar. Applicants should provide evidence of effective collaboration with colleagues. Applicants without a terminal degree in dance will be considered for a fulltime non-tenure track position as "Senior Instructor of Dance and Resident Choreographer."

Compensation

Compensation and rank are commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University supplements major medical insurance. A 403b retirement plan is available for eligible employees to contribute pre-tax dollars with Belhaven University matching up to 8% of annual salary.

Applications

A confidential review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

For informal questions and inquiries about the position, please contact:

Krista Bower, Chair of Dance Department:
kbower@belhaven.edu, 601-965-1413

For a formal application, please submit the following:

- A CV and cover letter outlining your suitability for this position, including an explanation of your interest in Christian higher education
- Video links of three (3) of your recent choreographic works
- A 3-4 paragraph statement of how you would integrate the Biblical worldview into all instructional content
- A brief account (750 words or less) of your spiritual testimony, including the time and circumstances surrounding your becoming a believer in Christ and your current relationship with Christ

Please review Belhaven University's [Commitment Statement](#) including our employee expectations. Should you receive a job offer, you will be asked to accept this agreement by signing it. Applicants must be able to fully support the [University vision, mission, and statement of faith](#) and contribute to the spiritual and academic fellowship of the University.

Materials, confidential questions, and formal applications may be submitted to:

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