

Worship Arts Program Chair Position

Life Pacific College (LPC) seeks candidates for the program chair of its major in Worship Arts & Media. LPC supports the education and transformational development of men and women into leaders in the Church, the workplace, and the world. The College intentionally nurtures an atmosphere where students can practice a Spirit-empowered lifestyle of learning, devotion, and worship as they prepare for their career. LPC has an amazing legacy of preparing church leaders to lead worship in the church, and music and drama have historically been an important part of that legacy going back to the days of LPC's founder, Sister Aimee Semple McPherson. Today's worship leaders have a broader role than ever before. Through the Worship Arts program LPC prepares women and men by offering a degree specifically designed for worship leaders, from a Spirit-empowered perspective, that considers how to effectively bring together music, the arts, and media for dynamic, Spirit-filled worship. The College is looking for a program chair who shares this vision.

The start-date for this full-time position is July 1, 2018. The successful candidate will demonstrate extensive knowledge of the practices, skills, and attitudes necessary for leading worship in the contemporary church (including the role of drama, art, and media). A terminal degree in a field relevant for music and arts education is preferred; a master's degree in a relevant field is a minimum requirement. Experience teaching at the collegiate level is expected.

The position involves overseeing and directing the major and its faculty, teaching up to 24 units in an academic year (with, at least initially, half-load release time for program administration), as well as other duties such as program recruitment (in conjunction with the Recruitment department), participation on committees, student advising, and program assessment. Faculty rank and compensation depends upon degree and experience.

Key attributes for a successful candidate:

1. Holds an earned terminal degree in a field relevant for music and arts education. Candidates who are ABD or who hold master's degree in relevant fields with significant experience in education may be considered.
2. Has significant experience leading worship (preferably in contemporary, Spirit-filled settings), developing teams, planning and preparing worship services, etc.
3. Sees the recruitment and retention of students as a key responsibility.
4. Possesses experience overseeing a department, group, program, etc.
5. Has a demonstrated history of successful teaching in higher education.
6. Models best instructional practices in the classroom setting and is willing to guide colleagues in adopting and improving those practices.
7. Possesses a demonstrated, active, Christian faith compatible with the mission of Life Pacific College.
8. Shows willingness and ability to apply the Christian worldview in course design, instruction, and advising.
9. Participates in scholarly and/or professional activities.
10. Committed to establishing and maintaining positive relationships with students, faculty, and staff, and the general constituency of the College.
11. Demonstrates culturally competent communication skills.
12. Demonstrates commitment to working with and engaging diverse students and colleagues.

13. Evidence of global engagement and/or a willingness to travel internationally is a plus.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and statement of teaching philosophy to: Dr. Michael Salmeier, Worship Arts Search Committee, Life Pacific College, 1100 Covina Blvd., San Dimas, CA 91773, or via email to: ayenney@lifepacific.edu. Application forms will be sent to promising candidates (initial review of candidates will begin March 1, 2018).

Life Pacific College is the historic Bible college of the Foursquare Church. The College maintains a Pentecostal/Charismatic and Wesleyan-Arminian theological stance. Successful candidates must affirm the College's Statement of Faith and adhere to lifestyle expectations of the College. Current membership in a Foursquare church is a plus.

Life Pacific is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and Universities Commission (WSCUC) and the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE).

The College complies with federal and state guidelines for nondiscrimination in employment. Further, Life Pacific College initiates and cultivates a community that reflects our broader community in terms of ethnicity, color, culture, and gender. LPC is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution. Over 50% of the student population are students of color and approximately 60% of students are female. As such, women and those from other traditionally under-represented groups are especially encouraged to apply. Fluency in Spanish is a plus.