

Assistant Professor, Health Communication

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The Department of Communication at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga invites applications for a full time (9 month), tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Communication with a special focus on health communication beginning August 1, 2019.

We welcome applications from scholars in the social sciences whose teaching and research addresses health communication. The successful candidate must also be able to teach courses in one of the following areas: journalism, publication design, web design or video production. Job responsibilities include teaching undergraduate courses, maintaining research productivity, serving on departmental committees and engaging in professional service.

The Department of Communication is one of 112 schools that are accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education and in Journalism and Mass Communications. The department has more than 400 majors, 12 faculty members, and offers an undergraduate degree in communication. The principal mission of the department is to provide a strong preparation in communication practice and research based on a firm grounding in the liberal arts and sciences. The department aims to provide its students hands-on opportunities to help them develop into thoughtful, caring, engaged, skilled communication professionals and global citizens. The faculty is committed to making contributions to the discipline of communication through scholarship and professional practice. The department has excellent relationships with regional media and professional organizations.

Qualifications

Successful candidates will possess the following requirements:

- A doctorate in mass communication or a related field. Individuals who are "all but dissertation" (ABD) will be considered but the degree must be awarded before the first day of employment.
- Demonstrated professional experience in health communication.
- Demonstrated ability to create and teach courses in health communication as well as demonstrated ability to teach courses in one of the following areas: journalism, publication design, web design or video production.

- Demonstrated research experience.
- Willingness to engage in assisting the UTC campus in its ability to reach additional goals as specified in UTC's Strategic Plan, including a demonstrable commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Application Procedures

For consideration, applicants must submit the following information using the online application system:

- A cover letter. In the letter the candidate should describe health communication classes the candidate would like to create and identify other classes the candidate would like to teach from our current curriculum.
- CV including up-to-date personal information (name, email, phone, etc.)
- Work samples of curricula including sample syllabi, teaching philosophy, etc.
- A list of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses for three (3) references for confidential letters of recommendation to be requested
- Unofficial transcripts

Review of applicants will begin on March 18, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled. Preference will be given to those qualified candidates who apply on or before the review of applicants begins.

Applications **must** be submitted electronically through the UTC Faculty Career Site by visiting:

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is the second largest school in the University of Tennessee System, serving a diverse student body of more than 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students through five academic colleges. UTC offers a unique blend of private and public school traditions and is a driving force for achieving excellence, embracing diversity, inspiring positive change, and enriching the community. Since its founding as Chattanooga University in 1886, UTC has developed a reputation for excellence built on an unusual blend of the private and public traditions of American higher education. For more than 83 years, the university was a private school. In 1969, UTC became part of the state university system. Today, UTC is on a journey to excellence - boldly embracing a passion for excellence in all things and focused on changing lives and transforming communities. The UTC commitment—each

and every day—is to earn the trust and confidence of those we serve. Our goal is to make a difference in our community and in the lives of our students.

Our definition of student success is a graduate who has the knowledge required to succeed in the workplace and the personal development to show up on time, how to collaborate and work with others and to execute the steps to complete a project. We have held the line on the cost of education with record low tuition increases over the past four years. But we still have \$325 million invested in eight ongoing renovations to campus buildings and construction of new facilities.

Chattanooga, the fourth largest city in the state, is located in Southeast Tennessee near the border of Georgia at the junction of four interstate highways. The city has received national recognition for the renaissance of its beautiful downtown and redevelopment of the riverfront. Chattanooga is home to the first Gig Internet in the United States, and companies like Unum, McKee, U.S. Xpress, Volkswagen, Coke United and Amazon have chosen to set up shop in Chattanooga. Attractions such as the Tennessee Aquarium, Lookout Mountain, Civil War battlefield sites, the African American Museum, and the Appalachian Trail bring thousands of people to the area, as do events like the Riverbend Festival, Nightfall, Jazzanooga, and the Southern Writers Conference. Chattanooga is the home to the seven-time NCAA Southern Conference Football Champions, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Mocs.

People who love the outdoors use Chattanooga as a base for biking, hiking, and walking from campus to downtown and beautiful Tennessee Riverwalk. The nearby beautiful Smoky Mountains and Tennessee River support the greatest variety of flora of any area in the United States. Chattanooga also has a long and rich past with regard to diversity, which includes Native American heritage, Civil War history, and the Civil Rights movement. Chattanooga is also just a two hour (or less) drive from Atlanta, GA, Nashville, TN, Knoxville, TN, and Birmingham, AL.

The University of Tennessee Chattanooga is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution. All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or protected veteran status.