

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

FACULTY POSITION in Theatre Department

Belhaven University, a Christian university committed to the ministry of integrating biblical truth and learning, is seeking the ideal candidate for the position of **Assistant/Associate Professor of Theatre (Musical Theatre)** in the Theatre Department at the traditional undergraduate campus in Jackson, Mississippi. This is a tenure track position. This position may include serving as department chair, depending on the candidate's expertise and interests.

The Theatre Department at Belhaven University is committed to preparing students academically, technically, artistically, and spiritually to serve their community, their collaborators, and their Creator in the world of theatre and related vocations. The department offers a BA in Theatre, with emphases in performance and production. The department produces a season of 4 mainstage productions. Belhaven University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

Responsibilities

- Direction and/or music direction for 1-2 musicals and/or plays annually in the department's mainstage season
- Teaching undergraduate theatre courses such as Acting, Musical Theatre Workshop, Acting in Musical Theatre, and other courses within the candidate's expertise. (Additional courses might include Directing; Script Analysis; Theatre History; and Intro to Theatre)
- Recruiting new students
- Academic advising of BA in Theatre (Performance) students
- Mentoring student directors
- Contributing to the department's ongoing retention, assessment, and accreditation efforts
- Performing other duties as assigned by the department chair.

Qualifications

- MFA in Musical Theatre is required. MFA in Acting, PhD in Theatre, or DMA in Vocal Performance will be considered if accompanied by extensive experience in musical theatre.
- Candidate must have a record of ongoing professional and/or academic activity in the area of musical theatre performance.
- Must have the ability to teach and mentor undergraduate students.
- Candidate must be a collaborator who supports and celebrates the breadth of theatre training offered at the university.
- Previous college teaching experience preferred.
- Basic piano skills desired but not required.

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. A generous relocation allowance is included.

To apply, please submit the following:

- CV, including contact information for at least 3 professional references

- A cover letter outlining your suitability for this position including an explanation of your interest in Christian higher education
- A 3 to 4 paragraph statement of how you would integrate a Biblical worldview into all instructional content
- A brief account (750 words or less) of your spiritual pilgrimage including the time and circumstances surrounding your becoming a believer in Christ and your current relationship with Christ.
- Go to: https://www.belhaven.edu/belhaven/employment_pdfs/letterofemploymentcommitment.pdf to 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.
- **Send materials, confidential questions, and/or nominations to:**
 - Dr. Bradford Smith Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - c/o Kim Campbell, Director of Academic Administration kcampbell@belhaven.edu