

# INSTRUCTOR/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – SPEECH HUMANITIES/COMMUNICATION

REPORT TO: Division Chair E CLASS: FT-12 Month Exempt

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this position is to educate, equip, and inspire students in the art of public speaking and effective oral communication. The instructor will focus on developing students' confidence and skills necessary for working knowledge in delivering speeches, understanding audience dynamics, and employing a variety of rhetorical strategies. This role supports Miles College and the Division of Humanities and Communications' missions by fostering students' critical thinking, cultural awareness, and personal growth through communication.

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree or Ph.D. in Speech, Communication, Rhetoric, or a related field.
- Previous teaching experience at the college level, preferably at an HBCU or similar institution.
- Evidence of commitment to culturally responsive teaching practices.
- Record of scholarly activity or professional engagement in the field of communication.
- Use of AI as a teaching tool.

## ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Teach undergraduate courses in Fundamentals of Speech, focusing on both theory and practice.
- Develop and deliver a curriculum that includes speech writing, delivery techniques, and effective use of visual aids.
- Assess and evaluate student performance, providing constructive feedback to support their development.
- Maintain office hours for student consultations and advising.
- Participate in departmental meetings and contribute to curriculum development.
- Engage in professional development activities and stay abreast of current trends in communication and pedagogy.
- Support the college's mission through service activities, including advising student clubs or organizations related to communications.
- Foster an inclusive and supportive classroom environment that respects diverse perspectives and encourages open dialogue.
- Teach other related courses such as Humanities and Communication

# **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

- Strong knowledge of public speaking principles and communication theories.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

- Ability to engage and motivate a diverse student body.
- Proficiency in integrating technology into teaching, including online learning platforms and digital tools.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks effectively.
- Commitment to continuous professional development and improvement.

#### **WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

- Classroom and office settings.
- Opportunities to engage with the broader campus community through events, workshops, and collaborative projects.
- Supportive and collaborative divisional and College culture focused on student success and academic excellence.

## **TRAVEL:**

N/A

\*\*This position description is a general guideline for work behavior and is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of all job duties. Therefore, it is also not, nor can it be implied to be, a contract of employment.

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