



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Biblical Literature, Church History, and Theology Faculty Position

Mount Vernon Nazarene University exists to shape lives through educating the whole person and cultivating Christ-likeness for lifelong learning and service.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU) is an intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional age students, graduate students, and working adults who seek opportunities to learn and grow in an academic community of faith. The University provides the context for a transformational experience through excellent academics, service opportunities, caring relationships, and a nurturing spiritual and social environment. Faculty, staff, and students are challenged to achieve their highest potential, to become increasingly Christ-like and to make a difference in their world through lifelong learning and service.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University seeks a full-time (nine-month) Faculty member for its Division of Christian Ministry on the Mount Vernon main campus, beginning Fall semester 2026. Compensation is competitive among the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. A full complement of benefits is provided, including a health care plan, retirement contributions, moving and tuition assistance (self and dependents). Rank will be dependent on education and relevant experience.

Responsibilities for this position include:

- Adequately prepare all course materials and lessons, providing each student with clear course expectations, evaluations, and timelines through carefully written topical outlines and approved syllabi
- Complete grade books, final grade sheets, learning assessments and final exam assessments in a timely manner
- Develop web-based class sites for all classes and online classes as requested
- Advise and mentor students in a professional and careful manner
- Identify and refer at-risk students to specific academic support services
- Serve the University through committee, task force, other team responsibilities (accreditation, academic area coordinator) as needed
- Additional instructional or administrative assignments based on departmental needs and individual qualifications

Expectations for the successful candidate:

- Master's degree or higher in any of these areas: Biblical Literature, Church History, Religious Studies, and/or Theology; PhD candidacy or above preferred
- Engaging classroom style with expertise in interpersonal and oral presentation/written communication skills is essential
- 18 graduate hours or more in two of the areas of study listed above (ability to teach Greek a plus but not required)
- Master of Divinity or specialized M.A. degree and Ph.D. (candidacy or above preferred)
- Strongly prefer successful pastoral ministry experience and ordination credentials
- Prefer administrative experience, academic and/or ministry assessment experience, and essential technological competencies relative to instruction and administrative tasks

- Prefer teaching experience in person, on-line, and/or hybrid formats
- Prefer experience in diverse contexts or with diversity students/congregations; intercultural or cross-cultural experience is helpful
- Nazarene Elder in good standing preferred
- Full support of and willingness to be identified with the mission, beliefs, and ethos of the Church of the Nazarene and Mount Vernon Nazarene University is required
<https://nazarene.org/what-we-believe/> <https://mvnu.edu/about/>

In a continuing effort to enrich its academic environment and provide equal educational and employment opportunities, the university actively encourages applications from members of all ethnic groups underrepresented in higher education. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; however, early application is strongly advised. Interested candidates should send an application letter and curriculum vita as soon as possible, followed by unofficial college transcripts, evidence of teaching competence, names and contact information for three references, a one- to two- page statement of educational philosophy, and a one- to two-page statement of faith. Applicants are encouraged to submit application materials via email as Microsoft Word, .pdf file attachments, or as hard copies to:

Academic Affairs
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050
Email: academic.affairs@mvnu.edu

Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification and criminal background check. Mount Vernon Nazarene University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or military service in administering its employment policies and practices. As a religious educational institution under the auspices of the Church of the Nazarene, the University is permitted by law to consider religious beliefs/practices in making employment decisions and does so to achieve its mission. The University requires as a condition of employment that all employees subscribe to standards of the Church of the Nazarene and conduct their lives in accordance therewith.