



Adrian College

Title: Assistant Professor of Architecture and Interior Design

Department: Department of Art and Design

Description:

The Adrian College Department of Art and Design invites applications for a full-time, non-tenure, term-contract, Assistant Professor position with responsibilities to teach a diversity of types of courses, including a 4/4 teaching load, while also supporting expectations for advising, college service, and scholarship.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- The successful candidate must possess a master's degree or higher in Architecture, Interior Design, or a closely related field, or demonstrate 10+ years of professional experience in a relevant field. Preference will be given to candidates with professional experience in the interior design and/or architecture industries, as well as demonstrated ability to connect professional practice with student learning in the classroom and studio environment.
- Teaching responsibilities may include introductory and advanced courses in architecture, interior design, residential and spatial design, drafting and visualization, industry-standard design software, and senior-level professional practices or career preparation seminars. The successful candidate should be able to develop engaging, project-based coursework that prepares students for contemporary creative and professional practice.
- In addition to teaching, the successful candidate is expected to contribute actively to the life of the department and campus community through participation in exhibitions, guest lectures, critiques, recruitment events, and other departmental activities. The Department of Art and Design values collaborative faculty members who are committed to mentorship, interdisciplinary learning, and fostering a supportive and creative academic environment.

Minimum Requirements:

- Highly qualified candidates must possess a Ph.D. or master's degree in Architecture, Interior Design, or a closely related field, or demonstrate 10+ years of professional experience in a relevant design-based profession. Candidates should demonstrate a strong understanding of contemporary interior design and/or architectural practices, along with the ability to effectively engage and mentor undergraduate students in a studio-based learning environment.

Physical Requirements:

- **Prolonged Sitting:** The ability to remain in a stationary position for **75-90%** of the work day.
- **Manual Dexterity:** The "fine motor skills" required to operate a computer, mouse, and phone, or to handle paper files and office equipment.
- **Visual Acuity:** The ability to see and read a computer screen for extended periods
- **Sedentary/Light Lifting:** The ability to lift up to **15 lbs.**
- **Reaching & Bending:** Occasionally needing to reach above head level or bend down to access low filing cabinets or plug in computer cables.

The requirements listed above (minimum and physical) are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

Desired Qualifications:

- Preference will be given to candidates with previous higher education teaching experience and professional experience in interior design, architecture, or a related field.

- The successful candidate should demonstrate strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent time management and organizational abilities, and a commitment to student mentorship and collaborative learning. Experience developing project-based coursework and working with industry-standard design software is preferred.
- Because the Department of Art and Design at Adrian College values a highly collaborative and student-centered environment, the department seeks a candidate who is enthusiastic about becoming an active and engaged member of the program and campus community. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a willingness to participate in departmental events, exhibitions, critiques, recruitment activities, and interdisciplinary collaboration while contributing positively to the culture and continued growth of the department.

To apply, please submit a cover letter outlining your background and interests in teaching, CV, undergraduate and graduate transcripts (must have official transcripts for final consideration), completed job employment application (found on the Adrian College website), and the names and contact information (including phone numbers and emails) of three references to Professor Travis Erxleben at Terxleben@adrian.edu.

Applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled.

Adrian College is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. If offered a position, finalist must furnish proof of U.S. citizenship or proof of eligibility to work in the U.S. within three (3) days of commencing employment.

A private, co-educational college of liberal arts and sciences related to the United Methodist Church, Adrian College is a traditional four-year residential institution offering a focused undergraduate and graduate education. The College offers a multitude of majors and pre-professional programs including certifications, approximately 50 athletic teams and 10 institutes dedicated to a diverse and personalized approach to education. Adrian College features state-of-the-art facilities, small class sizes and an innovative approach to the academic and personal growth of its students.

U.S. News & World Report has recognized and ranked Adrian College as a 'Best Regional Colleges for Undergraduate Teaching' and 'Most Innovative'. Adrian also received accolades as a "Best Value" school. The College landed on the list of Best Value schools in the Midwest region for the sixth consecutive year and has also been recognized as having 'A Focus on Student Success'; a new section in college rankings. Adrian College is located in Southeast Michigan, about 45 minutes from Ann Arbor and Toledo.