



TENURE-TRACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR POSITION IN ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING

The Department of Art Therapy and Counseling at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position, beginning in August of 2024. Salary is competitive with peer institutions and commensurate with quality of practice, scholarship, academic research, extent of teaching experience, and current professional standing.

PROGRAM PROFILE

SAIC's Department of Art Therapy and Counseling offers a three-year, 60-credit, Master of Arts in Art Therapy and Counseling (MAATC) degree with an enrollment of 50 graduate students. The program currently has 3 full-time faculty and 24 part-time faculty, offering undergraduate and graduate courses each year, including extensive supervised fieldwork experiences at the graduate level.

The MAATC program focuses on providing an art therapy and counseling education that prepares artist-art therapists to practice in specialized settings within a socio-cultural context. The program was established in 1981 and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Since 1989 it has been approved by the American Art Therapy Association.

Further information about the department can be found at: <http://www.saic.edu/academics/departments/art-therapy>

RESPONSIBILITIES

Tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Art Therapy and Counseling Department teach graduate students within the interdisciplinary art and design school environment of SAIC. The faculty member will contribute to the SAIC community through original studio/scholarly research; participate in shared leadership in the development of critical scholarship and curricular innovation in the department; participate in graduate student advising, admissions events, committee work and special projects; and participate in the SAIC community through ongoing curricular development, departmental administration, and school governance.

QUALIFICATIONS

A master's degree in art therapy with ATR-BC credentials by the start of employment is required. A doctoral degree is preferred. Candidates must have substantial clinical experience in art therapy and counseling practice, and have demonstrated expertise in scholarly, or studio professional practice. Prior teaching, supervisory, and administrative experience is preferred.

The department of art therapy and counseling invites applications from candidates with a strong interest in art therapy and counseling research that complements the department's social justice, critical theories of difference and disability justice frameworks. The ideal candidate will bring a strong clinical background with an interest in critical pedagogy, interdisciplinary approaches to art therapy, and emerging forms of contemporary, culturally relevant art therapy education. Candidates with strong clinical practitioner backgrounds are encouraged.

The ideal candidate will contribute to the diversity of the School by bringing a perspective, way of thinking, and/or a unique set of experiences that expand the intellectual conversations and practices in the field. We seek candidates with the knowledge and aptitude to teach and mentor students from diverse backgrounds. Candidates should demonstrate their experience with, or aptitude for, departmental administration.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants are encouraged to apply by **Monday, January 8, 2024**, for full consideration. Please submit application materials via <http://SAICfaculty.slideroom.com>. You will be asked to create an account, after which time you may complete the application, which consists of fill-in fields and required documents to upload. You are encouraged to begin the application well before the priority deadline. **Applications will not be accepted after February 8, 2024.**

Complete the fields for: educational background; current position; and contact information for three professional references.

Please convert all word documents into PDFs before uploading. Required files to upload include:

- Cover letter stating your interests and qualifications
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Diversity statement
- Statement of teaching philosophy including details on how your teaching has supported the success of students from racial, ethnic, gender, and/or socio-economic backgrounds that are underrepresented in your academic field

- Statement of research and practice
- Writing sample- peer reviewed articles or book chapters (not to exceed a combined maximum of 30 pages)

All applicants for this position must complete and sign a [Prior Workplace Conduct Declaration](#) as part of their initial application materials **in order to be considered** as a candidate and sign a release authorizing SAIC to conduct a misconduct reference check should the candidate ultimately be selected as a finalist for the position.

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the School and its open positions, application procedures, or the search process may be emailed to saicteach@saic.edu. Please consult www.saic.edu for information on the School and its programs, or <https://www.saic.edu/about/work-at-saic> for open positions and application procedures.

ABOUT SAIC

A leader in educating artists, designers, and scholars since 1866, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) offers undergraduate, graduate, and post-baccalaureate programs to students from across the globe. Located in the heart of Chicago, the School is one of the largest and oldest private schools of art and design in the country with programs reflecting current practices in art. SAIC's educational philosophy is built upon a transdisciplinary approach to art and design that provides unparalleled opportunities for students to develop their creative and critical abilities with renowned faculty who are leading practitioners in their fields. SAIC's resources include the Art Institute of Chicago and its Modern Wing, and numerous special collections and programming venues that provide students with exceptional exhibitions, screenings, lectures, and performances. The campus is located on Chicago's magnificent lakefront amid the city's cultural and architectural treasures.

Degree tracks include the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Studio; BFA with Emphasis in Art Education or Writing; BA degrees in Art History and Visual and Critical Studies; Master of Architecture; Master of Design (MDes) in Designed Objects; MDes in Fashion, Body, and Garment; MFA in Studio or Writing; MA degrees in Arts Administration; Art Education; Art History, Theory, and Criticism; Art Therapy; Teaching; Visual and Critical Studies; and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation.

Equal Opportunity Employer

The Art Institute of Chicago, including both the school and the museum, is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for its students, visitors, faculty, and staff, and to ensuring that educational and employment decisions are based on an individual's abilities and qualifications. The Art Institute of Chicago does not tolerate unlawful discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, military or former military status, or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, in its programs and activities, public accommodations or employment practices. The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Title IX Coordinator

Robert Babcock, 116 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60603, rbabco@artic.edu.

Section 504 Coordinator

Felice Dublon, PhD, Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, The Office of Student Affairs, 36 S. Wabash Ave., suite 1204, Chicago, IL 60603, 312.629.6800, fdublon@saic.edu.

For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, see the [Office for Civil Rights Discrimination](#) for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 800.421.3481.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

SAIC provides reasonable accommodations during the interview process for candidates with disabilities in adherence with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need an accommodation to participate in an interview, please contact Molly Roth Scranton, Associate Director of Faculty Affairs at mscranton@saic.edu.