



Instructor (NTT) or Assistant Professor (TT), Teacher Education
Department of Teacher Education
(9-month appointment)

October 20, 2026

Samford University's Orlean Beeson School of Education invites individuals interested in serving in a Christian University environment to apply for a full-time, 9-month position at the rank of Instructor, non-tenure track, or Assistant Professor, tenure track, in the Department of Teacher Education. This full-time, 9-month appointment carries a twenty-four (24) credit-hour teaching load. The position will begin in August 2027.

Qualified candidates for the position of Instructor, non-tenure track, will hold at least an Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in elementary education or a closely related field from an institutionally accredited college or university (or equivalent). To be considered for the position of Assistant Professor, tenure track, candidates must have a terminal degree in elementary education or a closely related field from an institutionally accredited college or university (or equivalent) and must demonstrate potential to develop and maintain an active scholarship stream. All candidates must have at least five years' teaching experience in an elementary school. In addition, candidates must have one of the following: math coaching experience and/or certification; 18-hours of graduate level coursework in mathematics; or documented math teaching experience at the elementary (K-6) level. Knowledge of Alabama's Numeracy Act requirements and teaching experience in higher education are desirable but not required. Expectations for non-tenure-track faculty include teaching a 24-hour load per academic year and serving the university, P-12 schools, and professional groups. Pursuing scholarship through professional publications, presentations, and grant-writing is optional for non-tenure track faculty.

The Department of Teacher Education in the Orlean Beeson School of Education (samford.edu/education) is home to Samford's nationally accredited and award-winning educator preparation programs.

Located in the Homewood suburb of Birmingham, Alabama, Samford (samford.edu) is a leading Christian university offering undergraduate programs grounded in the liberal arts with an array of nationally recognized graduate and professional schools. Founded in 1841, Samford enrolls more than 6,500 students from 46 states, Puerto Rico and 12 countries in its 10 academic schools with 450 full-time faculty. Samford is ranked #3 in the nation for career preparation and #8 in the nation for student learning opportunities as listed in *The Wall Street Journal* (2026). The University is dedicated to the promotion of rigorous academic inquiry in a Christian setting. The University seeks and prefers employee applicants of the Christian faith and offers competitive salaries with a generous benefits package.

Review of applications will begin December 2, 2026, and applications will continue to be accepted until January 16, 2027. Please submit (via email below in .pdf format), an application letter, curriculum vitae with names and contact information of three references, description of teaching experience and interests, description of research plans if applying for tenure track position, along with an [Application for Faculty Position](#) and the [Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement](#) (links below). Salary is dependent upon qualifications and experience. The successful candidate must pass a background check. Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States, as Samford will not sponsor any employment visas for this position.

Application for Faculty Position can be found at:

https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/Human_Resources/application-for-faculty-employment.pdf

Faculty Applicant Christian Mission Statement can be found at:

<https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/academic-affairs/Faculty-Applicant-Christian-Mission-Statement.docx>

Please submit all materials in PDF format to:

FACAPP@samford.edu

Subject: Teacher Education Faculty Position

Questions may be addressed to:

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