



College of Creative Arts/School of Theatre & Dance  
**Position Announcement**

## **Assistant/Associate Professor of Musical Theatre (tenure-track)**

*The College of Creative Arts at West Virginia University invites applications for the position of Assistant/Associate Professor of Musical Theatre in the School of Theatre & Dance.*

**Job Description:** Nine-month, tenure-track appointment. Primary duties would include:

- Teaching undergraduate acting and musical theatre courses.
- Audition preparation and showcase development with all Performance area majors (BFAs in Acting and in Musical Theatre).
- Possibly teaching courses in the history of musical theatre, audition techniques, directing and/or select topics within the School's graduate acting program.
- Direct 1-2 Main Stage productions for the School of Theatre & Dance per academic year.
- Possible musical direction of Main Stage productions with a proven record of experience.
- Assist in managing auditions for musical productions at WVU including co-productions with the School of Music and with West Virginia Public Theatre (in consultation with WVPT's Artistic Director).
- Opportunities to direct for West Virginia Public Theatre are possible.

All faculty in the School of Theatre & Dance are expected to maintain an active creative-research agenda and professional development sufficient to meet the expectations of an R1 Doctoral Research, land-grant institution. Participation in curriculum development, attracting and maintaining students, academic advising and involvement in University/School committee activities and faculty governance is required of all faculty members.

**Required Qualifications:** At the time of appointment, the successful candidate will have:

- Terminal degree (MFA/PhD/DMA) in Theatre or related arts discipline
- 3-5 years teaching experience at the college/university level
- Professional musical theatre acting and/or directing experience required
- Success working collaboratively and collegially in a fast-paced educational environment
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and a dedication to teaching
- Desired skills may include ability to teach voice for musical theatre performance, piano competency or the ability to choreograph for the stage
- Affiliations with AEA, SAG-AFTRA and/or SDC is desirable

In accordance with West Virginia University's *Procedures for Faculty Appointment, Annual Evaluation, Promotion, and Tenure*, to be appointed at the rank of Associate Professor, the successful candidate must be an accomplished university-level educator and a nationally-recognized researcher with an established publication or presentation record.

**Rank and Salary:** Assistant or Associate Professor, 9-month, tenure-track, a competitive salary and benefits package.

**Date of Appointment:** August 16, 2019

**Application Deadline:** Review of applications will begin **January 21, 2019** and continue until the position is filled.

**Application:** For a complete application, interested candidates should submit the following:

- Letter of application
- Current curriculum vitae
- Philosophy of teaching statement
- Names of three (3) references including complete contact information (email, phone and mailing address)

Apply online at [http://employmentservices.hr.wvu.edu/wvu\\_jobs](http://employmentservices.hr.wvu.edu/wvu_jobs)

**The School of Theatre & Dance** ([theatre.wvu.edu](http://theatre.wvu.edu)): The School of Theatre & Dance is a NAST-accredited training program with an enrollment of approximately 200 undergraduate and graduate students. The School offers MFA degrees in acting and design, BFA degrees in acting, creative dramatics & puppetry, design & technology and musical theatre, BA degrees in dance and theatre studies, and minors in theatre and in dance.

As part of its mission, the School educates students in the traditions and practices of the arts of theatre and dance by challenging them to engage in the many processes used and valued by collaborative artists. To do so, the School employs 18 full-time and 2 part-time faculty and 3 professional staff, and annually produces 5-7 mainstage and 2-4 lab theatre productions in three theatres supported by well-equipped production facilities. The School of Theatre & Dance provides an exceptional classroom education supported by live production experiences.

**The College of Creative Arts** ([ccarts.wvu.edu](http://ccarts.wvu.edu)) is one of 15 colleges within the university, includes the Schools of Music, Theatre & Dance, and Art & Design, and offers the state's premiere training in the visual and performing arts. Each of these units has a national profile of excellence and all programs are nationally accredited (NAST, NASM, and NASAD).

The College of Creative Arts is housed in WVU's Creative Arts Center and has more than 70 full-time faculty and 20 professional staff whose mission is to educate succeeding generations of artists, teachers, and scholars through an experiential student-centered approach to learning. The College advocates the Arts as a medium through which the diversity of human experience is understood and valued. Exemplifying excellence and innovation in performance, exhibition, scholarship, and creative research, the College offers artistic and cultural opportunities for the citizens of West Virginia and the global community.

**West Virginia University** ([www.wvu.edu](http://www.wvu.edu)) is classified as a Doctoral/Research University—Extensive and is the state's only comprehensive doctoral-granting, land grant institution. WVU has a current enrollment of approximately 29,000 students on the Morgantown campus enrolled in more than 184 graduate and

undergraduate programs. The university community is committed to student-centered priorities, academic excellence, research, creative activity, and service to the state.

WVU is located about 70 miles south of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in Morgantown, West Virginia which has received many national rankings, including “No. 1 Small City in America” by *BizJournals.com* for its quality of life. Other city rankings have included: One of the “Best Sports Cities” by *Sporting News*; 5th “Best Small Metro” by *Forbes*; 12th overall “Hottest Small City by *Inc.*”; one of “50 Smartest Places to Live” by *Kiplinger’s*; one of the “Best Cities for Jobs” by MSN Careers; one of the 50 best places to launch a small business by *CNNMoney.com*; and the second-ranking “Best College Town for Jobs” by *Forbes*.

**West Virginia Public Theatre** ([www.wvpublictheatre.org](http://www.wvpublictheatre.org)) is a professional theatre company located in Morgantown, WV, and is affiliated with West Virginia University’s College of Creative Arts. Founded in 1985, West Virginia Public Theatre (WVPT) yearly produces a three-show summer season, a holiday production and various showcase and special events. The theatre has full non-profit status and is governed by its Board of Directors along with its Artistic Director, Director of Operations, and permanent and seasonal staff. Currently using the Guest Artist Agreement with Actors’ Equity Association as well as recognizing all industry union affiliations, West Virginia Public Theatre serves a tri-fold mission of presenting Broadway-style musicals, family-friendly fare, and socially-conscience plays about issues affecting the local and global community.

*WVU is an AA/EO/ADA institution committed to cultural diversity. Women, minorities, veterans and protected-class individuals are encouraged to apply.*