Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)

Derived from the mission of The Catholic University of America and values of the social work profession, the mission of the National Catholic School of Social Service (NCSSS) is to educate students from diverse faiths and cultures who, in their professional endeavors, embody the values of social justice, service, and scholarship. This mission is grounded in the justice and charity foundation of Catholic social teachings and the tradition of a modern university that welcomes all forms of human inquiry.

In 1918, the National Catholic School of Social Service was founded by the Catholic Church in the United States to provide a Catholic response to social problems in society. The doctoral program, established in 1934, is the third oldest social work doctoral program in the world. NCSSS, fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, also provides a master’s degree in social work, and bachelor’s degree in social work.

Today, NCSSS is ranked by the U.S. News and World Report in the top 50 schools of social work. Further, the School is proud to be ranked the #1 Catholic and #2 Christian school of social work in the world. The school’s online MSW program is ranked #4. Clearly, excellence in scholarship, education, and service by NCSSS faculty is a hallmark of the school.

We seek candidates who understand, are enthusiastic about, and will make a significant contribution to the mission of the University, which reads as follows:

“As the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, founded and sponsored by the bishops of the country with the approval of the Holy See, The Catholic University of America is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church. Dedicated to advancing the dialogue between faith and reason, The Catholic University of America seeks to discover and impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation and the world.”

**Essential Duties:** (1) Teach clinical social work practice courses in the BSW and MSW programs, including advanced theory courses. (2) Actively participate in one of the NCSSS research centers and collaborate in the development of research projects and grants; (3) Serve as a mentor and advisor to students; (4) Serve on school and university committees; and (5) Perform other duties as assigned.
Qualifications: MSW and PhD in Social Work, with eligibility for licensure as an LCSW, and evidence of successful teaching experience in a social work program. Strong understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and the Catholic Moral Tradition.

Mission Statement. The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church and was founded as a center of research and scholarship. We seek candidates who will make a significant contribution to the mission and goals of the University and NCSSS.

Applicants are urged to review the University Mission Statement on our website: http://www.cua.edu/about-cua/mission-statement.cfm. Candidates will be expected to provide a written statement to Dean Rainford reflecting how their academic and professional goals fit with the mission of the university and the school, with specific attention to the University mission statement.

The National Catholic School of Social Service has a longstanding commitment to enhancing diversity, therefore we strongly encourage applications from people from underrepresented groups.

Applicant finalists who are being considered for employment will be asked to submit to a criminal background check.

All interested and qualified candidates, please submit a CUA Application for Employment, cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement that directly speaks to their goodness-of-fit to the CUA and NCSSS missions and their Catholic context, and the names and telephone numbers of three professional references to: Dean Will C. Rainford, The Catholic University of America, NCSSS, 620 Michigan Avenue, Washington, DC 20064. You may also apply by e-mail to: rainford@cua.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.