

OBLATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

San Antonio, TX

Position Description

Full-Time Faculty Position: Professor of Spirituality and Director of the Masters in Spirituality

Summary of Position

Oblate School of Theology, a Roman Catholic school of Theology and Ministry serving the Southwest United States, invites applications for Professor of Spirituality and Director of the Masters in Spirituality. The position is open-rank and has a preferred start date of August 2025. In light of the inter- and multi-disciplinary perspectives informing the field of Spirituality, we welcome applicants with doctoral training in spirituality, theology, practical theology, religious studies, or another related field. Specialization for the position is open, and we welcome applicants from all Christian denominations. Teaching responsibilities typically include three or four graduate classes per year.

The Director of the Masters in Spirituality oversees the Masters in Spirituality and the graduate Certificate in Spirituality. Both programs are ecumenical and provide in-depth study in contemporary Christian spirituality in dialogue with classical traditions. The Masters offers a Research track (requiring a thesis) and a Professional track (requiring a final portfolio and integration paper). The director is responsible for curriculum development and for advising and mentoring students through the program requirements. The ideal candidate has a demonstrated history of administrative skills and can develop plans with the OST marketing team for student recruitment to actively grow the Masters and Certificate programs through fostering networks with academic and ministry communities. The Director also collaborates with the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality at Oblate School of Theology. Applicants should be comfortable with a diverse and ecumenical student population, attentive to the needs of adult learners (especially those working in pastoral and professional contexts), and experienced in hybrid, asynchronous, and in-person teaching.

The successful candidate will be willing and able to work with colleagues in all aspects of graduate professional theological education in a diverse setting. This includes serving on faculty committees, advising and mentoring students, and directing theses and dissertations for the PhD, DMin, and other MA programs.

Inspired by the charism of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Oblate School of Theology educates, forms, and renews men and women to “preach the Gospel to the most abandoned.” Established in 1903, OST is a vibrant and complex educational institution that

provides theological and ministerial leadership in both academic and professional degrees. Its ecumenical PhD program in Spirituality has grown exponentially in the ten years since its beginning. The school is equally committed to the pastoral and theological education and formation of students from seven dioceses and seven different religious orders who are studying for priesthood. Other established programs include academic degrees such as the MA in Theology and the MA in Sacred Scripture. Professional programs include the DMin, the MDiv, and the MA in Pastoral Ministry which is offered bilingually in Spanish and English. OST likewise resources the local church with several vibrant lay certificate programs. Institutes such as the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership, the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality, and the Instituto de Formación Pastoral provide academic homes for students studying across the degree programs.

Accountability

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean

Department

Faculty

Education and Experience

- Doctorate in Spirituality, Theology, Practical Theology, Religious Studies, or another related field

Skills and Qualifications

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching and scholarly research in the area of Christian spirituality.
- Demonstrated history of administrative and networking skills.
- Demonstrated sensitivity to and ability to work with the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, denominational, and ethnic backgrounds of members of the school community.
- Demonstrated commitment to innovative pedagogy in diverse formats (hybrid, online, face-to-face).
- Fluency in both Spanish and English is desirable.

To Apply

To apply, please submit a C.V., a cover letter addressing your teaching and research interests as well as your administrative experience, and a list of three references to facultysearch@ost.edu. References will not be contacted until the final stages of the process. Review of applications begins January 15, 2025.