



Job/Position Description
Assistant Professor of Music (Vocal)
(Tenure-Track Position) 12 Month Position

APPLICATION PROCESS AND HIRING TIMELINE INFORMATION

To apply for this position, you should submit:

1. [KWU Employment Application](#)
2. Cover letter,
3. Resume/curriculum vitae,
4. Three references,
5. Desired salary (may be entered on application)
6. Please email your application materials to hr@kwu.edu.

The timeline for filling this position is:

- Applications will be taken until the position is filled.
- Interviews will begin when qualified applicants are identified and continue until a hiring decision is made.

KWU is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages diversity in employment. We will check references of past employers and personal references. We will acknowledge receipt of your application as soon as we receive it.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

JOB'S TITLE: Assistant Professor of Music

JOB'S OPERATING GROUP: Office of the Provost

OPERATING GROUPS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: The Office of the Provost is responsible for the development and delivery of the entire academic program at KWU. This includes the determination and selection of all faculty, the design and delivery of all academic curriculum, the design and delivery of all academic co-curricular programs and activities, and the design and delivery of all support and information services required to maintain university accreditation and increase student success in all academic areas of the university.

JOB'S DEPARTMENT: Department of Music

DEPARTMENT'S MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: The Department of Music is responsible for the effective development and delivery of the department's curriculum and advising of department majors. In addition, the department assists other areas of the university in recruiting new students to the university and participates on faculty and university committees. The department focuses on high-quality teaching and student-centered learning.

JOB'S DIRECT SUPERVISOR: Provost

DATE JOB LAST REVIEWED OR ANALYZED: March 2026, **REVISED BY:** Provost and HR

JOB'S EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Faculty, Tenure-Track, Exempt, Twelve-Month Contract (12 month pay period)

JOB'S FACULTY RANK: To be determined at hiring based on the person's highest degree attained, qualifications, and experience.

POSITION'S SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary to be determined at hiring based on the person's qualifications, experience, and faculty rank. Full-time benefits as outlined in the university benefits package found on the university's job web site. Please send your salary requirements with your application.

POSITION INFORMATION

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES (SUMMARY): This position will lead the university's vocal ensembles, which are at the heart of the institution's rich music tradition. In this capacity, this faculty member will be a visible leader on campus and in the wider community. In addition to delivering vibrant instruction and engaging in student-centered pedagogy, the faculty member filling this role must have a passion for community engagement and active recruiting for the ensembles they lead.

POSITION WORKS WITH: The department is led by a Department Chair and consists of two full-time faculty, one full-time staff position, and adjuncts. This position also fully interacts with the KWU student body in terms of teaching and advising. In addition, this position will interact with other faculty and staff regarding recruiting, curriculum design, and other similar requirements of the department and university.

POSITION'S STAFF AUTHORITY: None

POSITION'S BUDGET AUTHORITY: None

POSITION'S PHYSICAL WORKING CONDITIONS: 100% temperature controlled indoor environment. Duties include sitting, walking, standing, speaking, hearing, stooping, written and oral communication, and other similar office related activities. May have to do some lab set up (which can require lifting or exposure to chemicals) and direct activities outside or in larger classroom venues.

POSITION'S UNUSUAL HAZARDS OR WORKING CONDITIONS: None

POSITION'S EQUIPMENT USED: University phone and LMS (Canvas).

POSITION'S WORK SCHEDULE: Flexible, scheduled arranged around a Monday- Friday teaching schedule and an active recruiting schedule.

POSITION'S TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS: Some travel required for recruiting.

POSITION DUTIES AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

FOR A MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FACULTY JOBS, PLEASE READ AND REVIEW THE FACULTY HANDBOOK WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FINAL CANDIDATES FOR THE JOB.

JOB'S ESSENTIAL DUTIES

1. **Teaching (55%):** Responsible for delivering in a student receptive manner the knowledge, skills, and experiences each student needs to successfully achieve course learning outcomes as outlined in the course syllabus.
 - Student-focused educator committed to student learning, retention, persistence, and completion.
 - Teach twelve (12) credit hours each semester (24 credit hours per year) during the academic year.
2. **Recruiting (30%):** Responsible for recruiting new students to meet enrollment goals related to the ensembles this position leads. This faculty member will also be expected to engagement in the active continued recruitment of their current students to facilitate student persistence and retention.
3. **Professional Development (10%):** Responsible for preparing and executing an annual personal development program in order to enhance your course content knowledge and teaching effectiveness skills.

JOB'S OTHER DUTIES: (5%)

1. Assist the department and university to recruit and enroll students who are a good fit for our culture, mission, and vision.
2. Evaluate and revise curriculum, course materials, and delivery methods as changes in the field and teaching environments warrant.
3. Review, evaluate, and revise department policy, textbooks, and curriculum in conjunction with other department members and the Department Chair in order to enhance student academic and career success.
4. Attend all required university events such as commencement, faculty meetings, and monthly recruiting/enrollment meetings.
5. PERFORM OTHER APPROPRIATE AND REASONABLY REQUIRED DUTIES AS ASSIGNED BY YOUR SUPERVISOR.

JOB'S PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS: Actual performance standards for each measure will be set at least annually after consultation between the job holder and their direct supervisor based on the job holder's existing qualifications and experience.

1. Course Learning Objectives, Syllabus, and Class Schedule posted as required.
2. Semi-Annual Student Course Evaluation Results
3. Annual Self-Evaluation Results
4. Annual Program Review
5. Peer Review as per the Faculty Handbook

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION:

- **MINIMUM REQUIRED:** Master's degree in field or closely related field with 18 graduate credits in primary field of instruction. Qualified to teach undergraduate Music courses.
- **PREFERRED:** PhD

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES:

- **MINIMUM REQUIRED:** None
- **PREFERRED:** None

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **MINIMUM REQUIRED:** Experience teaching at the college or university level or demonstrated ability to be successful at this level.
- **PREFERRED:** Three or more years of teaching and advising experience at the college or university level.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, and ATTITUDES – KSAA'S:

- **MINIMUM REQUIRED**
 1. Demonstrated advanced level of oral and written communication skills.
 2. Demonstrated ability to meet required attendance and submission deadlines.
 3. Demonstrated ability to create, articulate, and assess course learning outcomes.
 4. Demonstrated effectiveness in creating course materials (syllabus, handouts, presentations, etc.) which enhance student interest and engagement.
 5. Demonstrated ability to create and manage effective grading rubrics for consistent and uniform grading results.
 6. Demonstrated ability to assess student educational goals and to create graduation plans based on those goals.
 7. Demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse populations.
 8. Demonstrated ability to manage effective, friendly, and civil working relationships with staff, faculty, students, alumni, guests, and others at the university.
 9. Demonstrated problem solving and abstract thinking skills.
 10. Demonstrated ability to produce high-quality work while working independently.
 11. Philosophical alignment with the mission and vision of KWU.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL JOB OR EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. THIS JOB/POSITION DESCRIPTION IS NOT DESIGNED TO COVER OR CONTAIN A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL DUTIES AND RESULTS TO BE PERFORMED IN THIS POSITION. DUTIES AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS MAY BE ADDED, SUBTRACTED, AND/OR CHANGED BY YOUR SUPERVISOR AT ANY TIME DUE TO CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT OR UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS.
2. Unless exempt due to an employment contract signed by the President of the University, all employees of Kansas Wesleyan are to be considered as an “at-will” employee.
3. All employees of Kansas Wesleyan University are considered to be “responsible employees” pertaining to Title IX regulations concerning both the prevention and reporting of sexual assault or harassment situations. As such, all employees must communicate with the Title IX Coordinator if they witness or hear about a sexual assault or harassment situation.
4. Kansas Wesleyan University is an equal opportunity employer and complies with EEOC and ADA employment requirements. It is and has been the policy of Kansas Wesleyan University to grant equal opportunity to all qualified persons without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, gender, age, national origin, ancestry, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religion, or veteran status. In order to fulfill its mission as a United Methodist affiliated institution, preference in hiring shall be given to persons who can affirm the Institution’s mission.
5. All “offers of employment” are subject to a criminal background check prior to employment.