

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Assistant Professor of Music, Piano

Department: School of Visual and Performing Arts

OBU Mission Statement

OBU transforms lives by equipping students to pursue academic excellence, integrate faith with all areas of knowledge, engage a diverse world, and live worthy of the high calling of God in Christ.

Core Commitments

Oklahoma Baptist University achieves its mission through a shared commitment to the following expectations. All employees are expected to embrace these expectations and to model them in their behavior.

- *Commitment to the essentials of the Christian faith*
- *Commitment to active membership in a local evangelical church*
- *Commitment to the vision and mission of Oklahoma Baptist University*
- *People are treated with dignity and respect*
- *Relationships are built on honesty, integrity, and trust*
- *Excellence is achieved through teamwork, leadership, and a strong work ethic*
- *Efficiency is achieved through wise management of human and financial resources*

Overview

Oklahoma Baptist University has an exciting opportunity for an experienced and highly motivated pianist-educator. The successful candidate will enhance the work of the Division of Music through the effective recruitment of talented undergraduate piano students, strong private and classroom teaching, and collaborative service to the School of Visual and Performing Arts and Oklahoma Baptist University.

Essential Functions

- Recruit and teach undergraduate, piano majors
- Direct and manage all aspects of the Piano Pedagogy program
- Develop a private piano studio
- Coordinate and contribute to the training and supervision of students pursuing a career related to piano performance and/or piano pedagogy
- Assist with securing and supervising part-time keyboard instructors
- Teach additional undergraduate music and/or fine arts courses according to expertise and the needs of the School of Visual and Performing Arts
- Teach undergraduate music majors whose principle applied area is not keyboard
- Teach undergraduate elective piano students

Other Duties

- Oversee inventory and maintenance of the Piano Pedagogy Resource Center
- Foster a high level of excellence and the overall good reputation of piano program
- Develop relationships with pre-undergraduate state and regional piano teachers as both a service to their students as well as recruitment for the School of Visual and Performing Arts

- Demonstrate personal musical and academic excellence through activities such as solo and chamber music recitals, adjudication, conference presentations, and research publications
- Attend appropriate state and national conferences as beneficial both to professional development and to the School of Visual and Performing Arts
- Oversight of acquisition and maintenance of keyboard instruments

Qualifications

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Exceptional musicianship as modeled through performance and teaching
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills to dialogue regularly with prospective undergraduate students, piano teachers, and the professional community of music educators and performers
- Proven administrative skills and knowledge to manage and advance pedagogy resources
- Ability to network to attract viable candidates for adjunct keyboard positions
- Demonstration of the capability for on-going, creative output
- Ability to travel, including overnight stays, to recruit and to attend appropriate conferences
- Ability to lift piano benches and move pianos (on wheels) within rehearsal spaces and concert halls

Education

- **Preferred:** DMA (or the equivalent)
- **Required:** Master's Degree in Music

Experience

- **Preferred:** Successful teaching in both private and collegiate levels
- **Required:** 3 years teaching at a level commensurate with collegiate teaching