



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**TENNESSEE**  
KNOXVILLE

DEPARTMENT OF  
CHILD & FAMILY STUDIES

**Assistant or Associate Professor of Child and Family Studies –  
Early Childhood Education (ECE)/Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)**

**Position:**

The Department of Child and Family Studies (CFS) at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, invites applications for a nine-month, tenure-track assistant or associate faculty position in early childhood education (birth-8). The position will begin August 2022.

The CFS department supports an ecological and interdisciplinary perspective on early education, and seeks a candidate whose ongoing research and teaching will strengthen the early childhood education (ECE) programs and CFS department. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue active research agendas, seek external funding, teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and advise students. The candidate also will be expected to collegially engage in service activities in support of the department, college, university, and/or local/global communities. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise in early childhood special education, early intervention, early childhood curriculum and assessment, teaching diverse learners, teacher education, and/or policy. Evidence of effective university-level teaching, experience working in an interdisciplinary environment, and direct experience and/or applied work in early care and education settings, especially within early childhood special education, are highly desirable.

Candidates must have an earned doctorate degree in Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Intervention, Child Development, or a closely related field. Candidates must be able to demonstrate their ability to perform at the rank being considered. The Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**Programs:**

The Department of Child and Family Studies is an interdisciplinary department in the CAEP-Approved College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. The CFS department emphasizes contextual approaches to research and practice with the intention of creating knowledge and informing practice related to the well-being of children, youth, and families. The CFS department is home to the [Early Learning Center for Research and Practice \(ELC\)](#), an innovative, cross-culturally inspired, and inclusive laboratory school. The ELC is an exceptionally high-quality learning environment for children, pre-service and in-service teachers, and researchers.

The CFS department currently consists of 17 tenure-track and clinical faculty, plus adjunct faculty and staff, who supervise and teach approximately 300 undergraduate majors and 45 CFS graduate students. To learn more about the CFS Department, please visit: <http://cfs.utk.edu/>.

The CFS undergraduate program has two tracks: (a) Community Outreach and (b) Integrated Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure at both the PreK-K and PreK-3 levels. For more information about the CFS undergraduate program, please visit: <https://cfs.utk.edu/undergraduate-programs/>.

The CFS graduate program includes M.S. and Ph.D. programs. The M.S. program has two tracks: (a) Integrated Early Childhood Education Teacher Licensure (PreK-3) and (b) Research and Application. To learn more about the CFS graduate programs, please visit: <https://cfs.utk.edu/graduate-programs/>.

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UT Knoxville) was founded in 1794 and is one of the oldest public land-grant universities in the country. UT Knoxville is a vibrant and diverse urban campus, located in the heart of Knoxville. UT Knoxville is the flagship campus for the UT system and has the Carnegie Classification of Research University (Very High Research Activity). The city of Knoxville has a beautiful and walkable downtown, active neighborhoods, and eclectic cultural activities, restaurants, and shopping. The Knoxville metropolitan area has a population of more than 857,000 and is located within easy driving distance of Asheville, Atlanta, Nashville, and the Great Smoky Mountains. For more information about UT and Knoxville, please visit: <http://www.utk.edu/aboutut/>.

### **Applications:**

Review of applications will begin on August 15, 2021 and continue until the position is filled. To apply, submit a letter of application (**not exceeding** three single-spaced pages), a 1-page document listing the contact information of three references, and a detailed curriculum vitae to [apply.interfolio.com/88395](http://apply.interfolio.com/88395).

*All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admission without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, veteran status, and parental status, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law.*

*In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the university.*

*Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, and national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), the ADA (disability), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity, 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone 865-974-2498. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.*