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Instructor in Catholic Theology

Mercyhurst University seeks a post-doc to teach two sections in Catholic Studies online this Fall semester and engage with students in the Religious Studies program. The course is:

CST-100 EXPLORING CATHOLICISM: This course will comb the rich history and tradition of Roman Catholicism from the life of Jesus to the contemporary church. It will highlight key social and historical developments, major Catholic thinkers, and fundamental teachings related to Catholic belief, life, and discipleship in the 21st century.

Contingent on final funding, the grant provides a salary of \$5000 per course, plus a stipend for course preparation during the summer. In addition, the instructor will get training in online instruction, the support of a mentor in online instruction, and the use of a laptop. **Because the courses will be online, no relocation will be necessary.** Training for online instruction begins upon hiring. Mercyhurst fall semester runs from 8/17/2020-12/4/2020.

Interested candidates should send a current CV, cover letter, and at least one letter of recommendation that addresses teaching experience to hrinfo@mercyhurst.edu and rvonthaden@mercyhurst.edu. Candidates with Ph.D in hand are preferred. Because we are offering training, prior experience in online instruction is desirable but not required. We aim to fill the position quickly and will begin reviewing applications immediately.

These courses support the general education of all Mercyhurst students as well as engage students in the Catholic Studies Minor. The area of theological specialization is open, but a candidate whose work intersects in some way with the five critical concerns of the Sisters of Mercy is especially desired. These concerns involve care for the earth, dignity for immigrants, nonviolence, combatting racism, and justice for women.
<https://www.sistersofmercy.org/files/documents/resources/Justice/CriticalConcerns-1Pger-FINAL.pdf>