



Project Specialist, Assessment (Central/Eastern Oregon)

Recruitment #:	S2459
Review Date:	Immediate review Open until filled
Department:	The Research Institute
Salary Rate:	\$63,745 - \$74,613

About Western Oregon University:

Western Oregon University is a regional public, mid-sized university – committed to changing lives, strengthening communities and transforming our world. Located in Monmouth, the heart of Oregon’s lush Willamette Valley, WOU is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state’s capital and about 75 minutes from Portland, the state’s cultural hub.

Western is one of Oregon’s oldest public institutions of higher education and was incorporated into the state system as a teacher training institution in 1882. The university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts and sciences, education and professional areas. It’s known for small class sizes, a focus on sustainability and a diverse liberal arts education in a student-centered environment. Western is an emerging Hispanic Serving institution, with 41% of undergraduates being students of color.

Position Summary:

Project Specialists participate as members of a collaborative team working on a variety of projects within TRI. Project Specialists provide a continuum of services and products across the early learning system in Oregon. TRI engages in Early Learning and/or Youth Development at the state level which requires a specialized knowledge and skills as well as an ability to navigate change, emergent needs and the expectations of system work. Project Specialists are expected to use culturally responsive, innovative best practices across a variety of duties including; program and process development, systems collaboration, change and alignment, program assessment and observation, system communications, leadership and facilitation, and training and technical assistance. TRI staff are expected to engage in continual learning in anti-racism, equity, diversity, inclusion and outreach in order to cultivate equitable practices across all aspects of position duties and participate and engage in efforts to further develop and implement the center, projects and university’s equity work

Project Specialist:

- Work collaboratively in a team environment.
- Facilitate, participate in and contribute to project meetings, seminars, workshops and other gatherings as needed
- Provide technical assistance and professional development activities for Oregon’s Early Learning system
- Gain and maintain a working knowledge of Oregon’s early learning system and initiatives and gaining knowledge and applying learned skills to interrupt systemic oppression and lead project staff on challenging bias and supporting diversity, equity and inclusion
- Effectively communicate with a wide variety of individuals and groups from diverse backgrounds

Assessment Specialist (Central/Eastern Oregon)

The primary service area for this position is in Central/Eastern Oregon and the primary purpose of this position is to provide assessments/observations using selected versions of the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) assessment tools for early learning programs. Assessment Specialists will conduct and score the assessments/observations and write reports. Assessment Specialists will also provide professional learning and technical assistance (TA) to early learning professionals in Oregon. The Assessment Specialist will be assigned a primary service area but will also be expected to travel statewide to conduct assessments and provide professional learning/TA. This position requires frequent in-

state travel, occasional out of state travel, and semi-frequent night and weekend work. Bilingual staff may be asked to use both languages across all duties and activities as needed. Bilingual staff provide translation and interpretation in a culturally responsive manner as needed for this position.

[Click here](#) for the complete position description which includes knowledge areas and preferred qualifications.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related field or a combination of childhood care and education training/education/certification and minimum of 5 years of relevant professional work experience
- Ability to become a reliable Assessment Specialist within 6 months of hire and maintain reliability
- Proficient oral and written communication skills
- Ability to take initiative and work independently
- Ability to be flexible and adapt to changes and emergent needs
- Ability to communicate with a wide variety of individuals and groups, including work team, providers, program personnel, and administrators from diverse backgrounds
- Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and ability to manage a variety of tasks

Required Application materials: You may submit all materials online at www.wou.edu/prostaffapp

1. WOU Employment Application form [available here](#) - unclassified/faculty
2. Cover Letter that addresses your qualifications for the position.
3. Resume/CV

Western Oregon University is looking for equity-minded applicants who demonstrate a sensitivity to and appreciation for the complexity of the world. We draw our strength as a community from our variety of backgrounds, abilities, cultural experiences, identities, knowledge domains and means of expression. Women, Black, Indigenous and people of color, veterans, people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and people with disabilities are highly encouraged to apply for this position. All interested individuals are encouraged to apply even if they do not meet every one of the preferred qualifications listed.

Western Oregon University only considers visa support for Tenure Track employees placed in specialized positions that are continuing regular university appointments for multiple years.

Background/Education Check:

A criminal background check will be completed as a condition of employment. Education checks are processed for positions requiring a formal degree as a minimum requirement.

Benefits:

Western Oregon University offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities. <http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/>

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Western Oregon University is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace. We celebrate our inclusive work environment and encourage people of all backgrounds and perspectives to apply. We embrace our differences, and know that our diverse team is a strength that drives our success.

Accommodation Requests:

Western Oregon University is committed to developing a barrier-free recruitment process and work environment. If you require any accommodations, please email us at [employment\[at\]wou.edu](mailto:employment@wou.edu) and we will work with you to meet your accessibility needs.

Veterans Preference

Applicants are eligible to use Veterans' Preference when applying with Western Oregon University in accordance with ORS 408.225, 408.230 and 408.235; and OAR 105-040-0010 and 105-040-0015. Preference will be given only if the applicant meets the minimum criteria of the position and electronically attach the required documentation at the time of application. For information regarding Veterans' Preference qualifications, visit <http://www.oregonjobs.org/DAS/STJOBS/vetpoints.shtml>

To stay informed about the progress of this search, we invite and encourage you to explore our career page at wou.edu/hr/employment/jobs/. Unfortunately, due to the volume, it is challenging for us to offer individual updates on the status of each application, and for that, we sincerely regret any inconvenience. We thank you for your patience and interest in employment at Western Oregon University.