Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) in San Antonio, Texas, invites applications for the Chair position for the Worden School of Social Service (WSSS) to begin in Fall 2010. Founded in 1895 by the Congregation of Divine Providence, Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) is located near beautiful downtown San Antonio, TX. A co-educational institution for approximately 3,000 students, OLLU is a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) with a two extended learning sites in Houston and Harlingen, Texas. The University offers bachelors and master’s degrees in three schools and one college, and two doctoral degree programs.

As the first school of social work in Texas, the WSSS is well known as a pioneer for social work education at the state and national levels and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The Worden School offers both the BSW and MSW degrees. The MSW is available in regular (54-credit) and advanced standing (31-credit) programs. Students can elect to earn a biliterate (English-Spanish) certificate with the BSW.

OLLU is seeking a Chair to ensure that the social work programs reflect the highest quality of innovative and effective teaching and learning. In addition, the Chair oversees the continuous assessment of programs in accordance with CSWE accreditation standards. The Chair will work within the school and university to develop new academic degree and certificate programs that advance our mission and emphasis on preparing social work professionals to effectively serve Hispanic children and families as well as other people of diverse social and economic backgrounds. The Chair serves as the academic and administrative leader of the WSSS, supervising the directors of the BSW and MSW programs and the director of Field Education.

This is a tenure-track position at the rank commensurate with experience. Candidates must be prepared to provide leadership to faculty and staff in the academic programs, to teach, and to engage in or support research in areas related to one or more areas of specialization within the degree programs. The Chair of the WSSS will report to the Dean of the School of Professional Studies (SPS) and serve as a member of the SPS Chair Council.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Provide leadership in expanding academic degree programs, certificate programs, and continuing professional development opportunities needed by the social work profession
- Work with faculty to create responsive and creative program delivery, using technology and innovative pedagogical methodologies
- Provide support and supervision for the MSW and BSW program directors and the director of Field Education
- Oversee course scheduling decisions
- Develop and manage annual operating budget
- Assign and monitor the loads of full-time and part-time faculty
- Generate contracts for adjunct faculty
- Teach in the MSW and/or BSW programs

OLLU seeks to attract, develop and retain the highest quality faculty, staff and administrators. The University is committed to diversity and strongly encourages applications from women and minorities. EOE.
Represent the WSSS at local and national associations
Coordinate with OLLU Enrollment Management for targeted, long-term recruitment plan
Coordinate with OLLU Communications and Marketing for program promotion
Coordinate activities with OLLU Alumni Relations for special events

Qualifications and Requirements for the Position:
The successful candidate will have the vision and experience to advance the WSSS academic programs to greater regional and national acclaim. Candidates must have university teaching and leadership experiences, and excellent communication and team-building skills. Some teaching is required in addition to the administrative assignment. Minimum qualifications include:

- An earned MSW from a CSWE-accredited program
- An earned doctorate in Social Work or closely related field
- Documented excellence in teaching at either the BSW or MSW levels
- Knowledge of CSWE standards and accreditation requirements
- Strong communication skills and collaborative leadership style

Additional Preferences for the Position:
- Experience in academic degree/certificate program development
- Experience with online course development or delivery
- Successful grant writing or fundraising experience
- Experience in working with Hispanic or Spanish-speaking clientele
- Bilingual in Spanish

Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Preferred start date for this position is July 1, 2010. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Individuals are encouraged to submit application materials or forward nominations by April 9, 2010. For additional information about the position, you may contact Dr. Teresita E. Aguilar, Dean, School of Professional Studies at teaguilar@ollusa.edu; PHONE: 210-431-4140.

Send a completed Application for Academic Employment to: OLLU, Human Resources, 411 S.W. 24th Street, San Antonio, Texas. 78207-4689; FAX: 210-434-9360; mailto:hrteam@ollusa.edu. See http://www.ollusa.edu/jobs for application form and complete job posting.