



**FASHION DESIGN & MERCHANDISING
PART-TIME PROGRAM COORDINATOR/INSTRUCTOR**

About Us: Villa Maria College is a private, Catholic college providing students with the premier student-centered experience in Western New York. Students learn and grow with a culturally diverse population that lives its ideals of truth, charity, and unity.

Mission Statement: *“Villa Maria College, founded by the Felician Sisters, provides students a rigorous and enriching educational experience. Offering academic programs with a broad core curriculum, the College transforms and empowers students to realize their intellectual, creative, professional, and spiritual potential. Inspired by a welcoming Catholic tradition and a dynamic Franciscan spirit, Villa Maria College offers individual attention and fosters compassion, justice, peace, respect for human dignity and a commitment to service.”*

Villa Maria College Core Values: *“Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Transformation, Solidarity with the Poor, and Justice & Peace.”*

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Part-time Program Coordinator/Instructor for the Fashion Design & Merchandising program. This is a three-year interim position lasting through spring 2022.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teach undergraduate courses in the fashion design and/or merchandising area. Courses could include fashion illustration, CAD, portfolio development, as well as some apparel construction and technical design and/or textiles. Students can select either a Design track or a Merchandising track. The curriculum stresses the understanding of art and design principles, textiles, and business and merchandising practices. The candidate will also be responsible for carrying out duties associated with managing the program, and/or other duties as assigned and determined by the College, which include:

- Collaborate with the Department Chairperson and part-time faculty to evaluate, create and develop program course schedules, budgets and resources for the program;
- Assist Department Chairperson and Student Success Center as academic advisor to students;
- Assist the Department Chairperson in assessing the effectiveness of the curriculum;
- Coordinate and oversee the purchasing of all course supplies, materials, equipment, and travel arrangements with part-time faculty;
- Collaborate with part-time faculty and oversee the annual fashion show;
- Maintain knowledge of departmental standards, policies, and procedures and
- Support the mission and objectives of the College.



QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree (MFA or MA) in Fashion Design & Merchandising or related field.
- College-level teaching experience preferred.
- Ability to teach both lecture and studio courses is required.
- Program or administrative experience preferred.
- Strong portfolio in Fashion Design or related field.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Knowledge of textiles, CAD, fashion illustration and Lectra Software.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of the work being performed by people assigned to this work. This is not an exhaustive list of all duties and responsibilities. Villa Maria College management reserves the right to amend and change responsibilities to meet business and organizational needs as necessary.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

General classroom environment requires employees to consistently use manual dexterity in reaching, writing, navigating around the classroom/office/lab. This work may include hours standing and walking, including up and down stairs, moving items of up to 25-pounds. Evening and weekend hours may be needed, on occasion, to perform work associated with this position.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

Applicants should include 1) cover letter; 2) resume/curriculum vitae; 3) statement of teaching philosophy; 4) two professional references.

To be considered, please submit your resume and complete the online job application at jobs.villa.edu. When you have completed the on-line application process your information will be forwarded to the Search Committee for review. The Search Committee will carefully review each resume and the strongest, most qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview.

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