The Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) seeks an instructor to coordinate student internships in advocacy organizations as part of a two-semester Child Advocacy Strand with an average of 15 students. The year-long 6-credit course is divided into a first-semester weekly seminar and a second semester internship, in which students engage in a specific project. The course culminates with formal presentations of these projects at the end of the year. The internship projects the students may undertake include working with one or more children and families to achieve a particular goal (appropriate school placement, increased access to entitlements, housing, etc.); writing a grant proposal, working on a particular policy issue, or recommending a specific change in agency practice. The instructor will work with the course director, who assumes primary responsibility for teaching all seminar sessions.

Starting in August, the instructor will have primary responsibility for identifying placement sites, meeting with supervisors at those sites, and holding introductory telephone meetings with students about their focus of advocacy. In the fall, the instructor will develop an annotated list of internships, meeting with each student about potential internship sites, and oversee the process of matching students with internship sites. In the spring, the instructor will have primary responsibility for meeting with each student twice during the semester, communicating with agency coordinators and sites, organizing the formal presentations of the students’ advocacy projects, evaluating students’ final projects, and collecting evaluations of the students and internship experience from each agency supervisor.

The ideal candidate will have a clinical degree (MSW, LMHC, or School or Adjustment Counseling licensure), experience engaging in clinical work in schools and agencies, and knowledge of Boston-area human services agencies. Adjunct Lecturer on Education appointments are paid on a per-course basis, and may also be renewed. This appointment will require about 1 day of work per week over twenty weeks of instruction between August 1 and May 31; for this work, the instructor will be paid $5,680.

Interested candidates should send a one-page letter of interest and a CV to academic@gse.harvard.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled.

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.