



WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Instructor of Chemistry (1-year appointment)
Department of Chemistry and Physics
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

West Virginia State University

Founded in 1891, West Virginia State University (WVSU) is a public-land grant institution, which was originally founded as a historically black university, but which has evolved into a fully accessible, diverse, and multi-generational institution serving approximately 2,600 students. WVSU offers 23 undergraduate and 6 graduate degrees, along with one doctoral degree. WVSU competes in athletics at the NCAA Division II level in 7 men's sports and 8 women's sports. WVSU is located in Institute, WV, a suburb of Charleston, the largest city and the capital of West Virginia. With more than 200,000 people living in the metropolitan area, it is an active, exciting and engaging community, boasting cultural and historical events, music, festivals and entertainment.

Position Description

The Department of Chemistry and Physics at West Virginia State University invites applications for an Instructor of Chemistry position to join the department in the Fall 2026 semester. This is a full-time, 9-month position. The full-time instructor is expected to teach 15 credit hours per semester. The candidate should have the ability to teach undergraduate 100-level courses in consumer chemistry, general chemistry labs and nursing chemistry as well as other 100-level courses assigned by the chair.

The Department is housed within the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics which offers graduate programs in Biotechnology and Computer Science and undergraduate degree programs in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Engineering (Civil and Chemical majors), and Mathematics.

For questions, please contact the department chair at mahinda.ranasinghe@wvstateu.edu

Responsibilities for the instructor in chemistry

The successful candidate will teach 15 credit hours per semester of undergraduate 100-level courses in chemistry, advise and mentor students, and serve on departmental and university committees.

Requirements for the instructor in chemistry

Candidates must hold a MS in chemistry or higher degree by the time of appointment. The candidate should demonstrate ability instruct 100- level chemistry courses and meet the eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time of appointment.

Benefits of Full-Time Employment

West Virginia State University offers a comprehensive benefits package designed to support the health, financial security, and work-life balance of its employees. Benefits include employer-sponsored health insurance through PEIA with prescription coverage, access to wellness programs, and the option to enroll in dental, vision, hearing, and other supplemental insurance plans. Employees may also participate in health savings accounts and flexible spending accounts.

The university provides employer-paid basic life insurance and offers optional additional coverage. Retirement benefits are provided through the TIAA retirement plan with a 6% employer match for employees contributing 6% of their salary.

Starting Date

The start date for this position will be at the beginning of the Fall 2026 semester.

To Apply:

First consideration will be given to applicants who submit a CV, cover letter, academic transcripts, and the names and email addresses or phone numbers of three professional references by June 1, 2026. The position will remain open until filled. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered.

Please submit application materials via email to jobs@wvstateu.edu or mail to:

West Virginia State University
Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 1000, 324 Ferrell Hall
Institute, WV 25112

West Virginia State University conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer. Any offer of employment is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check.

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