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Department	Department of Theatre https://www.usd.edu/theatre
Institution	The University of South Dakota Vermillion, South Dakota
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Application Deadline	Oct. 15, 2025
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Position Description: The Department of Theatre at The University of South Dakota invites applications for a nine-month tenure-track position in costume design and technology to commence August 2026. The successful candidate will teach in the BFA and MFA Design and Technology programs; serve as a costume, make-up, and hair designer; as costume, make-up, and hair design advisor for departmental productions; and work with the Costume Shop Manager. Teaching responsibilities include, but are not limited to, costume design, introduction to theatre, costume history, construction, crafts, dyeing, and make up. Experience in both hand and digital rendering techniques across different platforms is desirable. Design experience for dance will be viewed favorably. Other responsibilities include active participation in service to the department/university, BFA and MFA recruitment, ongoing research/creative scholarship, and professional accomplishments. As part of a normal workload, you may be asked to teach online courses. Candidates who have experience working with a wide range of faculty, staff, and students from various backgrounds, and who can contribute to the climate of understanding are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications: MFA in Theatre with an emphasis in Costume Design is required; PhD with appropriate training and experience may be considered. Two years of teaching costume design and technologies in higher education and ongoing professional credits in costume design is preferred.

Application Procedures: Applications will only be accepted on-line at <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu/postings/45156>. Include on the website a letter of application, curriculum vitae with a link to your website and/or your digital portfolio, statement of teaching philosophy, and the names and phone numbers of three current references. Sponsorship is not available for this position.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin Oct. 15th, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lynch, Office of the Dean 605-658-3445

Department of Theatre: Located in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts, the Theatre Department is part of the College of Fine Arts, which also includes the departments of Art and Music. A faculty of ten serve eighty-five theatre majors in a program that offers BFA and MFA degrees with a specialization in design/technology and emphases in scene design, lighting/ sound design, costume design, and technical theatre. The University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST) and is affiliated with the Black Hills Playhouse, a 79-year-old summer stock theatre located in Custer State Park, and the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival which provides free Shakespeare in the park in Vermillion.

The University of South Dakota: Located in southeast South Dakota, USD is the flagship liberal arts institution for the State of South Dakota (approximately 10,000 enrolled) and is composed of the College of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, Schools of Business, Education, Law, Medicine and Graduate School. Information about the Theatre Department may be obtained on our website at

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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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