



Sweet Briar College is a women's liberal arts institution, located in Central Virginia approximately 12 miles north of Lynchburg and 60 miles south of Charlottesville. Founded in 1901, the College's curriculum encompasses a comprehensive baccalaureate program in the arts, sciences and humanities, as well as graduate programs in education. It is one of two women's colleges in the United States offering an ABET-accredited engineering degree. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, Sweet Briar College is committed to enhancing our community and encourages applications from qualified individuals with varied backgrounds, experiences and ideas who would increase the diversity of the College.

Job Title: Instructor of Riding (Recreational and Field Riding Focus)

Classification: Exempt, Full time

Reports To: Director of the Riding Program

Job Summary/Objective: Instruct beginners through advanced level riders in the American hunter and jumper system. Organize and run the recreational activities and field activities (trail rides, annual hunter trials and annual hunter pace). Teach the riders and school the horses to utilize the trails and fields.

Position Type/Expected Work Hours: 12-month faculty position that will include some weekend responsibilities, particularly for weekends during the September – October and March – April months.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

- Responsible for supervising and coaching at home and away, including occasional over nights for activities
- Duties include supervising student teacher assistants, all aspects of field riding competitions and additional duties as assigned

Essential Responsibilities:

- Organizing and supervising field events on and off campus
- Preparing jump fields and trails for field events
- Teaching 4-6 classes per semester
- Riding and re-schooling horses as needed and riding privately owned horses over holiday breaks
- Care for the horses, facilities, setting up teaching stations and setting courses
- On call and night turnout duties as assigned

Required Qualifications:

- Ability to teach group lessons, ride and train hunters/jumpers and safely train students and horses to utilize trails and fields
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Strong teaching experience
- Valid driver's license and insurability

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree
- Foxhunting experience
- Prior experience coaching students in both Collegiate and open competitions as well as riding and training hunters and jumpers is highly desirable
- ANRC background, USHJA Trainer Certification and USEF Judges cards are a plus
- Experience driving a gooseneck truck and 6 horse trailer

Work Environment: Working outside in all weather conditions

Physical Demands: Ability to ride 4-5 hours per day as well as ride and handle challenging mounts. Ability to lift and carry at least 50 pounds. Extended periods of sitting/standing/walking may be required.

Travel: Travel to away competitions, including occasional overnight stays and hauling horses as needed.

Other Duties: This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee. Other duties, responsibilities and activities may change or be assigned at any time with or without notice.

How to Apply: Please submit a [Sweet Briar College employment application](#), cover letter, résumé and three professional references to ridingsearch@sbc.edu.

Deadline for Submission: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.