

# Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation



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## **Position**

The department of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation (KSR) at Eastern Illinois University is seeking applications from innovative and student-centered candidates for a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor of exercise science position. Primary responsibilities include teaching a broad tenet of classes in the undergraduate exercise science and graduate exercise physiology programs. The desired start date is August 16, 2021. Housed in the College of Health and Human Services, the department strives to be prospective students' first choice in the Midwest to earn a degree in the undergraduate fields of exercise science, physical education teacher education, recreation administration, and sport management and the graduate fields of exercise physiology and sports administration.

## **Qualifications**

Doctoral degree in exercise physiology, kinesiology or closely related field is required. Qualified ABDs with a degree completion plan will be considered. Preference will be given to teacher-scholars committed to student engagement in the department's applied undergraduate and graduate programs. A clear passion for student success and demonstrated potential for research and scholarly activity are critical to this position. NSCA and/or ACSM certification is desired. The successful candidate will be expected to network with community, regional and state-level practitioners, alumni, and prospective students to maintain program alignment with current and anticipated industry trends and workforce needs. Demonstrated commitment to diversity and experience with promoting inclusive excellence is required.

## **The College and Department**

The College of Health and Human Services was created in 2018 as a hub for health and human services-related programs at Eastern Illinois University. The College fosters academic rigor and experiential learning, preparing students to become critical thinkers and leaders who advance the health and well-being of the communities they serve as professional practitioners and private citizens.

The department of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation is the largest of the academic units in the College with a combined undergraduate and graduate enrollment of more than 450 students and plays a critical role in fulfilling the interprofessional goals of the college through industry-driven degree options. The department is located in Lantz Arena, a high-volume recreation center and athletics venue, on the west side of EIU's beautiful campus and benefits from strong relationships with EIU Campus Recreation and the EIU Athletics department. The department houses 20 faculty and staff, along with ten classrooms and two labs all in Lantz Arena. The Department offers rewarding undergraduate degree programs in recreation administration, sport management, exercise science, and physical education teacher education. Graduate programs include degrees in exercise physiology and sports administration. Program alumni are engaged in meaningful careers across the U.S., and are critical to successfully connecting current students with practicing professionals.

## **The University and Its Community**

Eastern Illinois University, located in the east-central Illinois community of Charleston, has a rich tradition of over 120 years of preparing students to accomplish their professional and life goals through a combination of quality academics and personal relationships. The beautiful 320-acre campus is host to approximately 7,500 students and 400 faculty members in a town of approximately 20,000 residents. EIU offers active research opportunities, cultural events, NCAA Division I athletics, and an engaged student body that are on par with larger universities. Charleston has all the advantages of a small, rural town (e.g., lower cost of living, a safe community, a short commute) within a two to three hour drive of Chicago, Indianapolis, and St. Louis.

## **Application Instructions**

Applications received by March 12, 2021 will receive priority review. The position will remain open until filled. Interested candidates should submit: a) letter of application addressing qualifications, strengths, and experience relative to the responsibilities and desired qualities; b) current CV; c) unofficial transcripts; and d) names and contact information of three professional references who can comment on professional experiences and qualifications of the candidate.

Applications must be submitted through Interfolio, <http://apply.interfolio.com/83990>. Questions about the search process should be directed to Dr. Stacey Ruholl, search committee chair at [slruholl@eiu.edu](mailto:slruholl@eiu.edu).