

# Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation



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## **Assistant Professor Position Announcement**

### **Position**

The Department of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation (KSR) at Eastern Illinois University is seeking applications from creative and innovative candidates for a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor position with primary responsibilities in the nationally-accredited Recreation Administration program. The desired start date is August 19, 2020. 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 areas of exercise science, physical education teacher education, recreation administration, and sport management.

### **Qualifications**

Doctorate in Recreation Administration or related field is required. Outstanding ABDs with an anticipated completion date within one year of hire may be considered. Preference will be given to candidates with evidence of exemplary university teaching experience. Demonstrated expertise in the areas of operations management and programming, and a clear passion for student success and engagement are critical to this position. 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 inclusivity are 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 seven academic units of the college, 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 ties to EIU Campus Recreation and EIU Athletics. Approximately 20 faculty and staff, along with 500 graduate and undergraduate students, thrive in this energized, active learning environment. The Department offers rewarding undergraduate degree programs in recreation administration, sport management, exercise science, and physical education teacher education. Graduate programs include options in exercise science 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 November 7th will receive priority screening. 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 at <http://apply.interfolio.com/70293>. Questions about the search process should be directed to Dr. James Barkley, search committee chair at [jbarkley@eiu.edu](mailto:jbarkley@eiu.edu).

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