



(4) SIUE GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS - JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE/RANK Graduate Assistant – Campus Recreation, openings include Facilities, Fitness (2 openings) & Intramurals.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Under the direction of specialized Professional Staff, SIUE Campus Recreation Graduate Assistants are responsible for assisting within their area of specialization in addition to supporting the collective team effort of the Campus Recreation Department. Every Graduate Assistant also oversees some level of student personnel and is charged with harnessing their work potential while contributing to the development of all students.

TERM OF CONTRACT: August 13, 2012 – May 10, 2013, with the possibility for summer employment and contract renewal.

SALARY: \$1,065 per month – 1st year, \$1,131 per month – 2nd year, plus in/out of state tuition waiver. (employee is responsible for student fees)

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis and the applicant should be admitted into a SIUE graduate program of study. A Bachelor’s degree is preferred in an academic field related to the intended area of specialization. Prior relevant work experience and specific coursework is also preferred. The person must have strong oral and written communication skills, knowledge of recreation facilities, equipment and personnel supervision. Successful candidates will be asked to maintain CPR/AED certification from an internationally recognized agency during the time of employment. A strong combination of specific academic and/or experiential training is recommended. The successful applicant must be admitted into a graduate program of study at SIUE before an offer can be officially made.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early. Review of applicants will begin immediately. Phone, online and/or in-person interviews may be conducted prior to the closing date. Application for each position will close as soon as they are filled or by March 30, 2012.

Check our website for more information and full job posting. <http://www.siu.edu/crec/employment/ga.shtml>

SUBMIT LETTER OF APPLICATION, RESUME, OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT AND AT LEAST THREE CURRENT REFERENCES TO:

Facilities GA	Fitness GA (2 openings available)
Dave Hagedorn – Assistant Director	Chelsea Bradley – Fitness Specialist
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Campus Box 1157	Campus Box 1157
Edwardsville, IL 62026	Edwardsville, IL 62026
Rec Sports GA (Intramurals)	
Nate Scott – Recreation Specialist	
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	
Campus Box 1157	
Edwardsville, IL 62026	

SIUE is an AA/EEO employer. SIUE is a state university. Benefits under state-sponsored plans may not be available to holders of F1 or J1 visas.

Recent SIUE News: For the third consecutive year, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has been cited by its peers and reported in U.S. News & World Report as an “up-and-coming school.” SIUE was listed as one of only seven Midwestern regional universities—one of only three public institutions—for recently making “innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus life and facilities.” The listing is in the magazine’s Best Colleges of 2012 issue.

Also, according to the U.S. News rankings, SIUE is in the best Regional Universities Midwest (master’s granting) category for the eighth consecutive year, and among the top 15 public universities in the category. The overall scores are based on the academic preparedness of students, graduation rates, faculty characteristics and the reputation of SIUE in higher education.

“We’re pleased that our peers continue to rank SIUE as one of the top innovative universities in the Midwest,” said SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift. “Across the country, SIUE is recognized for providing academic excellence at an affordable price. As top employers in our region already know, the individualized attention and unique experiences of an SIUE education prepare our students for successful careers in the global marketplace.”

“I know our alumni take great pride in our reputation for academic excellence,” Vandegrift said. “Their commitment to help their alma mater attract the best faculty and students speaks to the power of their SIUE experience. As our reputation continues to grow, the value of their SIUE degree grows with it.”

The “Up-and-Comers” category includes a total listing of 46 colleges and universities (only 17 public institutions) throughout the country. Vandegrift said SIUE has embraced innovative change, pointing to improvements made in the general education curriculum to enhance the educational experience and increasing opportunities for undergraduate research experiences, as well as the Student Success Center that integrates academic and personal support services for students and provides them in one location.

SIUE is in the midst of a \$250 million planned campus infrastructure update and construction phase, which includes construction on the Science Building and additions to the SIUE Art and Design and Engineering buildings.

He also cited the University’s commitment to NCAA Division I certification in Intercollegiate Athletics as another indicator of excellence. The two teams identified to be fast-tracked have seen great success in their first year of Division I championship eligibility. Men’s soccer was the runner-up at the Missouri Valley Conference tournament and the softball team participated in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

“Our student-athletes are excelling in the classroom, as well,” Vandegrift said. “Spring 2011 marked the 10th consecutive semester all student-athletes have earned a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA.”

The latest U.S. News rankings come on the heels of last month’s recognition by Washington Monthly that ranks SIUE among the top 50 master’s universities in the nation. SIUE has also recently been named by the Corporation for National and Community Service to its list of colleges and universities demonstrating a commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

“The continued acclaim our University receives is a credit to our distinguished faculty and dedicated staff who are proud to prepare our students for their careers of choice,” said Ann M. Boyle, interim provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. “Our low student-to-professor ratio allows our faculty to mentor our students in the classroom and work side-by-side with them on projects and innovative research.”

SIUE Graduate School Degree Programs

Graduate degree programs are offered in 39 fields. Courses are offered evenings as well as days and weekends in order to accommodate those students who are actively engaged in the community as professional workers. Excellent library services are available on the main campus and in the St. Louis metropolitan area; the resources of major libraries in Illinois are available through Lovejoy Library.

The Graduate School of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is committed to promoting graduate education and research of the highest quality. The mission is to provide excellent programs, foster intellectual development, and facilitate excellence in research and scholarly and creative activities.

Goals of Graduate Student Learning

The purpose of graduate education at SIUE is to provide students with the intellectual ability to understand, create, integrate, and apply sophisticated discipline specific knowledge. Because knowledge is dynamic, students are additionally expected to learn the intellectual system of the discipline, which is the discipline's system of thinking, knowing, and acting, in order to acquire and evaluate future knowledge.

Graduate Programs in the Kinesiology & Health Education Department

The graduate program in Kinesiology consists of a single major (Kinesiology) and the following three specializations:

Exercise Physiology

The Master of Science Degree in Kinesiology with a specialization in Exercise Physiology is designed in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine [ACSM] for certification as a Certified Clinical Exercise Physiologist. The curriculum is designed to prepare individuals for careers as exercise specialists directing cardiac preventive and rehabilitative programs, personal training, hospitals, corporate wellness, positions in health and exercise science programs, or further study in graduate programs or allied health programs in medicine or physical/occupational therapy. A thesis and non-thesis option is available.

Career opportunities for individuals graduating with a degree in exercise physiology are numerous. The demand for Exercise Physiologists is outstanding and is expected to remain very strong due to the increasing emphasis on prevention of illness and with the use of exercise as a means of promoting good health.

This specialization prepares students for careers in community-based exercise, fitness, and wellness settings such as corporations, hospitals and rehabilitation centers community and campus fitness facilities.

Sport and Exercise Behavior (Psychology)

The Sport and Exercise Behavior specialization focuses on the psychosocial factors that influence, and are influenced by, physical activity and exercise. This program is also designed to provide a solid foundation for those desiring to further their graduate education in fields associated with behavioral medicine including exercise psychology, sport psychology, rehabilitation psychology, and health psychology. Focusing on strategies for enhancing sport performance or adherence to exercise, for example, the Sport and Exercise Behavior specialization provides students with knowledge and skills that can be readily applied to numerous aspects of their own lives as well to the lives of their professional “clients.” A thesis and non-thesis option is available.

In addition to coursework in Sport Psychology, Exercise and Rehabilitation Psychology, and Sociology of Physical Activity, students may enroll in elective courses throughout the university to optimize their educational experience. Opportunities for internship experiences are available.

Graduates of the Sport and Exercise Behavior specialization are often found in the teaching and coaching ranks applying skills and knowledge of psychology and sociology to the physical education and sport settings. However, our graduates are also employed in fitness and rehabilitation settings. An increasing number of graduates are choosing to continue their education at the doctoral level.

Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy – no teacher certification

The Master of Science in Education program consists of 30 semester hours beyond a bachelor’s degree. Graduate students have the option to complete the program through the established cohort model (lasting 13 months) or complete coursework on a schedule that is personally appropriate. The Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy program offers a rare experience characterized by the integration of theory and practice, a commitment to recruiting a diverse and academically talented candidate pool, and direct guidance by faculty members with expertise in respective areas within Physical Education Teacher Education. Through this program, experienced physical education teachers will have the opportunity to develop their ability to be a reflective practitioner as well as their appreciation for the connection between research and quality physical education. A thesis and non-thesis option is available.

The program is delivered through distance education modalities with primary emphasis on online technologies. Courses typically involve a combination of online and face-to-face meetings that are dependent upon enrollment and educational context. Faculty members facilitate the consumption of research in Physical Education Teacher Education and its application to practice, through the use of Blackboard and discussion board participation, as well as contextually relevant reflective activities.

Acceptance Standards for all Kinesiology Department Graduate Programs

*A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required for admission into all the Kinesiology and Health Education graduate programs and NO standardized tests are required. Visit their website at <http://www.siu.edu/education/khe/> for more information including a link to the online graduate school application. You may also contact the KHE Graduate Program Director at (618)650-3252 or ekirk@siue.edu.