

# **Graduate Assistant Position Allied Health, Kinesiology, & Sport Sciences**

The Department of Allied Health, Kinesiology, and Sport Sciences (AHKSS) at Southeast Missouri State University has 1 available Graduate Assistant position for the Spring 2024 semester.

**About Southeast and Cape Girardeau:** Southeast Missouri State University is a university of approximately 10,000 students, located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Cape Girardeau is a town of approximately 40,000 residents, located 2 hours south of St. Louis and 2.5 hours north of Memphis.

## **About the Graduate Programs:**

### **Master of Science in Nutrition & Exercise Science**

The Nutrition and Exercise Science program prepares students to provide services in nutrition and exercise interventions for the promotion of lifestyle change. The program is designed for students with a degree in an allied health field. Coursework emphasizes prevention of lifestyle diseases, exercise physiology, nutrition, metabolism, and research methods. Past graduates have obtained doctorate degrees, worked in cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, wellness programs, food science, clinical dietetic positions, and sports nutrition settings. Supporting faculty have expertise in all areas of nutrition science, health education/promotion and exercise physiology.

### **Master of Science in Applied Nutrition**

The Applied Nutrition program is an online graduate degree that prepares students to become Registered Dietitians. Program graduates will be qualified to practice as dietitians in a variety of clinical, food service management, and community settings, among others. Students in this program will complete graduate coursework and supervised learning experiences simultaneously. *Due to the requirement of supervised experiential learning, the graduate assistantship is only available to students who have already completed supervised experiential learning through a dietetic internship, or who are already credentialed as Registered Dietitians.*

## **Primary Position Responsibilities:**

Depending on graduate assistant qualifications, duties could include all or some of the following:

- Teach FN 235: Nutrition for Health Course
  - Plan, organize, present, and evaluate the material for up to two sections of FN235: Nutrition for Health per semester (fall and spring semesters)
  - Create and coordinate all coursework and activities
  - Conduct lectures and in-class activities
  - Evaluate student progress
  - Schedule and maintain 3 office hours every week in order to assist students
  
- Lab management: The assistant will support faculty teaching lab-based nutrition courses by

assisting with lab preparation and assisting with student supervision for each lab class meeting. The courses that the assistant will support may include one or all of the following:

- FN450: Food Service Operations
  - FN320: Essentials of Food Science
  - FN240: Introduction to Food Science
- Nutrition Faculty Projects & Research, Assistance with courses as requested
    - The assistant will attend all requested meetings and work with the Dietetics' faculty on projects or courses as assigned.

**Required Qualifications:** Applicants **MUST** have a degree in an allied health field with a preference to a Dietetics/Nutrition degree and have been accepted into the Nutrition and Exercise Science program or the Applied Nutrition program. The assistant must have reliable transportation to travel to and from the nutrition laboratory.

**Benefits:** Complete tuition remission is available for Missouri and Non-Missouri residents, as well as a stipend of approximately \$9,491 for nine months (all textbooks, course materials, course fees, or program fees for graduate courses are the responsibility of the graduate assistant and are covered as part of the assistantship). The tuition remission covers 9 graduate credit hours in the fall and spring semesters, and up to 6 hours of graduate credit in the summer semester (the assistantship work occurs in the fall and spring semesters: there is not summer work associated with this position).

**Evaluation/Renewal:** The assistant will be directly supervised by a faculty mentor. This position is renewable for an additional year pending a complete evaluation of candidate performance and duties. Termination or non-renewal of the assistantship may result if specific duties are not accomplished or the candidate receives documented poor performance reviews. The official start date for this position will be the first day of the Spring 2024 semester, with the expectation that the new graduate assistant will be available for orientation activities prior to the first day of the Spring 2024 semester.

**Application Deadline:** October 31, 2023

**How to Apply:** Please send a cover letter of application, current resume, most recent copy of all academic transcripts (unofficial is acceptable), and the contact information for at least three professional references to:

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