

Announcement of Position Vacancy:
Associate Professor – Physical Activity Promotion

College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences and the
emerging School of Public Health

West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506-6116



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Physical Activity Promotion Associate Professor

The College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences (CPASS), in conjunction with the emerging School of Public Health (SPH) at West Virginia University is seeking applicants for a newly created Associate Professor position in the area of Physical Activity Promotion to begin August 15, 2012. This position will have a nine-month appointment, with summer school teaching available. The faculty member hired in this position will have a joint appointment in the CPASS, Department of Sport Sciences and the emerging SPH. We are seeking candidates with a research focus related to the influence of physical activity on wellness across the lifespan. We are especially interested in candidates who have a record of conducting federally funded research that can be translated to improve the health and wellness of individuals across the lifespan, using methods that will compliment those already in use by faculty across the institution.

Professional Qualifications: Qualifications include an earned doctorate in Public Health, Kinesiology or other closely related field, with the experiences necessary to warrant appointment at the rank of Associate Professor at West Virginia University. Applicants must also possess teaching experience, a scholarly record with publications in high quality peer-reviewed journals, a well-established record of securing federally funded research grants as Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator, and ability to advise students and teach courses in physical activity promotion (undergraduate) and physical activity epidemiology (graduate)(one class per semester). The successful candidate will also be required to have excellent written and oral communication skills as well as the ability to mentor graduate students and fellow faculty.

In addition to the expectation of developing and maintaining a federally funded research program, the successful candidate will also be expected to be involved in interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate education in the areas of physical activity promotion and physical activity epidemiology. The successful candidate will also be asked to have an active role in mentoring and coordinating interdisciplinary research activities in this area across the two units.

Review of Applications: The deadline for applications is November 30, 2011. The review process will start immediately following the deadline.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Application Process: Application with supporting credentials (letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of a minimum of three professional references) to Search Committee Chair, c/o Jennifer Goodwin, WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, PO BOX 6116, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506-6116, or e-mailed to Jennifer.goodwin@mail.wvu.edu (indicate “Physical Activity Associate Professor” in the subject line). Letter of application should address: (1) record of applying for and receiving federally funded external grants; (2) research plans; (3) ability to teach courses in physical activity promotion (undergraduate) and physical activity epidemiology (graduate); and (4) ability to supervise graduate students in research.

Direct specific application questions to: Dr. Jack Watson, Professor and Chair, West Virginia University College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, PO Box 6116, Morgantown, WV 26506-6116.
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Location: West Virginia University is a comprehensive, land-grant university with approximately 28,000 undergraduate and 5,500 graduate students. The city of Morgantown has 55,000 residents with affordable housing, excellent schools, family oriented community, a picturesque countryside and many outdoor activities. Morgantown has been ranked as the “#1 Small City in America,” the “Best Small City in the East,” and the “3rd-Best Small Town” in the nation. This area has a strong economy and an unemployment rate well below the national average. West Virginia University has created a dual career program to help faculty partners or spouses find employment in and around the university (<http://dualcareer.hr.wvu.edu/>).

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