



# MERCYHURST

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### **Assistant Professor of Exercise Science**

#### **JOB DISCRIPTION**

The Department of Sports Medicine at Mercyhurst University is seeking applications for a full time, permanent faculty member within Exercise Science; qualified applicants will be considered for a tenure-track line.

The Exercise Science major, within the Department of Sports Medicine, strives to provide students with a high-quality, evidence-based educational and applied experience, to facilitate their development as clinical, industrial, athletic and/or recreational, exercise professionals. Exercise Science and Sports Medicine department students are provided with a comprehensive health and exercise science-based curriculum, steeped in basic and applied science coursework, as well as promoting the Exercise is Medicine® ethos, while rounding out with a comprehensive liberal arts component. Mercyhurst is 1-of-12 universities in Pennsylvania approved as a *National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Education Recognition Program (ERP)*. This distinction acknowledges and endorses approved strength and conditioning curricula, in undergraduate and graduate settings, designed to prepare students to sit for, *and pass*, all NSCA gold-standard certification exams. The Exercise Science Program is also preparing for CASCE (Council on Accreditation of Strength and Conditioning Education) authentication.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

This full-time, 9-month, Assistant Professor appointment will have primary assignment to the Exercise Science major in the Department of Sports Medicine. Faculty responsibilities for this position include teaching undergraduate Exercise Science/Sports Medicine courses; advising/mentoring students within the department; pursuing scholarship/funding, and service to the University. In addition to teaching responsibilities, the qualified candidate will be engaged with the development of evidence-based capstone student research and experiential learning opportunities. The successful candidate will contribute to the missions of the Exercise Science Program, Department of Sports Medicine, and Mercyhurst University. The successful candidate is intended to ultimately advance to a more significant leadership role in the Exercise Science Program.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

A master's degree is required (doctoral degree preferred) in Exercise Science, Exercise Physiology, Kinesiology, Biomechanics, or related field. Special attention will be given to applicants with a minimum of two years teaching experience applicable to a multiplicity of exercise science topic areas, including exercise assessment, exercise prescription, exercise physiology, and applied research methods. Preference will be given to those candidates with ACSM and/or NSCA certification. Evidence of scholarly productivity and external funding is highly desirable, but not required.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

The appointment begins **August 15, 2024**. All applications will be treated in confidence and must include a cover letter reflecting candidate's qualifications and interests, a current curriculum vitae, relevant academic transcripts, statement of teaching philosophy, and the names, institutional addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least three professional references.

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**Candidates must be currently eligible to work in the United States.**