Assistant Professor of Exercise Science

The Department of Sports Medicine Exercise Science Program at Mercyhurst University invites applications for a full-time appointment as Assistant Professor of Exercise Science.

The Exercise Science major, within the Department of Sports Medicine, strives to provide students with a high-quality, evidence-based educational and applied experience, in order 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 a comprehensive liberal arts component. Mercyhurst is 1-of-10 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.

Responsibilities: This full-time, 9-month, Assistant Professor appointment (non-tenure track) 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 capstone and experiential learning opportunities. The successful candidate will contribute to the missions of the Exercise Science Program, Department of Sports Medicine, and Mercyhurst University.

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.

The appointment begins August 15, 2021. All applications will be treated in confidence and must include: 1) a cover letter reflecting candidate’s qualifications and interests; 2) a current curriculum vitae; 3) academic transcripts; 4) statement of teaching philosophy, and; 4) the names, institutional addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least three professional references.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a letter of interest, a current CV, contact information for at least three references, and transcripts for all graduate work (copies are acceptable at this time), and a teaching philosophy to:
Mercyhurst University is a four-year, Catholic, liberal arts institution founded in 1926 by the Sisters of Mercy. It is located in northwestern Pennsylvania along Lake Erie. A Mercyhurst education, inspired by the works and vision of the Sisters of Mercy aims at engaging students for life and at creating leaders in justice and service. Today Mercyhurst University is home to more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students seeking academic excellence, professional expertise, an environment of inclusiveness, and high expectations for growth and development of the whole person.

Mercyhurst University values diversity and is committed to the goal of achieving equal opportunity for all. For that reason, Mercyhurst abides by federal, state and local law in admissions, employment and all services and programs provided.

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