



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
University System of Georgia
Assistant Professor of Community Health
Search # 56655
Department of Health and Kinesiology

Georgia Southern University, a member institution of the University System of Georgia, invites nominations and applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Community Health in the Department of Health and Kinesiology in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Georgia Southern University is classified as a Doctoral/Research University. Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Georgia Southern offers more than 100 academic majors in a comprehensive array of baccalaureate degrees and selected master's and doctoral programs. The University has earned a reputation for providing all of the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a much smaller college. In addition, the University has earned national accreditation in 59 program areas from 21 accrediting bodies. Academic programs are organized in eight colleges: Business Administration, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Information Technology, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology, and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies.

A residential university with a fall 2009 enrollment of 18,000 students, Georgia Southern is one of Georgia's premier universities. One of the top choices in Georgia for new freshmen, including HOPE Scholars, Georgia Southern enrolls an increasingly selective student body representing the United States and more than 86 nations. The University continues to enhance its academic profile through higher admission standards, an expanded Honors Program, and scholarships for academically talented students.

Georgia Southern University is committed to advancing the State of Georgia and the region through the benefits of higher education, offering both campus-based and a number of online degree programs. The University fosters access to its educational programs, provides a comprehensive and fulfilling university experience, and enhances quality of life in the region through collaborative relationships supporting education, health care and human services, cultural experiences, scientific and technological advancement, athletics, and regional development. Georgia Southern's strategic plan includes advancing the University to the top tier of national rankings in its class.

The nearly 700 acre park-like campus continues an era of capital construction that has opened new facilities for colleges and academic programs, student recreation and development, university housing, athletics, and public service. The learning environment is enhanced by a museum of cultural and natural history, a botanical garden, a unique wildlife education and raptor center, a performing arts center, the Center for Art and Theatre, and a continuing education and conference center. The University's Division I athletic teams compete in the Southern Conference. The campus is located in Statesboro, a classic Main Street community near historic Savannah and Hilton Head Island.

Within this setting, the Department of Health and Kinesiology is a dynamic and growing unit of over 50 faculty and staff serving nearly 1000 majors enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs in areas that include community health, exercise science, sports medicine/athletic training, sport psychology, nutrition and food science, health and physical education, coaching education, and physical activity and fitness. The Community Health program prepares students to be active members of the public health workforce and provides a foundation for graduate degree programs. The program addresses the areas of responsibility for entry-level health educators and prepares students for the national credentialing examination to become a Certified Health Education Specialist.

Position Description. Reporting to the Chair of the Department, the successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses in Community Health. Courses might include program planning, health care systems, and behavioral approaches to health promotion. In addition, the successful candidate will promote and sustain interdisciplinary dialogue, research and service, hold active membership in professional associations/organizations, and serve on committees and participate in official activities at the departmental, college, and university levels. The position is a 9-month tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in Community Health or closely related field by August 1, 2010
- Commitment to excellence in teaching and learning as evidenced by a presentation during the campus visit with students present
- Promise of productive scholarship consistent with the teacher-scholar model
- Commitment to teaching, scholarship, and service that is consistent with the College's priorities for the Department and the mission of the University
- Ability to contribute to a positive work environment in the Department, College, and University
- Technological literacy and a commitment to integrate technology in teaching and scholarship
- Commitment to professional service within the University and beyond

Preferred Qualifications:

- Minimum of one year of college/university teaching experience in Community Health
- Certification as a Certified Health Education Specialist
- Experience in online instruction and development
- Interest in working in diverse academic and professional communities

Screening of applications begins December 1, 2009, and continues until the position is filled. The position starting date is August 1, 2010. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Georgia Southern University seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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More information about the institution is available through <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu> or <http://www.georgiasouthernhealthscience.com/more-on-chhs/job-opportunities.html>. Georgia Southern University seeks individuals who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service within the University and beyond. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Associate Provost.