NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY
SEEKS AN
ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EXERCISE SCIENCE- KINESIOLOGY/MOTOR BEHAVIOR

New Mexico Highlands University Exercise & Sport Sciences Department invites applicants passionate about student success, teaching, and student research to fill a nine month, tenure-track faculty position beginning in August 2016.

New Mexico Highlands University is a regional comprehensive university, designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) with open enrollment providing an affordable, accessible, and high-quality education. Highland’s new executive leadership team and faculty are committed to student success and improved retention and graduation rates.

Two undergraduate majors and three graduate majors are available in the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences: human performance and sport (HPS) and health. The HPS major offers a choice of three concentration areas: exercise science, physical education and recreation and sport management. Additionally, three minors are available: HPS, health, and coaching. There are also four concentrations in health: pre-professional athletic training, health education, health promotion and wellness, and pre-professional allied health. Additionally, four minors are available: HPS, health, coaching and recreation.

Highlands serves approximately 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students at the main campus in Las Vegas, NM and another 1,400 students at centers in Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Farmington. The student population is diverse with more than 70% of students identifying as Hispanic, Native American, or African American coming from 42 states, 19 tribes, and 35 foreign countries. For more information about the university, visit the website at www.nmhu.edu.

Highlands University is located in historic Las Vegas, NM. Las Vegas is in the northeastern part of the state, where the Great Plains meet the southern Rocky Mountains. It lies just two hours north of Albuquerque and one hour from Santa Fe, the state capital. Santa Fe is home to many world class restaurants, excellent shopping, and noted cultural venues including the Santa Fe Opera. Las Vegas is an easy drive to Taos, Angel Fire, and other ski resorts. Founded in 1835, Las Vegas was for many years a stop on the Santa Fe Trail, and became a tourist destination after the arrival of the railroad in 1879. Many of the town’s architectural landmarks date from the late 1800s. Las Vegas offers hiking, art activities, biking, historical and cultural exploration, and fishing at nearby rivers and lakes. It is a frequent movie and TV location. Films include Red Dawn, Blind Horizon, All the Pretty Horses, Wild Hogs, No Country for Old Men, and Due Date. The Longmire television series is also filmed in Las Vegas. Las Vegas offers easy access to a wide variety of outdoor activities and venues including snow skiing, national forests, monuments, and wildlife refuges.

JOB DUTIES: Faculty contractual duties include, but are not limited to: teaching (normal full-time teaching load is 12 credit hours per semester); incumbent may be required to travel to satellite offices, teach evening and/or Saturday classes, teach courses via ITV, and/or develop and teach Desire 2 Learn or other online platform courses; attend training during faculty development week; hold regular office hours; advise both graduate and undergraduate students; serve on faculty, college and/or University committees, as needed by the department.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Education: Ph.D. in Kinesiology (or related terminal degree) with expertise in Kinesiology, Motor Behavior, Research Methods/Statistics and Sports Psychology preferred. ABD will be considered. Experience: Demonstrated excellence in teaching & research.
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Skill and expertise in the classroom; ability to teach graduate and undergraduate courses such as Kinesiology, Biomechanics of Sport, Motor Behavior, Statistics and Research Methods, and Sports Psychology; ability in the use of technologies and/or strategies to enhance pedagogy; ability to work effectively with a culturally-diverse student body; ability to develop effective methodology for the integration of teaching; ability to demonstrate excellent communication skills.

While no deadline has been established, review of applications will begin on January 19, 2016

MINIMUM SALARY: Assistant $48,000  Associate $53,452

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: A complete application must include:
   1) A one to two page letter of interest highlighting key experiences that make the applicant particularly suited for the position;
   2) Curriculum vitae;
   3) A one to two page statement of teaching philosophy highlighting training and expertise in active learning strategies and techniques;
   4) A one to two page statement of research plans;
   5) Unofficial copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts;
   6) Three professional references: please provide names, title and relationship to the applicant, and complete contact information including phone and email. At least one reference must be able to comment directly on the applicant’s current teaching experience or potential for teaching.

Required application materials should be sent to: jobs@nmhu.edu

References will be contacted in conjunction with on-campus interview and official transcripts should be requested upon acceptance of the on-campus interview. For more detailed information regarding the position, you may contact Dr. Joe G. Schmalfeldt, Department Chair, at (505) 454-3032 or jschmal@nmhu.edu.

For disabled access or services, call (505) 454-3242 or e-mail hr@nmhu.edu.
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