GRADUATE ASSISTANT RECRUITMENT BULLETIN

College of Arts, Letters, & Education
Graduate Assistant in Outdoor Recreation
Department of Physical Education, Health & Recreation

Eastern Washington University and the College of Arts, Letters, & Education invite applications for a Graduate Assistant in Outdoor Recreation in our Department of Physical Education, Health & Recreation (“PEHR”). This position will begin fall quarter, mid-September 2013.

The PEHR Department has programs in Athletic Training, Community Health, Exercise Science, Health and Fitness, Outdoor Recreation, Recreation Management, Therapeutic Recreation and Challenge Course Management. We have a Master of Science degree in Physical Education with two tracks – Sports and Recreation Administration and Exercise Science.

Prospective graduate students should hold a baccalaureate degree in recreation, or a closely related field from an accredited institution. The MS program provides an opportunity for students to focus on one of two areas of specialization: exercise science, and sports and recreation administration. All students are required to take a basic core of courses and select a specialization area. A thesis is required of exercise science students. Students in administration may choose to complete a thesis, research report, or take a comprehensive exam.

Application Requirements
GRE scores are NOT REQUIRED. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for consideration. Applicants for admission to the graduate program in physical education must follow the EWU Graduate School admission procedures (http://www.ewu.edu/grad/application-procedures.xml). In addition, the following information must be sent to: Dr. Alan Coelho, PEHR Graduate Program Director, 200 PEB, Cheney, WA 99004
• Three professional letters of recommendation
• Two-page professional goals and philosophy statement
• Application deadline is March 1, 2013

Students are admitted for fall quarter only; requests for admittance in other academic quarters are discouraged.

Eastern Washington University is located in Cheney, Washington, with a second campus located in Spokane (20 minutes from Cheney), as well as additional teaching/learning centers located in other cities throughout Washington State. The Cheney-Spokane area is the heart of the Inland Northwest, with excellent skiing, hiking, restaurants, theater, shopping, a choice of living in a medium-sized city or a small town, and high quality schools and housing. Enrollment has reached over 11,000 students. Outdoor recreational opportunities abound in the nearby lakes, rivers, forests, and mountains.

Responsibilities: Graduate Assistants assist with supervision and development of field trip courses in the Outdoor Recreation program including winter camping, whitewater rafting, wilderness backpacking etc. Also, these positions will be instrumental in instructing/facilitating the Department’s very popular Challenge Course Minor and Challenge Course Program. The Department offers a Minor/Certificate in Challenge Course Management and Leadership that includes an 18-credit curriculum. The Challenge Course Program serves the EWU and local community by providing adventure-challenge opportunities on the EWU Challenge Course. In both positions, the student learns about trip planning, risk-management, gear selection and maintenance, leadership skills, and other related administrative tasks. These positions are essential for ensuring the students, faculty, and other groups participating in these activities have sufficient instructors with training and experience in the field for leading the activities. This creates a positive learning environment and reduces potential liability issues. The graduate students learn much-needed skills in management and administration of outdoor recreation activities. Dr. Paul Green, Outdoor Recreation Program; Dr. Matthew Chase, Recreation Management Program; and Chris Cindric, Challenge Course Coordinator, supervise these positions.

For additional information contact: Dr. Matthew Chase at mchase@ewu.edu