

Faculty Vacancy Announcement

Assistant/Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance

Department: Health and Human Performance

Position: Full-time (10-month), tenure-track position with complete benefits package

Salary: Negotiable within the range established in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (\$44,000 to \$54,000)

Union Affiliation: MFPE

Posting Date: December 2020

Start Date: August 1, 2021

Description

The University of Montana Western differentiates itself and achieves academic excellence by sustaining a culture of concentrated experiential education.

Montana Western is the only public four-year college in the nation offering *Experience One (X1)*, experiential learning delivered on the block schedule. The X1 model engages students and faculty in actively exploring the knowledge, purposes, and authentic disciplinary practices of every field of study through experiential learning environments where students take an active role in their own learning.

Experience One blocks are four weeks in length during which students take a single course at a time, three hours each day for 18 days. Faculty teaching responsibilities include three blocks (12 credits) per semester, leaving one professional development block per term during which faculty can focus on scholarship and service activities. The block schedule facilitates field and lab work, undergraduate research, study travel, and interdisciplinary teaching. Montana Western's faculty strongly believe in mentoring and inspiring students and assisting them in the transition from university life to their professional careers.

The Health & Human Performance Department is seeking applications for a tenure-track position in Kinesiology. The University of Montana Western values diversity; applicants from diverse backgrounds are particularly encouraged to apply. Primary responsibilities include experiential teaching, maintaining a productive research agenda, and providing inclusive service to the academic community. The department is seeking candidates prepared to teach basic human nutrition, sport and exercise nutrition, and exercise physiology courses, including lab experiences. Other teaching opportunities may include personal health, functional anatomy, or related content areas. This position will also be responsible for student advising, serving on university committees, and other departmental and university duties as they are assigned. The successful candidate will collaborate with faculty, staff, and students across campus, as well as within the broader community.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will hold a terminal degree in kinesiology, exercise science, exercise physiology, nutrition, or a related area. They will demonstrate excellence in teaching including the ability to use general and discipline-specific technology to support student learning. The successful candidate will also display a record of service and the potential for scholarship within their professional field.

Application

Application materials should include only the following:

Curriculum vitae,

Copies of all undergraduate, and graduate level transcripts,

Names and contact information for at least 4 professional references, and

A letter of interest addressing the following prompts:

- Briefly describe how your teaching philosophy aligns with our mission of achieving academic excellence within a culture of concentrated experiential education.
- How will your skills and abilities allow you to become a conscientious member of our small university community?
- Describe your approach to providing leadership in departmental work such as curriculum development and developing collaborative teaching and learning opportunities.
- Describe how your research program will align with the priority of our small campus to foster the success of our undergraduate students.

Application materials should be sent to:

Patti Lake

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Contact HHP Department Chair Dr. Janelle Handlos at (406) 683-7392 with questions specific to the position.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

The University & Dillon Area

The University of Montana Western is a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate university with over 65 full-time faculty and 1,300 students. It is located in Dillon, Montana in the scenic Rocky Mountains and has been awarded numerous top national rankings for delivering high quality, affordable education.

Montana Western is the only public four-year college in the nation offering *Experience One (X1)*, experiential learning delivered on the block schedule. Class sizes are small and students take a single course at a time, three hours each day for 18 days, before moving on to the next course. Each course is four credits and four blocks are offered each semester. The block schedule facilitates field and lab work, undergraduate research, study travel, and interdisciplinary teaching. Montana Western's faculty strongly believe in mentoring and inspiring students, and assisting them in the transition from university life to professional careers.

The University of Montana Western is an integral part of the Dillon Community. With a population of 5,000 people, Dillon is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities, and an excellent quality of life.

The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for any position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.