



POSITION: Instructor/Assistant Professor of Outdoor Leadership

COLLEGE: College of Humanities and Sciences

SCHOOL: School of Health and Wellness

DEPARTMENT: Outdoor Leadership

POSITION SUMMARY

The School of Health and Wellness in the College of Humanities and Sciences invites applicants for the position of Instructor or Assistant Professor of Outdoor Leadership (ODEL) for August 2023. A terminal degree in Experiential Education, Outdoor Education, Parks and Recreation, or a related field is preferred, but applicants with a Master's degree will be considered. The successful applicant will be committed to training students for both faith-based and secular outdoor leadership contexts. This individual will not only teach academic courses in ODEL but will also need to be organized and task-oriented to complete logistics coordinator responsibilities, which include, but are not limited to: maintaining outdoor recreation equipment, trip planning and support, permit acquisition and maintenance, risk management policies and procedures, and vehicle scheduling. Teaching duties include outdoor adventure skills, adventure and experiential education theory, program administration, outdoor ministry, and other courses as the needs of the program evolve. This position, which includes a 50% course release for logistics coordinator responsibilities, is open to change as the program grows. We particularly invite candidates who will enhance the racial, ethnic, gender, or cultural diversity of our university.

The successful applicant will possess a minimum of three years of experience guiding trips, working as an outdoor educator, or working for NOLS, Outward Bound, or in wilderness therapy. They should possess a current wilderness first responder and CPR certification or be willing to acquire such certifications in the first six months of employment. They should have experience leading at least two of these activities: backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater paddling, winter camping and snow sports, orienteering, challenge course facilitation, and expedition paddling. Applications must be submitted by Sunday, January 8, 2023 to receive full consideration.

North Greenville University is a teaching university affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Members of the NGU faculty are orthodox Christians who have a strong personal faith in Jesus Christ, are role models in their piety and ethics, maintain



active membership in an evangelical congregation, and mentor students academically and spiritually. They are Christian scholars who reflect upon their discipline from the perspective of a biblical worldview and are expected to teach in accordance with, and not contrary to the university's Statement on Human Flourishing. All employees of NGU are required to abstain from illegal drugs and beverage alcohol.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Teach, in-person, 12 credit hours of ODEL courses each year
- Teach skills courses and spend time in the field with students
- Manage gear storage, maintenance, and acquisition
- Implement, maintain, and revise risk management policies and procedures
- Manage public land permit acquisition and maintenance
- Provide leadership and support for field-based activities
- Collaborate with Program Coordinator in curriculum development
- Remain current with industry standards and certifications through professional development
- Maintain office hours
- Serve on faculty committees
- Participate in campus events such as convocation, graduation, recruitment activities
- Model genuine Christian faith in and beyond classroom
- Intentionally and explicitly integrate the Christian faith with your teaching and scholarship
- Attend approximately half of all chapels



MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Masters degree or higher in one of these fields: Outdoor Leadership, Adventure Education, Outdoor Education, Experiential Education, Parks and Recreation Management
- Minimum of three years of work experience doing such things as guiding trips, working as an outdoor educator, or working for NOLS, Outward Bound, or in wilderness therapy
- Strong communication, networking, and administrative skills
- Strong working knowledge of sound risk management practices, a current understanding of the outdoor industry, and an understanding of the philosophical and pedagogical basis of outdoor leadership
- Certifications: Wilderness First Responder and CPR, or be willing to acquire such certifications,
- Have instructor experience in at least two of these activities: backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater paddling, winter camping and snow sports, orienteering, challenge course facilitation, and expedition paddling.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Earned doctorate with at least one graduate degree in Outdoor Leadership, Adventure Education, Outdoor Education, Experiential Education, Parks and Recreation Management
- AMGA Single Pitch Instructor
- ACA Whitewater Kayak/Canoe Instructor
- Certified Challenge Course Practitioner
- Swift Water Rescue Instructor
- Wilderness Medicine Instructor



PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Speaking:** Frequently convey detailed or important instructions and ideas accurately, professionally, and with a contextually appropriate tone and volume.
- **Cognitive/Emotional:** Ability to critically think and express emotions and thoughts in an honest, collegial, constructive, and prudent manner
- **Mobility:** Ability to remain in field with students in all kinds of weather and terrain for up to 14 consecutive days
- **Personally proficient in two or more of the following activities:** backpacking, rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater paddling, winter camping and snow sports, orienteering, challenge course facilitation, and expedition paddling.

TRAVEL

All faculty are expected to be able to travel to campus for all class sessions and occasional departmental and faculty meetings. Other travel as needed for field-based scouting and collaboration opportunities.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AND SCHEDULE

This position is subject to the university's background check policy. This is a 9-month faculty position. The Assistant Professor and Program Manager reports to the Program Coordinator for Outdoor Leadership, the Associate Dean for the School of Health and Wellness, the Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences, and the provost.



This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee. S/he will be required to follow any other instructions and to perform any other duties as requested by his or her supervisor.

As part of the application, candidates must: submit a cover letter, CV, and transcripts, and the contact information for two professional references, and one reference from a leader in your church. Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

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Please address any inquiries about this position to Dr. Sam Keith at Sam.Keith@ngu.edu.

Please submit to the North Greenville University application online.