**PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHING GRADUATE PROGRAM**

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: *Application and references must be received by January 15 or until all positions are filled.***

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| **Temporary Address** |  |  |  | |  | |  | | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |  | | |  | |
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| List state in which you are a legal resident: | |  | | | | | |  | List country of citizenship | | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | |

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| List Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) |  |  | If applicable, graduate grade point average (GPA) |  |

**NOTE: *To qualify for an assistantship you must be admitted to the Physical Education graduate program.***

1. Please check the box next to the academic program and emphasis in which you are most interested (or have already enrolled in).

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| Physical Education Teaching – No emphasis  Physical Education Teaching – Adapted Physical Education emphasis  Physical Education Teaching – Adventure/Outdoor Pursuits emphasis  Physical Education Teaching – Both Adapted PE and Adventure emphasis |

1. Carefully read the graduate assistant job positions described below. Select no more than three. Rank your choices by selecting a number (1=highest, 3=lowest). Align your selections with your expertise areas and educational goals.

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| Adapted Physical Education    Adventure Programing    PE Pedagogy Laboratory    Teaching Elementary Physical Education    Teaching College Physical Activity Courses  Choose an item. Teaching Fitness/Health Promotion (HPR 105) |

**Adapted Physical Education**: Provides experiences to prepare PK-12 adapted physical education teaching specialists; persons work as staff members in the Center on Disability Health and Adapted Physical Activity. Experiences include teaching with actual APE teachers in school, development of instructional plans, supervision and evaluation of undergraduate students, and development of IEP and progress reports. Physical education teaching certification/licensure and current certifications in first aid and CPR required. Dr. Garth Tymeson; (608)785-5415; [gtymeson@uwlax.edu](file:///C:\Users\gtymeson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\JLFNMA08\gtymeson@uwlax.edu)

**Adventure Programming:** Help facilitate and manage the UW-L challenge course and climbing wall. Duties include set-up and take down of equipment, plan and teach ropes course/climbing wall experiences for the campus population and surrounding community, supervise clinical experiences for health, physical education, and recreation majors. Additional duties could include teaching ESS 100 adventure/outdoor pursuit activity classes. Dr. Matt Maurer; (608)785-6535; [jstarck@uwlax.edu](mailto:jstarck@uwlax.edu)

**Physical Education Pedagogy Laboratory:** With supervision from faculty lab director, works in PK-12 schools with physical education teacher candidates. Includes providing feedback to preservice PE teachers in a Professional Development School model. This graduate assistant oversees the Pedagogy Lab which includes teaching resources, iPads, computers, heart rate monitors, pedometers, accelerators, etc. Physical Education teaching certification/licensure and current certifications in first aid and CPR required at start of program. Contact Dr. Deb Sazama (608) 785-8183; [dsazama@uwlax.edu](mailto:dsazama@uwlax.edu)

**Teaching Elementary Physical Education**: Plan and implement developmental instructional program in local elementary schools, and assist university faculty with clinical supervision of undergraduate physical education teaching majors. Applicant must possess current physical education teaching certification by starting date of assistantship (mid-August). Dr. Garth Tymeson, (608) 785-5415; [gtymeson@uwlax.edu](mailto:gtymeson@uwlax.edu)

**Teaching College Physical Activity Courses**: Teaching physical activity courses to college students and/or First Aid/CPR courses. Dr. Garth Tymeson (608) 785-5415; [gtymeson@uwlax.edu](mailto:gtymeson@uwlax.edu)

**Teaching Fitness/Health Promotion (HPR 105 General Education Course):** Designed for those interested in “teaching/promoting” lifetime fitness and wellness in academic and/or corporate settings. Applicants should have a strong health-related fitness background. Responsibilities include teaching lab/activity sessions, conducting various health-related fitness tests and assisting in classroom activities with undergraduate students. Dr. Garth Tymeson (608) 785-5415 gtymeson@uwlax.edu.

1. Indicate the date your online Application for Admission to Graduate Study was submitted to the Admissions Office:
2. **LIST ALL HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT:**

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| Institution |  | State |  | Major**(**s**)** |  | Minor(s) |  | Degree(s) Awarded |  | Dates of Attendance |
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1. **LIST RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES (paid and volunteer) STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT:**

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| Employer |  | Location |  | Duties/Roles |  | Dates of Experience |
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1. **LIST NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH YOU HOLD CURRENT PROFESSIONAL/STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS:**

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1. **PROFESSIONAL GOAL STATEMENT (*This must be typed*).**

In the space provided below, please describe your academic and professional plans including career goals. Be specific about the UW-L academic graduate program and emphasis areas you plan to pursue.

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**TEACHING/PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY**

*To assist us in making the best possible use of your teaching skills and/or professional knowledge, rate those items below that you have some degree of knowledge/skill in* (**1** = **considerable knowledge**; **2** = **adequate knowledge**; **3** = **minimal knowledge**; **0** = **no expertise**). **Note: Not all graduate assistants teach Physical Activity Courses.**

1. **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COURSE TEACHING**

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|  | Aerobics |  | Jogging/Running |  | Swimming |
|  | Archery |  | Lifeguard Training/ WSI |  | Tennis |
|  | Backpacking/Camping |  | Martial Arts |  | Triathlon Training |
|  | Basketball |  | Orienteering |  | Volleyball |
|  | Bicycling |  | Physical Fitness |  | Water Aerobics/Exercise |
|  | Bowling |  | Rock Climbing/Rappelling |  | Yoga |
|  | Canoeing |  | Self-Defense |  | Adapted Aquatics |
|  | Fishing |  | Skiing (Downhill) |  | Wheelchair/ Adapted Sports |
|  | Fitness Walking |  | Skiing (Cross Country) |  | Other (Specify)      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Hip hop Dancing |  | Snow Boarding |  | Other (Specify)      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Golf |  | Strength Training |

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1. **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Check the current certifications you hold. Record the expiration dates next to each certification checked.

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| American College of Sports Medicine       (Specify)  First Aid Certification  Lifeguard Training  National Strength and Conditioning Association (C.S.C.S)  Physical Education Teaching  Certification/Licensure Specify State (s) and grade levels  Water Safety Instructor  Others (Specify) |  |

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP**

List two persons who have agreed to submit up-to-date letters of recommendation regarding your qualifications for graduate coursework and specific assistantship responsibilities. Letters of recommendation must be uploaded online ([www.employment.uwlax.edu)](http://www.employment.uwlax.edu)) by the references. **Once you provide references’ contact information online, they will be invited to upload their letters.** All letters are due by the stated application deadline on the front of this application. It is your responsibility to provide correct contact information of your references when you apply online and to be certain that they have uploaded letters to the online system to complete your Graduate Assistantship Application file. Please provide name, position, work phone number, and email address for each reference:

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## POLICIES REGULATING GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

1. Decisions regarding graduate assistantship awards are made only after the applicant has been admitted to a UW-L graduate program. Admission requires a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a four-point scale, a GPA of at least 3.0 in the last half of all undergraduate work, or a GPA of at least 3.0 for no less than 12 semester credits of graduate study at an accredited graduate school. Graduate assistant applicants who are currently enrolled must have achieved the status of "unconditional admittance." Students admitted on probation or placed on probation while at UW-L are not eligible for graduate assistantships.

2. Graduate assistantships involve approximately 13 hours of weekly professional responsibilities. Assistants with 33% appointments work about 13 hours per week. **APE graduate assistantships will vary**.

3. Remuneration for graduate assistantships is income which is taxable. The current stipend for assistants with 33% appointments for the academic year (9 months: Fall, Spring) is **approximately** $7,000.00. Graduate assistants receive a monthly paycheck. **Amounts will differ for Adapted Physical Education positions.**

4. Diversity Graduate Assistantships may be available if eligible.

5. Incidental and other fees must be paid by the graduate assistant.

6. The out-of-state portion of tuition for graduate assistants with Minnesota residency is waived. Minnesota residents must make appropriate application under the reciprocity agreement. A limited number of out-of-state tuition waivers are available to students from states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota. These waivers are awarded by departments on a case-by-case basis. All students, including those awarded out-of-state waivers, pay in-state tuition. **This may differ in the APE program**.

7. Graduate assistants must carry no fewer than nine semester credits of graduate coursework during each semester of the academic year.

8. You may submit the Graduate Assistantship Application as soon as your application for graduate admission is submitted. These are two separate applications.

9. The deadline for submission of the assistantship application is January 15th of each year, or by the 15th of each month thereafter until all positions are filled.

**ELIGIBILITY STEPS**

**Three steps** must be completed to become eligible for a Graduate Assistantship: **1)** submit the UW-L Application for Graduate Admission to the UW-L Admission's Office, **2)** receive unconditional acceptance into the Physical Education – Teaching graduate program, and **3)** submit this Graduate Assistantship Application through online. **Steps 1 and 3 should occur simultaneously.** A graduate assistantship can only be awarded after receiving "unconditional admittance" by both the University and the Physical Education – Teaching graduate program.

**\*International students may check “How to apply” information at** [**http://www.uwlax.edu/admissions/international-student/**](http://www.uwlax.edu/admissions/international-student/)

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATE PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSISTANTSHIPS**

1. Read all information regarding policies regulating graduate assistantships (listed above) and the job description sheet.

2. **Electronically** submit the completed Graduate Assistantship Application **along with resume, unofficial undergraduate transcript and contact information** **for** **two references** by visiting <https://employment.uwlax.edu>

3. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Garth Tymeson (608-785-5415; [gtymeson@uwlax.edu](http://gtymeson@uwlax.edu)).

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