Position Available 1/1/2016
Assistant Professor of Therapeutic Recreation
Department of Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Studies

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA is a diverse and vibrant public university that is making a difference in the lives of the people of Alabama and the nation through teaching, research, service and health care. The University offers a wide range of high-quality undergraduate and graduate academic programs over 16,000 students. Located in the City of Mobile, USA is the only major public institution of higher learning on the upper Gulf Coast and is the fastest growing university in the State of Alabama.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION is one of nine colleges and schools of the University of South Alabama. Founded on February 1, 1967, the College has a total annual budget exceeding 14 million dollars and supports 85 different programs leading to six distinct degrees. The College is nationally accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and its educator preparation programs are accredited by the Alabama State Department of Education.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, & LEISURE STUDIES (HPELS) currently has 13 full-time tenure track faculty, 3 non-tenure track instructional faculty, and 3 staff members. The Department offers: undergraduate programs in Health Education, Physical Education, Leisure Studies, Exercise Science and a Coaching Certificate Program. Leisure Studies concentrations are available in Therapeutic Recreation and Sport and Recreation Management. Graduate programs are offered in Health Education, Physical Education, and Exercise Science.

RESPONSIBILITIES include teaching undergraduate courses in therapeutic recreation and leisure studies core; conducting and publishing scholarly research; directing student research/internship experiences; participating in curriculum development; providing academic advisement; collaborating with faculty; and providing service to the Department, College, and University.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS include an earned doctorate in Therapeutic Recreation or a related Leisure Studies discipline. ABDs near completion of the degree will be considered. Candidates must display skills and/or interest in teaching, research, and service with the ideal candidate complementing our existing program and faculty and being able to teach Therapeutic Recreation and related Leisure Studies core courses.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS include professional practitioner experience in Therapeutic Recreation with at least one degree in Recreation Therapy and current credential of Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) by the National Council of Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC). Strength in at least one program area such as aquatic therapy, gerontology, mental health, adapted sports, adventure therapy, or youth development is desired.

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