

Mississippi State University - Department of Kinesiology
Application for Graduate Teaching Assistant Position

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Graduate Level: Master's or "Doctoral (select one)

1. Please describe, in detail, your relevant teaching and/or teaching experience. List any and all previous classes that you have taught. Also, please include a one to two paragraph summary that describes your teaching philosophy.

2. List any current certifications you hold (e.g., first aid, CPR, AED, water safety, fitness/aerobics, strength/conditioning, training, coaching).

3. Please note if you are proficient in any of the following sport/recreational activities and explain your qualifying experience.

INDIVIDUAL AND DUAL SPORTS (e.g., badminton, golf, racquetball, tennis, pickleball):

TEAM SPORTS (e.g., baseball/softball, ultimate, basketball, soccer, volleyball, flag football):

LIFETIME ACTIVITIES (e.g., aerobics, swimming, strength training, walking/jogging):

4. Which of the following lecture/lab-based classes would you be able to teach or assist with? What is your background with these areas?

LAB BASED COURSES (exercise physiology or biomechanics labs)

LECTURE BASED COURSES (**Exercise Science:** health trends and topics, medical terminology, anatomical kinesiology, fitness programs and testing, or other related courses such as biomechanics, exercise physiology related classes, etc. **Sport Studies:** sport law, sport sponsorship, coaching sports, etc.)

Submit this form via email to the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Adam Knight (aknight@colled.msstate.edu).

For Master's Graduate Teaching Applicants:

If you are applying for a graduate teaching assistantship as a Master's applicant, you will need to provide one letter of recommendation from a faculty member that speaks to your teaching ability or teaching potential. The letter can also be emailed to the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Adam Knight (aknight@colled.msstate.edu).

For Doctoral Graduate Teaching Applicants:

If you are applying for a graduate teaching assistantship as a PhD student, you will need to provide two letters of recommendation that speak to your teaching ability and/or teaching potential. Those letters can also be emailed to the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Adam Knight (aknight@colled.msstate.edu).

The letter of recommendation should speak directly to your ability as a teacher or it should speak about your potential ability as a teaching assistant. Choose a faculty member or members that have observed you teaching or that have a strong understanding of your knowledge base that can speak to your teaching abilities.

Additionally, if you are selected as a finalist for a doctoral level graduate teaching position, you will be asked to undergo an interview with selected graduate faculty in the department of kinesiology. This interview will take place around the middle of March and can be conducted through video conferencing (Skype or FaceTime).

For all graduate teaching assistant applicants:

In addition, students must have completed an application for admission to graduate school at Mississippi State University to be considered for a GA position. To receive priority consideration for GA positions in the Department of Kinesiology, all materials (the GA application and your application to graduate school) should be submitted prior to March 1st.

Note: If you are offered a graduate assistant position by the Department of Kinesiology, you should be aware of the following requirements and guidelines.

1. Graduate assistants cannot hold employment other than the graduate assistantship position.
2. The primary responsibility of the graduate assistant is to the Department of Kinesiology. Graduate assistants may be asked to perform duties in addition to teaching. These duties may include, but are not limited to, proctoring exams and working in the department office. Other activities that the graduate assistant may decide to be involved with should not interfere with their responsibilities to the Department of Kinesiology.
3. Graduate assistants are expected to attend a graduate assistant workshop during the week prior to the beginning of the fall semester. You will be given additional information regarding the date, time, and location of the workshop.