

Assistant Professor, Department of Health and Kinesiology

Rank: Assistant Professor

Tenure Information: Tenure Track

Department Summary:

Bridgewater State University's health programs are housed in the Department of Health and Kinesiology. In addition to the health programs, the department is home to physical education, exercise physiology and health science majors. The department prepares public and community health professionals, coaches, fitness and recreation leaders, and school teachers in physical education, and adapted physical education to provide qualified leadership in their respective fields, and enhance the quality of life of residents of the region and the Commonwealth.

The Department of Health and Kinesiology offers a range of undergraduate and graduate programs, including majors in Public Health, Health Studies, Health Science (with concentrations in pre-Occupational Therapy, pre-Physical Therapy, and pre-Athletic Training), Physical Education (with five concentration options), and Exercise Physiology. Additionally, we offer a minor in Nutrition and graduate programs such as an MS in Physical Education, and a graduate certificate in Professional Tennis Management.

Bridgewater State University is an inclusive community dedicated to the lifelong success of all students; focused on the continuous improvement of its people; and is responsible for leading innovation that benefits Southeastern Massachusetts, the commonwealth, and the world. Bridgewater's accessible environment of teaching and learning stimulates critical thinking and the pursuit of new knowledge and deeper understanding. The teaching and learning environment at Bridgewater also cultivates meaningful and diverse interpersonal relationships and fosters an appreciation for global engagement aimed at transforming lives and improving the human condition.

Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is reflected in our <https://www.bridgew.edu/bsuvalues>, which ensure that all students are supported and succeed.

Bridgewater State University is equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. Members of underrepresented groups, and those committed to working in a diverse cultural environment, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Essential Duties:

The Department of Health and Kinesiology seeks a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor in Public Health and Nutrition. The ideal candidate will have expertise in

nutrition, hold the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential, and have a background in public health education. Applicants should demonstrate scholarly inquiry, a commitment to equity-minded practices, possess experience teaching at the college/university level, and be skilled in a variety of teaching modalities, such as student-centered learning and inquiry-based approaches.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the following duties:

- Teaching undergraduate courses in public health, health studies, nutrition, and health sciences.
- Providing holistic student advising within Public Health, Health Studies, and Health Science programs.
- Leading the Nutrition minor.
- Supporting and teaching Wellness Coaching.
- Mentoring undergraduate research and supervising students' field experiences.
- Contributing to university service and engaging in community partnerships.
- Participating in undergraduate program review, annual program assessment, and curriculum development.

Opportunities for teaching in the graduate program and summer courses, with additional compensation, are available.

Candidates from diverse backgrounds, particularly those with a commitment to advancing equity and inclusion in higher education, are strongly encouraged to apply.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, EdD, DrPH) in Public Health, Health Education, Health Promotion, Health Science, or a related field by August 31, 2025.
- Registered Dietician Nutritionist (RDN) credential.
- Experience teaching courses in public health, nutrition, health education, or health promotion.
- A record of ongoing scholarly activity, including publications, presentations, workshops, or creative endeavors.
- A strong commitment to teaching excellence and working with first-generation college students in an environment that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master of Public Health (MPH) and Certified in Public Health (CPH) credentials or Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).
- National Board for Health and Wellness Coaching (NBHWC) certification.
- Experience in undergraduate program review, assessment, or curriculum development.
- Experience creating or participating in community partnerships.

- Proficiency in using high-impact teaching practices (e.g., undergraduate research, service-learning, global engagement) to enhance student learning.
- Quantitative skills and expertise in data analytics.

Special Conditions for Eligibility:

Please be aware that employment at Bridgewater State University is contingent upon completion of a successful background check. Bridgewater State University is an E-Verify employer.

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Open Date: 10/24/2024

Close Date: 12/08/2024

Open Until Filled: No

Special Instructions to Applicants:

Please note the following information is required to complete your application for this position:

- A minimum of three (3) professional reference entries in space provided on the application form.
- CV
- Cover Letter
- Teaching Statement
- Equity and Inclusion Statement- a personal statement on a candidate's past efforts to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion. The equity and inclusion statement is an opportunity for candidates to discuss scholarship, professional skills, and demonstrable experience that would enhance the university's efforts to promote a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. Equity and inclusion statements will be considered as part of a transparent and comprehensive review of candidates' application materials.

To apply, visit <https://apptrkr.com/5749710>

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