

Job Title: **Assistant Professor of Practice**

Job ID: **602963**

Location: **Geography, Planning & Recreation, Flagstaff Campus**

Full/Part Time: **Full-Time**

Regular/Temporary: **Regular**

Special Information

Northern Arizona University's Geography, Planning and Recreation department is conducting a search for an Assistant Professor of Practice in our Parks and Recreation Management program. This is a teaching focused, non-tenure eligible position with opportunity for advancement. The position is expected to be on-going; renewal is contingent on performance and program need. The position will start in August 2018.

The Department of Geography, Planning, and Recreation, is a unit within the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Parks and Recreation Management (PRM) program has been accredited by the Council on the Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) since 1999. PRM has seven faculty and approximately 300 campus and distance undergraduate students. A new Master of Science degree will be offered in Fall 2018.

Job Description

This position is primarily responsible for teaching courses focused on professional preparation and engagement, including seminars and independent studies, to students in the BS and MS in Parks and Recreation Management programs. The position is expected to model the intersection of theory and practice in parks and recreation management.

Additional duties may include graduate program coordination, graduate student advising, research, and university service. Success in the position is dependent upon a demonstrated and continuing connectedness to the disciplines of recreation, leisure studies, and/or closely related fields.

Minimum Qualifications

- A master's degree with at least one academic degree in recreation, leisure studies, or a closely related field.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in teaching and student-related responsibilities or evidence of potential teaching effectiveness.
- Three-years of experience in parks and recreation management, leisure studies, or a closely related field.

Preferred Qualifications

- An earned doctorate in recreation, leisure studies, or a closely related field.
- Record of extensive professional accomplishment and experience.
- Evidence of excellence in teaching graduate recreation and leisure studies courses.
- Evidence of outstanding professional achievements.
- Education and work experience that supports an ability to instruct several courses in the curriculum in areas such as marketing, diversity, organizational management, financial management, legal issues, and research.
- Experience with curriculum development and on-line instruction.
- Evidence of success working in a diverse community, faculty, staff, and student environment.

General Information

Northern Arizona University has a student population of approximately 29,000, including more than 21,000 on its main campus in Flagstaff and the remainder at more than 20 locations statewide and online. Committed to a diverse and civil working and learning environment, NAU has earned a solid reputation as a university with all the features of a large institution but with a personal touch. NAU carefully balances teaching, scholarship and service with a faculty and staff dedicated to each student's success. All faculty members are expected to promote student learning and help students achieve academic outcomes.

While our emphasis is undergraduate education, we offer a wide range of graduate programs and research that extend to such national concerns as forest health and bioterrorism. Our institution has carefully integrated on-campus education with distance learning, forming seamless avenues for students to earn degrees.

Flagstaff has a population of about 70,000, rich in cultural diversity. Located at the base of the majestic San Francisco Peaks, Flagstaff is 140 miles north of Phoenix at the intersection of Interstate 17 and Interstate 40. With its elevation of 7,000 feet and four-season climate, Flagstaff is ideal for

year-round outdoor activities. Nearby attractions include the Grand Canyon, Lowell Observatory, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Monument Valley, Sunset Crater, Meteor Crater, and Arizona Snowbowl.

The university is committed to a diverse and civil working and learning environment.

For information about diversity, access, and equity at NAU, see <http://nau.edu/Center-for-University-Access-and-Inclusion/>.

Salary

Commensurate with academic qualifications and experience.

Benefits

This is a Faculty (FAC) position. NAU offers an excellent benefit package including generous health, dental and vision insurance; participation in the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) or the Optional Retirement Program (ORP); sick leave accruals and 10 holidays per year; and tuition reduction for employees and qualified family members. More information on benefits at NAU is available at <https://nau.edu/Human-Resources/Benefits/>

Faculty are hired on a contract basis, renewable according to terms of the Conditions of Faculty Service <http://nau.edu/Provost/Resources-Policies/>

Employees offered a position will be eligible for state health plans (including NAU's BCBS Plan). Employees will have 31 days from date of hire to enroll in benefits, and their benefits will then be effective the first day of the pay period following their completed enrollment.

If a new employee chooses the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) retirement option, participation in the ASRS Plan (and the long-term disability coverage that accompanies it) will begin on the first of the pay period following 183 days of employment. New employees who choose to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP; an alternative to the ASRS plan) will begin to participate on the first day of employment. The long-term disability plan that accompanies the ORP will begin on the first day of the pay period following 90 days of employment. More information about NAU benefits is available at <https://nau.edu/Human-Resources/Benefits/>

Submission Deadline

This vacancy will be open until filled or closed. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2017.

How to Apply

To apply for this position, please go to: <https://nau.edu/human-resources/careers/faculty-and-administrator-openings/> and click on Faculty Openings, then search on the word "Recreation". From this full job description page, click on the "Apply" button.

The application must include the following: 1) A letter of interest indicating the position for which you are applying; 2) A current curriculum vitae; 3) Recent teaching evaluations (if available) or other evidence of experience in instruction/training; 4) Unofficial copies of all academic transcripts; and 5) Contact information of at least four professional references, including physical and e-mail addresses, and phone numbers. Save all items, in the order stated, as a single PDF or Word document.

If you have problems submitting application attachments in the form of a Word or PDF document please contact the department for assistance.

If you need assistance completing your application there are instructions available on line at <http://hr.nau.edu> or in person in the Human Resources Department located in Building 91 on the NAU Campus - on the corner of Beaver and DuPont Streets.

If you are an individual with a disability and need reasonable accommodation to participate in the hiring process please contact the Office of Equity and Access at: 928-523-3312/TDD - 928-523-1006 or PO Box 4083, Flagstaff AZ 86011.

FLSA Status

This position is exempt from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and therefore will not earn overtime or compensatory time for additional time worked.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Northern Arizona University is a committed Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution. Women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. NAU is responsive to the needs of dual career couples.

EEO is the Law Poster and Supplements

NAU is an Employer of National Service. AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other National Service alumni are encouraged to apply.