



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, KINESIOLOGY, AND SPORT ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EXERCISE SCIENCE TWO TENURE TRACK POSITIONS AVAILABLE AUGUST 15, 2027

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, KINESIOLOGY, AND SPORT in the College of Education and Professional Studies at the University of South Alabama invites applicants for two full-time, tenure-track faculty positions in Exercise Science: one at the rank of Assistant Professor and one at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Both appointments are nine-month positions beginning August 15, 2027.

RESPONSIBILITIES include engaging in scholarly research and publication related to the candidate's expertise in Exercise Science; seeking external funding to support research; teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the exercise science program as assigned by the Department Chair; providing academic advisement; recruiting and mentoring master's- and doctoral-level graduate students; participating in curriculum development; and providing service to the Department, College, and University. The successful applicant must display the ability to employ effective teaching practices, provide experiential student learning opportunities, and engage in program-related community engagement.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS include:

1. an earned doctorate in Exercise Science, Kinesiology, or a closely related discipline. ABDs will be considered at the Assistant Professor level as long as the degree is earned by the start date;
2. demonstrated skills and/or experience in teaching, research, and service, with the ideal candidate complementing our existing programs and faculty and being able to work effectively on a research team;
3. evidence of consistent and sustained scholarly productivity in peer-reviewed academic journals commensurate with rank;
4. evidence of or plan for seeking external funding for research;
5. evidence of or potential for successfully advising graduate students to degree completion;
6. experience in or plan for leading or serving on dissertation committees; and
7. the ability to work collaboratively with other research faculty to sustain an environment conducive to the success of doctoral students.

For *associate professor* consideration:

1. evidence of receiving tenure at a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and
2. cohesive research agenda with clearly articulated path to seeking full professorship.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS for either rank include a record of publications and/or experience in research spanning the field of exercise science, including exercise physiology, cardiovascular and pulmonary responses and adaptations, clinical exercise science, health-related fitness, stress testing, exercise prescription, and biomechanics. Competency in phlebotomy procedures and basic wet lab techniques is desired but not required. Demonstrated leadership activities and/or certifications from ACSM, NSCA, or other related organizations are preferred.

Preference will be given to candidates whose research complements the existing strengths of the exercise science faculty. Broadly, current initiatives/projects include examining cardiovascular, biochemical, neuromuscular, and body composition-related changes to various exercise and nutrition interventions.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, KINESIOLOGY, AND SPORT currently serves more than 650 students and includes 15 full-time faculty members, consisting of 9 tenured faculty, 4 tenure-track faculty, 2 non-tenure-track instructional faculty, as well as 3 staff members, 16 graduate assistants, and 15 adjuncts. The Department offers undergraduate programs in Exercise Science, Health and Physical Education teacher education, Sport Management and Recreation Studies, Recreational Therapy, and Health Promotion. Graduate programs include master's degrees in Exercise Science, Health and Physical Education teacher education, Health Promotion, and Sport Management, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Science and Performance Nutrition (first implemented Fall 2023). The Department is home to the [Exercise and Nutrition Research Group \(ENRG\)](#) at the University of South Alabama, which comprises a cluster of well-equipped, collaborative laboratories capable of supporting a wide array of exercise- and nutrition-related research, teaching, community outreach, and service-learning activities. Current laboratory capabilities include equipment for body composition (BodPod, DXA, 3D scanner, BIA/BIS, hydrostatic weighing), neuromuscular (HUMAC Norm dynamometer, EMG, nerve stimulation, force plate, Tensiomyography via the TMG S2 device, Magstim BiStim2 for peripheral nerve and transcranial stimulation, and MyotonPro, a portable device for measuring biomechanical and viscoelastic properties of soft tissue), cardiovascular (NIRS, ultrasound, blood flow restriction cuffs, SphygmoCor, EKG), metabolic/pulmonary (metabolic cart with exercise and REE capability, spirometry), and biochemical/molecular (rtPCR system, microplate reader, pipetting robot, electrophoresis, microscopy equipment, freezers) assessments. An assortment of other equipment is available for exercise testing, including cycle ergometers (Velotron, Monark, iWorx equipment), treadmills, a fully equipped collegiate weight room, and other basic exercise and laboratory equipment.

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES is one of nine colleges and schools of the University of South Alabama. Founded on February 1, 1967, the college serves approximately 1,700 graduate and undergraduate students. The College offers undergraduate and graduate education certification programs, as well as programs outside the public-school arena. These areas include health, kinesiology, sport and recreation, mental health, instructional design, hospitality and tourism, and interdisciplinary studies.

The College is nationally accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, with programs accredited by the Alabama State Department of Education, the American Psychological Association, and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. Across all program areas, the College of Education and Professional Studies is committed to preparing exemplary professionals committed to life-long learning who are leaders in contributing to the betterment of our dynamic world.

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 to more than 14,000 students. Located in

Mobile, Alabama, the University of South Alabama is the Flagship of the Gulf Coast, representing the only major public institution of higher learning on the upper Gulf Coast.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS should email 1) a letter of interest to include a description of research, teaching, and service experiences; 2) a current curriculum vitae; 3) a statement of research; 4) the names, affiliations, and contact information of three references; and (5) copies of unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts to Carjetta Taylor, Assistant to the Dean, College of Education & Professional Studies at applyceps@southalabama.edu. Please include “Exercise Science Faculty Search” in the subject line.

For full consideration, applicants must submit materials by **October 15, 2026**, and the search will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries about the position should be directed to Dr. Shelley Holden at (251) 461-1611 or by email: sholden@southalabama.edu

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