



## **Outdoor Recreation and Education Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Recreation and Sport Pedagogy  
The Patton College of Education and Human Services

The graduate program in Recreation Studies at Ohio University is seeking qualified candidates to fill at least one graduate teaching assistantship while pursuing a Master of Science in Recreation & Sport Sciences. The program is designed to prepare students to work in leadership and administrative positions in park and recreation programs and facilities, collegiate recreation, university teaching, adventure programming, research and extension, and leisure and recreation program development and evaluation. It combines coursework and practical learning experiences to deliver a strong experientially-based graduate program. Taking advantage of the close proximity of Ohio University to several world-class outdoor recreation resources (e.g., the New River Gorge, Seneca Rocks, the Red River Gorge, among others), the Recreation Studies program has developed a distinctive focus in outdoor recreation and education, which has been a hallmark of the program for over two decades.

### **Position Description:**

This is a nine-month term appointment requiring a commitment of 20 hours/week, including office hours. The successful candidates will be responsible for (1) teaching skill-based courses in the undergraduate curriculum in outdoor recreation & education, (2) assisting in the management and maintenance of program equipment and supplies, (3) maintaining appropriate risk management records, (4) providing general service to the Recreation Studies program, and (5) serving as a role model for undergraduate students. The successful candidate will also be expected to participate in a week-long GTA orientation program prior to the start of the academic year.

### **Qualifications:**

- The ability to teach in one or more of the following areas: wilderness living skills, winter wilderness living skills, wilderness navigation, rock climbing, caving, mountain biking, coastal kayaking, whitewater kayaking, whitewater canoeing, and whitewater rafting
- Evidence of expertise in leading adventure programs
- Commitment to quality undergraduate education
- Commitment to diversity
- Wilderness First Responder (must obtain prior to and keep current for the duration of employment)

**Starting Date:** August

**Salary and Benefits:** GTAs receive a full tuition waiver, plus a stipend.

**Applications and Inquiries:** Prior to being considered for a graduate teaching assistantship, a student must be accepted into graduate school at Ohio University. To apply, go to <http://www.ohio.edu/graduate> and complete the online application process. You must also complete a departmental application form found at the following site: <http://www.cehs.ohio.edu/academics/rasp/rs/assistantship.htm>. In addition to the information requested in this application, applicants for the GTA position in Recreation Studies should **submit an outdoor resume (see below for an example if you do not already have one) and copies of all professional certifications**. Please submit all application materials to [rsp@ohio.edu](mailto:rsp@ohio.edu). For full consideration, please apply by April 1. Questions concerning the position and/or the graduate program in Recreation Studies should be directed to Dr. Bruce Martin at 740-593-4647 or [martinc2@ohio.edu](mailto:martinc2@ohio.edu).

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# Outdoor Resume

Fill in the spaces below for each category, deleting any unused lines. If you do not have experience in a particular category please delete that section. Feel free to modify this document as you see fit, including adding lines or categories when appropriate.

## A. General Information

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| Name:   | Date Revised: |
| School Address (City/State/Zip):                            |               |
| School Phone: (      )                                      | School Email: |
| Permanent Address (City/State/Zip):                         |               |
| Permanent Phone: (      )                                   | Other Email:  |
| Date of matriculation as Adventure Education major:         |               |
| No. of Adventure Ed credits completed as of "Date Revised": |               |
| Cumulative GPA as of "Date Revised":                        |               |

## B. Certifications: Include first aid, ski patrol, ski instructor and other relevant certifications.

| Certification | Provider (i.e. SOLO, PSIA) | Date of Issue | Expiration Date |
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## C. Relevant Professional Training I Received: Describe professional workshops, courses, trainings, and conferences you have attended. Include Outward Bound and NOLS courses. Do not list college courses here.

| Date | Description of Workshop, Training, or Conference | Provider |
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## D. Relevant Professional Training I Provided: Describe professional workshops, trainings, and conferences you have helped present or facilitate.

| Date | Description of Workshop, Training or Conference | Your Role |
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**E. Professional Adventure Leadership and Instruction Experience:** Describe adventure or experiential education programs you have led, co-led, instructed, co-instructed and facilitated or co-facilitated. This includes professional organizational trips, groups you have facilitated on a ropes course, ski lessons, etc. This does not include Outing Club experience; there is another category for this.

| Date | Type of experience led/instructed | Program Name & Location. | No. of hours you led (max 8 hrs/day) | Your leadership role | Name, phone & email of supervisor we can contact to verify your experience. |
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**F. Other Adventure Leadership and Instruction Experience:** Include SAGE, Outing Club, Scouting experience, etc.

| Date | Type of experience led/instructed | Organization, Program Location. | No. of hours you led (max 8 hrs/day) | Your leadership role |
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**G. Backpacking Experience:** Describe consecutive multi-day backpacking trips you have taken. Include private trips and trips that were part of Adventure Education courses, but do not include trips you listed under Leadership and Instruction experience, above. Under "Comments" describe season, any challenging situations experienced, etc.

| Dates | Area/Mountain Range | Miles | Comments |
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**H. Ropes/Challenge Course Experience:** Describe ropes/challenge course experience you have had as a participant or student. Do not list ropes course training you have received (describe that under "Relevant Training Received" above), and do not include experience you listed under Leadership and Instruction experience, above.

| Date | Facility and Location | Elements |
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- I. Canoeing, Kayaking, Rafting, and Sea Kayaking Experience:** Include private trips and trips that were part of Adventure Education courses, but do not include trips you listed under Leadership and Instruction experience, above.

| Dates | River/Ocean Section | # of miles | # of times run | Class | Type of Craft | Course or Private |
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- J. Skiing and Snow Travel Experience** (check level):

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| Have you ever been on ski patrol?   |  | When, where?                         |  |
| Do you snowboard?   |  | Experience backcountry snowboarding? |  |
| Have you ever raced?  |  | When, where?                         |  |
| Avalanche Experience (Practical or theoretical knowledge you have of avalanches, and avalanche rescue—trips through avalanche terrain, avalanche trainings or courses): |  |                                      |  |
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| Other Winter Skills (Building snow caves, igloos, ski repair, etc.)   |  |                                      |  |
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- K. Mountaineering Experience:** List the ten most significant peaks (above tree-line) you have done in the recent past. Include private trips and trips that were part of Adventure Education courses, but do not include trips you listed under Leadership and Instruction experience, above. Under comments list any adverse conditions.

| Date | Peak/Climb | Area/Range | Class/Grade | Lead/2nd | Comments |
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- L. Rock Climbing Experience:** List the ten most significant technical rock climbs you have done recently. Include private trips and trips that were part of Adventure Education courses, but do not include trips you listed under Leadership and Instruction experience, above. Also, do not include indoor climbing gym experience.

| Date | Climb | Area/Range | Class/Grade | Lead/2nd | Comments |
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- M. Teaching and Facilitation Experience:** Describe any teaching and group facilitation experience you have had, including topics you have taught in college classes, at summer camps, for Scout groups, etc. Do not include instruction or facilitation you listed under Leadership and Instruction experience above.

| Date | Topic | Type and No. of Students | School or Program |
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- N. Other Related Experience:** List other experience not previously described relevant to adventure education, including jobs at outdoor retailers or guiding, etc.

| Date | Describe Experience | Where? |
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\*Adapted from Plymouth State's Curriculum