



**BALL STATE  
UNIVERSITY**



## **Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Sport and Exercise Psychology**

### **COLLEGE OF HEALTH**

Now, more than ever, is a time of transformation in health care education. The COVID pandemic and the unfolding realities of health disparities and racial injustice have challenged health care systems and universities to seek a new higher standard. At the Ball State University College of Health, we are rising to that opportunity. We graduate health professionals who are clinically knowledgeable, committed to advancing inclusive excellence, and ready to collaborate on interprofessional teams. We invite applications for a tenure-track position as **Assistant Professor of Sport and Exercise Psychology** in the School of Kinesiology to join us in preparing today's health workforce.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION & QUALIFICATIONS** Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in sport and exercise psychology, advising graduate student thesis/research projects, supervision of student applied work, scholarly productivity, seeking extramural funding, and service. Candidates should have teaching or teaching assistant experience, a beginning scholarly record, and potential for extramural funding. In addition, we seek candidates with certification as a mental performance consultant (CMPC), or actively seeking certification to be obtained within 2 years of employment.

[The Sport and Exercise Psychology program](#) is housed in the School of Kinesiology, which is part of the College of Health. Thus, we seek candidates able to contribute to transdisciplinary team science and interprofessional education and practice. Faculty are expected to work on campus to engage with students, colleagues, and community. We seek candidates who will excite and motivate students of diverse backgrounds and contribute to a campus climate that supports equity, diversity, and inclusion. At Ball State University, inclusiveness is an enduring value and informs all efforts. Applicants should familiarize themselves with our [Inclusive Excellence Plan](#) to identify how you might contribute to these efforts. Salary and benefits are commensurate with credentials and experience. Position begins August 16, 2024.

Lifelong learning at Ball State University extends educational engagement beyond the classroom and includes learning for professional development, personal enrichment, or other goals throughout one's lifetime. Faculty may be expected to participate in the department's, college's, and university's lifelong learning opportunities when available and may be assigned teaching responsibility in this area as part of their overall responsibilities.

**PROGRAM FACILITIES** The Sport and Exercise Psychology Laboratory provides faculty and students an ideal location to conduct research, collaborate, and offer individualized mental skills training. Ongoing research includes qualitative and quantitative designs and is focused on psycho-social aspects of youth sport, sport for development, psychology of coaching, exercise motivation, exercise and cognitive functioning, and psychology of injury. The program provides students two consulting rooms for individual sessions, and a Biosound room, a technology that combines heart rate variability biofeedback, vibroacoustic massage, guided meditation and imagery, and positive affirmation. Faculty and students frequently collaborate with faculty in the Integrative Exercise Physiology laboratory, Biomechanics laboratory, and the Clinical Exercise Physiology laboratory. Collaborations with the Department of Counseling Psychology, Social Psychology, and Counseling, the Department of Social Work, and the Department of Psychological Sciences are welcomed.

**THE SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY** The [School](#) provides comprehensive educational programs related to understanding the impact physical activity has on health, society, and quality of life for the general population as well as children, older adults, athletes, and people with disabilities, injuries, or disease. More than 30 faculty members are committed to approximately 750 students through undergraduate programs in aquatics, coaching, exercise science, physical education and health, and sport



administration, and graduate programs in athletic coaching education, athletic training, biomechanics, clinical exercise physiology, exercise physiology, sport administration, sport and exercise psychology, and human bioenergetics. As part of the University Core Curriculum, the School houses the physical fitness and wellness program that reflects Ball State's commitment to positively impacting quality of life and the University's mission of students living meaningful lives and thriving in fulfilling careers. [School facilities](#) include 7 laboratories for both teaching and research: Human Performance Laboratory, Clinical Exercise Physiology Laboratory, Biomechanics Laboratory, Sport and Exercise Psychology Laboratory, Exercise Science and First Aid Laboratory, Integrative Exercise Physiology Laboratory, and Athletic Training Teaching and Research Laboratory.

**THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH** A vital health resource for Indiana in preparing health professionals, the [College](#) is moving boldly forward in making interprofessional education, practice and research, its paradigm across disciplines. The College offers 32 academic programs in 7 units: Departments of Counseling Psychology, Social Psychology, and Counseling; Military Science; Nutrition and Health Science; Speech Pathology and Audiology; and Social Work plus Schools of Nursing and Kinesiology. More than 200 faculty and staff serve about 2,800 students. We partner with regional communities for immersive learning and research. Our Health Professions Building, opened in 2019, is LEED Gold certified and houses state of the art [Simulation and Skills Laboratories](#). Other facilities include the Health and Physical Activity complex, Ball Gymnasium, and Lewellen Aquatic Center.

We are committed to serving the community through health services and research. In the past year, our [Interprofessional Community Clinics](#) offered a range of health and mental health services delivered by 300 student clinicians supervised by 40 licensed faculty practitioners to more than 4,100 community members, accounting for about 12,000 visits. In addition, students attended, hosted, or sponsored more than 100 community outreach events delivering health education and screenings to an estimated 2,000 people of all ages through the Clinics and the [Healthy Lifestyle Center](#). Our faculty and students contribute to the evidence base for their respective disciplines. The College is active in research, currently with 53 active awards, totaling \$14.3 million. Our footprint features the [Center for Peace and Conflict Studies](#), [Center for Substance Use Research and Community Initiatives](#), [Human Performance Lab](#) and other research labs. We are committed to inclusive excellence in all we do and aspire to contribute to an increasingly diverse health professional workforce to help decrease health care disparities.

**ABOUT BALL STATE UNIVERSITY** Ball State University is located in Muncie, Indiana, on an attractive campus 45 miles northeast of Indianapolis. Ball State enjoys a close relationship with the [City of Muncie](#), and many employees extol the virtues of living in this Midwestern college town of 70,000 people. More information about working at Ball State, and relocating to East Central Indiana, is found [on the University's website](#).

Institutionally, Ball State has established ambitious goals for our second century through our strategic plan, [Destination 2040: Our Flight Path](#):

- We pledge to provide a premier educational experience for every student.
- We pledge to partner with the community to improve the lives of our neighbors.
- We are dedicated to having a lifelong presence in the lives of our alumni.

When we complement these promises with our commitment to our enduring values, we define that which makes our University and its culture distinctive. Ball State engages students in educational, research, and creative endeavors that empower our graduates to have fulfilling careers and meaningful lives enriched by lifelong learning and service, while we enhance the economic, environmental, and social vitality of our community, our state, and our world. We invite you to join our community.

## To Apply

Click here: <https://bsu.peopleadmin.com/postings/40195> to apply for this position. Submit a detailed CV along with a letter that describes your teaching experience, research activities, CMPC status/plan, vision for inclusive excellence, and other accomplishments; as well as a 2-page description of anticipated research activity, including plans for funding and dissemination of findings. Submit a list of 3-5 references (we will not contact them without notifying you). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For best consideration, submit applications by December 9, 2023. For more information, contact Jean-Charles Lebeau, search committee chair, at [jlebeau@bsu.edu](mailto:jlebeau@bsu.edu). Visit [bsu.edu/jobs](https://bsu.edu/jobs) for information on all current job openings at Ball State University.