



APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
University Recreation (UREC)
Graduate Assistant for Sports Programs

Appalachian State University (App State) invites interested applicants for the position of **Graduate Assistant (GA) for Sports Programs** to become a part of the University Recreation (UREC) team as we facilitate a welcoming environment where recreation and wellness opportunities transform, engage, and care for the App State community.

The **Graduate Assistant (GA) for Sports Programs** is primarily responsible for working with the Coordinator and Assistant Director for Sports Programs to assist in the day-to-day, evening, and weekend operations of the Club and Intramural Sports programs.

This position serves on the UREC Leadership Team and reports directly to the Assistant Director of Sport Programs.

You will succeed in this position if you are committed to

- Be available to work in a flexible schedule that requires some evenings, weekends, and designated holidays.
- Be creative and innovative to invite everyone to play at UREC.
- Facilitate and nurture a team environment.
- Provide development and support to students through direction, constructive feedback, and hands-on learning opportunities.
- Build genuine connections between students to promote engaged communities.
- Embrace and inspire a vibrant, active, and engaged community.
- Leading multiple groups of students with multiple projects all happening simultaneously.
- Receive and provide constructive feedback with a growth mindset.

Who we are

You will join a team that is creating an exciting environment, values collaboration, innovation, and inclusion, and is welcoming to all App State students, faculty and staff. We are creating a risk-taking workplace that supports the voices and contributions of employees at all levels, listens, and responds to our community.

At UREC we believe in opportunities for everyone with everyone. Learn more about UREC at this [link](#).

You will have the opportunity to

Programs

- Coordinate and co-lead with the Coordinator the strategic designing and implementation of department opportunities to outreach and connect with the App State community.
- Assist to provide leadership to Intramural Sports through planning, developing, implementing, and reflecting on the impact of the program
- Support the Sports program through development of student employees through meetings, organization, and communication
- Coordinate the scheduling and facilities needs among multiple facilities and spaces with various sports and competition levels

- Support the various student roles within the program through the creation of communication means, support materials, and meeting their needs to be able engage and thrive
- Work with computer programs such as Fusion and other software
- Work with different offices and departments across campus to generate innovative experiences

Student Development

- Collaborate with the recruitment, hiring, training, mentorship, and evaluation of student teams; in a total of 40+ Assistant Game Facilitators/Game Facilitators, 20+ Sports Facilitators, student Program Assistants, and 3-4 student Program Managers.
- Manage the scheduling for student staff to ensure adequate staff coverage for sports events and daily shifts. Monitor employee shift trades and approve employee requests for time off.
- Facilitate and develop a culture of care and learning that contributes to building a sense of belonging that supports UREC's mission, vision, and values.

Risk Management

- Develop, coordinate, and lead Risk Management and Safety training for all student staff under Sports Programs.
- Monitor CPR/AED/First Aid Certifications and conduct safety audits for the Sports Programs student staff to ensure certifications are valid and up-to-date.

Departmental Leadership and Support

- Participate and actively engage in the UREC Leadership Team initiatives.
- Contribute to department-wide initiatives and opportunities through participation in committees, work teams, and tasks to contribute to the mission of UREC.
- Establish effective and positive rapport with program staff, university personnel, students, and University Recreation users.
- Assist with monitoring the sports programs budget to include student payroll, advertising, promotional items, and printing.
- Teach CPR/AED/First Aid classes for UREC Student Staff and App State community participants.

At a minimum, you should have

- Working knowledge and exposure of multiple sports rules, sports events, and experience in both indoor and outdoor sports venues.
- Effective verbal, written, organizational skills and the ability to work independently and as a member of a cohesive and energetic team.
- American Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor certification (or willingness to become certified in the first three months of employment).
- Academic requirements:
 - Unconditionally accepted into a Graduate School Program or working toward the completion of a Master's Degree at Appalachian State University.
 - Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

The preferred candidate will have

- Practical experience and understanding of Collegiate Recreational programs.
- Previous experience in training and supervision of employees.
- At least one year of administrative experience in a sports setting.

Hours

The Graduate Assistant will work on average 20 hours per week. Because of the work with students and events, there will be night and weekend work periodically.

Salary and Benefits

- Up to \$9,000 between the fall and spring academic semesters (\$12.00/hr)
- In-state tuition scholarship: Amount is equally divided among the fall and spring semesters (final amount will be equal to approved in-state tuition)
- June and July employment could be available at an equivalent hourly rate after your first year of employment.
- Professional Development Funds: \$300.00
- Parking Pass: \$396.00

How to apply

Contact Zach Sippel, Coordinator for Sports Programs at sippelzj@appstate.edu with the following materials:

1. Current Resume.
2. Statement of interest which includes reference to the minimum qualifications.
3. List of at least three professional references.
4. Copies of certifications.

Deadline to submit applications is February 28, 2025.

Priority will be given to applications received before January 31, 2025.

Position is open until filled.

[More information at the Graduate Assistant Preview Program \(GAPP weekend\)](#)

This position is anticipated to start on August 1, 2025.

Please be aware that offers for assistantship positions are contingent upon acceptance into the University Graduate School and the specific [degree program](#) you are applying for. [Varying deadlines](#) exist for all applications, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to be aware of these and apply accordingly. Applicants **MUST** be accepted into the [Graduate School](#) before they can be accepted into the degree program of their choice. Please also see more information about the [Exam Waiver](#).

Some commonly related graduate programs with the offered graduate assistantship:

- [Master of Arts in Student Affairs Administration \(SAA\)](#)
- [Master of Arts in Higher Education](#)
- [Master of Science in Exercise Science](#)
- [Master of Public Administration](#)
- [Master of Business Administration](#)

More about Appalachian State University: As the premier public undergraduate institution in the state of North Carolina, Appalachian State University prepares students to lead purposeful lives as global citizens who understand and engage their responsibilities in creating a sustainable future for all. Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Appalachian is one of 17 campuses in the University of North Carolina System. Appalachian enrolls more than 20,000 students, has a low student-to-faculty ratio and offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate majors. Learn more at <https://www.appstate.edu/about/>

More about Boone: Boone is a college town in the best sense — a place where people say hello on the street and a vibrant downtown is just a block from campus. Its eclectic hub, known as King Street, features specialty shops, restaurants, and cultural attractions. The surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains attract outdoor enthusiasts year-round for hiking, skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, cycling, fishing, kayaking, rock climbing, and other activities. Learn more at this [link](#)

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