Department: Parks, Conservation, and Recreational Therapy

G.A. Sustainability Education Programming

Position:

Supervisor: Becky Thomas

Job Description:

The Robert A Macoskey Center is Slippery Rock University's campus hub for sustainability and environmental education. We are seeking an active and enthusiastic graduate student to join our leadership team to assist in developing and delivering high quality and impactful sustainability education programming. The property features an 83-acre forested landscape with hiking trails, a permaculture garden demonstration site, an ecotherapy garden, chickens, a LEED-certified house with classroom and office space, and much more. We aim to create accessible and equitable opportunities for SRU students and community members to benefit from and learn about all that the site has to offer. We are seeking a highly motivated student with a positive attitude and teachable spirit who can make strong connections between the mission and scope of the Macoskey Center and their chosen field of study.

Job Functions/Responsibilities:

• Assist in recruiting, training, supervising and scheduling student SE programming staff and volunteers
• Create, plan and execute special programs and presentations on sustainability, gardening, and the environment for community groups following best practices in Environmental Education/Sustainability Education
• Marketing and public relations for special events and programs, including social media and responding to e-mail
• Assist with program assessment and evaluation
• Set up and tear down classrooms for programs
• Collaborate with programming directors and academic departments at Slippery Rock University to enhance curriculum through sustainability education programming
• Begin pre-planning for Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 Sustainability Education programs
**Desired Qualifications:**

- Must meet eligibility standards of the graduate school including unconditional acceptance into a graduate program and a class load of 3–6 semester hours of graduate coursework (unless a lighter load is approved by the dean of graduate studies)
- Experience and/or pursuing a graduate degree in a field related to environmental education, sustainability and/or resource management
- Willingness to complete a graduate level Environmental Education course
- Experience with trail/site maintenance and natural resource management
- Knowledge of sustainable practices, gardening, agroforestry, and ecology
- Highly organized with attention to detail
- Ability to work autonomously or as a part of a collaborative team
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Professional work ethic and teachable spirit
- Experience supervising others
- Valid Driver’s License

**Graduate Student Outcomes:**

- Completion of National Association of Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide workshop and certification exam
- Gain experience in sustainability education/environmental education program development and evaluation
- Gain experience with cross-disciplinary sustainability education in an institution of higher learning
- Gain experience writing grants and conducting program evaluation research
- Gain experience working collaboratively with undergraduate students, SRU faculty and staff, and community members.
- Develop skills in visitor services and management

**Appropriate SRU**

All majors welcome to apply. We especially welcome applications from students pursuing graduate degrees in park resource management, environmental education, and public health.
Graduate Majors:

**Supervisor’s Expectations**
- Availability on evenings and weekends
- Flexibility with scheduling and hours due to programming demands
- Comfortable with public speaking and working with groups of all ages and sizes
- Six graduate credit hours waived each semester
- Seek tangible opportunities to connect the responsibilities of this position to coursework requirements in the student’s chosen field of study

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