

Title: Graduate Assistant – Master’s in Exercise Science

School: School of Health and Human Performance

Rate: \$11,461 stipend plus a tuition waiver for up to 16 credit hours (8 per semester, does not include summer) each year. This is a one-year contract, which may be renewed for one additional year for a total of two years maximum.

Additional benefits (subject to change): University issued laptop computer, 3 meals/week on campus, university parking pass, university recreation pass, NMU health center coverage for standard services, see policy here: <https://nmu.edu/healthcenter/about-us>.

Hours: 20 hours per week with assigned responsibilities. Position begins with the start of the Fall 2026 semester and continues for 2 academic years upon satisfactory job performance. No travel responsibilities; however, some weekend work may be required. GA positions follow the same schedule as faculty.

Basic Function and Responsibility

To perform assigned duties in the School of Health & Human Performance which may include any combination of the following: teaching undergraduate sports science, athletic training, and/or health promotion courses, assisting with school programming in the areas of wellness & senior exercise, assisting with lab organization and inventory, assisting with research or other faculty projects, etc. Other duties as assigned.

Supervision: Supervised by the SHHP Director and other HHP faculty as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications

1. Admission into the MS in Exercise Science program at Northern Michigan University
2. Undergraduate GPA of a 3.0 or greater
3. Demonstrated strong interpersonal skills and professional demeanor
4. Demonstrated organizational skills that focus on time management
5. Demonstrated ability to take direction as well as show initiative
6. Strong interest and desire to teach and take on leadership roles in the School of HHP

Additional Desirable Qualifications

American Heart Association or American Red Cross Instructor. Will train if needed.

Application Process

Submit the following items via email to Megan Nelson, PhD, Program Director for MS in Exercise Science, msuer@nmu.edu

1. Resume/CV
2. One-page personal statement
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. Completed GA teaching checklist
(<https://nmu.edu/hhp/sites/hhp/files/2023-03/GA%20Checklist%202023-24.pdf>)

Application Deadline: March 1, 2026

Review of applications will begin immediately after March 1, 2026