

The Division of HPER at Delta State University is recruiting 7-10 graduate assistants to assist with the implementation of a Carol M. White PEP grant to the \$ amount of approximately \$400,000 per year for the next three years. This project, titled PEAK (Physical Education and Activity for Kids) is a collaboration between the Cleveland, MS School District and Delta State University to provide instructional leaders for the physical education programs for 6 K-6 public schools, 2 middle schools (grades 7-8) and 2 high schools (grades 9-12). The instructional leaders (graduate assistants) will be expected to be in the schools approximately 20-25 hours per week. The grant will provide training for the instructional leaders in Physical Best, Tri-Fit fitness assessment software, CATCH and physical education instruction under the direction of either the elementary or the secondary curriculum resource leader. These curriculum resource leaders are faculty members in the Division of HPER at Delta State University with 25+ years of teaching experience. The grant will provide outstanding equipment resources for each school as well as state of the art fitness assessment equipment from POLAR.

Stipends for the Graduate Assistants will be \$10,000 per academic year plus a waiver of tuition and fees. The stipends do not include summer school. Applicants must be eligible for admission to the M.Ed. programs at Delta State University. One deviation for these G.A.'s from the published entrance requirements for admission to our graduate programs is that these students must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0. Preference will be given to those students who have an undergraduate teaching degree in HPER but non-teaching degrees in HPER, elementary education and related fields will be considered especially for research assistants.

Graduate assistants will have an opportunity to help establish a model program for the elementary schools and assist with the improvement of the secondary programs. Fitness testing and other activities will generate many opportunities for research projects which will be included in the graduate assistant's experience opportunities. This project will provide 1-2 years of actual teaching experience for the G.A.'s as well as the opportunity to complete the M.Ed. with a major in HPER leading to "AA" teaching certification.

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