

Parker Executive Search- University of Florida- Dean of Health and Human Performance

The University of Florida invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean, College of Health and Human Performance. The College provides nationally and internationally recognized education and research programs that focus on helping people protect, maintain and improve their health, fitness and quality of life. The College consists of three degree-granting departments, approximately 1,800 students (1,500 undergraduate & 300 graduate), 60 faculty and 37 staff. The College resides in the historic Florida Gymnasium, which has been repurposed to include state-of-the-art research facilities and lecture halls. With an outstanding faculty, staff and student body, the College is poised to continue leading the health and human performance disciplines - within and outside of the United States - for years to come.

The College is organized into three departments —each directing its resources towards high-impact research and instruction:

- Department of Applied Physiology & Kinesiology – This department is primarily concerned with the immediate and lasting effects of exercise in promoting health and wellness across the lifespan. Faculty members are dedicated in the broadest sense to understanding and researching the health benefits of physical activity among the young and old, fit and unfit, healthy and diseased, able-bodied and disabled. Based upon the work of its faculty and the high caliber of its students, the department has consistently been ranked among the top kinesiology departments in the country.
- Department of Health Education & Behavior – This department aims to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and public understanding of health to promote healthier living. The department seeks to prepare Health Education professionals capable of assessing individual and community health education needs; developing, planning and implementing effective health education programs; evaluating health education program effectiveness; coordinating the provision of health education services; acting as a resource person in health education; and communicating health/health education needs, concerns and resources.
- Department of Tourism, Recreation & Sports Management – This department focuses on understanding the psychosocial factors that lead individuals, families and industry to value and benefit from tourism, recreation, parks and sport, thereby contributing to quality of life. Faculty provide knowledge through research and teaching that helps communities and organizations develop and improve sustainable tourism, recreation, parks and sport opportunities which all benefit a diverse population.

In addition to these three departments, the College supports the following centers:

- Center for Exercise Science
- Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute
- Tourism Crisis Management Institute
- Center for Digital Health and Wellness

The College is also responsible for:

- Living Well Program – This is a health and fitness program for University employees.

The Dean serves as chief academic and administrative officer of the College and reports to the Provost of the University. The Dean is responsible for strategic planning and vision; academic leadership; curriculum development; budget management; personnel matters; effective representation of the College on the University of Florida campus and to the state, national and international communities.

Candidates must possess an earned doctorate, a distinguished record of scholarly accomplishments, and relevant administrative experience. Applicants should also have outstanding leadership skills, research vision, managerial and communication skills, and a commitment to integrity, academic excellence, professional service and cultural diversity. The Dean must have the ability and willingness to foster positive relations with alumni, donors and friends of the College.

### **Search Process**

The Search Committee invites letters of nomination, applications (with a letter of interest, a complete CV, and a list of references that includes their contact information), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting UF. Review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to December 28, 2012. Applications received after this date may be considered at the discretion of the Committee and/or hiring authority.

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*The University of Florida is an equal employment opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. The “government in the sunshine” laws of Florida require that all documents relating to the search process, including letters of application/nomination and reference, be available for public inspection.*