



## TENURE TRACK ASSISTANT OR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BIostatISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND HEALTH SCIENCE

Now, more than ever, is a time of transformation in health care education. The COVID pandemic and the unfolding realities of health disparities and racial injustice have challenged health care systems and universities to seek a new normal. At the Ball State University College of Health, we are rising to that opportunity. We graduate health professionals who are clinically knowledgeable, committed to advancing inclusive excellence, and ready to collaborate on interprofessional teams. We invite applications and nominations for **Assistant or Associate Professor in Nutrition and Health Science in the area of Biostatistics** to join us in preparing today's public health and health services workforce.

**The Position & Qualifications.** We seek faculty candidates with a doctorate in biostatistics or related discipline who have good interpersonal communication skills and the ability to work cooperatively and congenially. Research areas of interest include but are not limited to chronic diseases, obesity, nutrition and precision nutrition, genetics, and infectious disease. Successful candidates should be skilled in developing and teaching quantitative courses to students with a range of aptitude and interest. Online teaching experience is desirable. Responsibilities will include developing courses, teaching graduate and undergraduate students, developing and maintaining a research program, mentoring students in design and statistical analysis, and service to the university and profession. Faculty will also contribute to a revised graduate program in health sciences with a specialization in biostatistics and epidemiology; experience in curriculum development is desirable. In addition, faculty will facilitate the development of a collaborative health science concentration with the new interdisciplinary undergraduate Data Science Bachelor of Science degree within the College of Science and Humanities.

Rank will be considered at the assistant or associate professor level dependent on qualifications. For Assistant Professor candidates, we seek individuals with an earned doctorate or who are ABD with all degree requirements to be completed by August 15, 2022. Assistant Professor candidates should have independent teaching or teaching assistant experience and a beginning track record in scholarship with potential for external funding. For Associate Professor candidates, we seek faculty with earned doctorates who are currently serving as faculty and have excellent teaching records and an established research agenda with existing funding or its potential and record of publication. Tenure on hire can be considered for those already tenured. For either rank, we seek candidates able to contribute to interdisciplinary team science. Successful candidates are expected to work on the Ball State campus to allow full engagement with the department, school, campus, and community.

We are interested in candidates who will excite and motivate students of diverse backgrounds, and who will contribute to a campus climate that supports equity, diversity, and inclusion. At Ball State University, inclusiveness is one of our enduring values and informs all our efforts. We encourage applicants to familiarize themselves with our [Inclusive Excellence Plan](#) to learn more about our commitment and to identify how you might contribute to these efforts. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with credentials and experience. The position will begin August 15, 2022.

**The Department of Nutrition and Health Science.** The department houses accredited undergraduate majors in dietetics, health education and promotion, respiratory therapy and radiography, a minor in public health, graduate programs in Nutrition and Dietetics and Health Science, and an accredited Dietetic internship. Our major programs serve 280 degree-seeking students and are supported by 32 faculty, including 21 full time tenured, tenure track and nontenure track



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positions, 8 instructors for our clinical programs affiliated with IU Health Methodist Hospital, and 3 part-time faculty. Faculty and their student mentees have access to a suite of laboratories to support research in the Health Clinic; with spaces devoted to assessment, sample collection, processing, storage and analytics. The Welcome Home suite is equipped with food preparation facilities, and feeding, resting and sample collection spaces that can be used for human studies. The Department has a number of course offerings with significant student enrollments to help students from other majors meet their general education requirements. Additionally, department faculty facilitate interprofessional education and practice activities with students from the College's other professional degree programs.

**The College of Health.** A vital health resource for Indiana in preparing health professionals and researchers, the [College of Health](#) is now—in its 6<sup>th</sup> year—moving boldly forward in making interprofessional education, practice and research its paradigm across each of its disciplines. The College offers 32 academic programs in 7 units: Departments of Counseling Psychology, Social Psychology, and Counseling; Military Science; Nutrition and Health Science; Speech Pathology and Audiology; and Social Work plus the Schools of Nursing and Kinesiology. Our 219 faculty and staff serve nearly 3,000 students. We partner with the communities of East Central Indiana for academic immersive learning and research. Our Health Professions Building was opened in 2019 with 165,000 square feet and is LEED Gold certified. Our [Interprofessional Community Clinics](#) offers a range of health and mental health services by students supervised by faculty as well as community health education and prevention services through the [Healthy Lifestyle Center](#). Our faculty and students conduct research and publish scholarship contributing to the evidence base for their respective disciplines. Our research footprint includes several research and scholarship institutes, including the [Center for Peace and Conflict Studies](#). Founded in 1965, the [Human Performance Lab](#) is internationally recognized for conducting exercise physiology research on humans, with an approach that covers the whole body response down to the cellular physiology and molecular biology level—a whole body-to-gene approach. We are passionately committed to inclusive excellence in all we do and intend to contribute to an increasingly diverse health professional workforce to help decrease health care disparities. Bringing a strong history of academic leadership, [Dr. Scott Edward Rutledge](#), a public health social worker and HIV prevention and services researcher, joined the College of Health as dean in 2021.

**The University.** For more than a century, the Ball State has served the communities of Indiana and beyond through excellence in education and research. There are approximately 22,000 students, from every state in the nation as well as 60 countries, enrolled in 8 colleges. A Carnegie classified Doctoral University: Higher Research Activity with the Community Engagement Classification, Ball State engages students and faculty in the community through immersive learning and research. [Destination 2040: Our Flight Path](#) establishes Ball State University's ambitious goals for our second century, including strategic imperatives for completion by 2024 and a strategic plan outlining 5 long-term goals.

**The Community.** Located in East Central Indiana, Ball State University enjoys a close relationship with the [City of Muncie](#) as well as the surrounding towns and counties. Many employees extol the virtues of living in this Midwestern college town of 70,000 people, including the friendliness of residents; richness, variation and affordability of neighborhoods; and, ease of a brief commute. Ball State enjoys a pivotal and important relationship with the [Muncie Community Schools](#). The university is also home to the [Burris Laboratory School and the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities](#). Muncie offers vibrant cultural events through the local [Minnetrista](#) center and through Ball State's award winning programs and state of the art facilities in art, music, theater and dance, the [David Owsley Museum of Art](#), and the [Marilyn K. Glick Center of Glass](#). Other cultural and housing opportunities are also found in nearby Indianapolis, the 12<sup>th</sup> largest city in the U.S. and home to 860,000 people, second in population only to Chicago in the Midwest. Relocation information is available [here](#).

**Nominations & Applications.** To apply, go to <https://www.bsu.edu/about/jobsatballstate> to submit a detailed CV along with a cover letter explicating your qualifications and interests including experiences and your vision for inclusive excellence. Submit a list of 3-5 references; we will not contact them without notifying you. Deadline for applications is March 18, 2022. For more information or to make nominations, contact Rebecca Brey, PhD, Search Committee Chair, at [rbrey@bsu.edu](mailto:rbrey@bsu.edu) or Alyce D. Fly, PhD, Department Chair of Nutrition and Health Science, at [adfly@bsu.edu](mailto:adfly@bsu.edu).

