

Kidsports Externship

Kidsports and Prevention Science Program

The “Kidsports Externship” is an applied prevention-based research opportunity offered through a collaboration of Kidsports and the University of Oregon (UO) Prevention Science Program. The Externship is designed for graduate students in Prevention Science to explore how one local non-profit agency promotes healthy behaviors, confidence, competence, and compassion among youth.

Kidsports (<https://kidsports.org/about/>) is “a private non-profit organization in Oregon that provides youth sports programs for pre-K through 12th graders in Eugene/Springfield and surrounding areas. Kidsports teaches children and families the value of physical fitness, sportsmanship, practice and teamwork through sports and activities. Knowledgeable coaches and officials allow each player to achieve their personal best while having fun. All children have the opportunity to play. Sports programs and activities are open to any child who is able to participate regardless of race, religion, creed, sex, ability, or financial status.”

The students participating in this externship will work closely with Kidsports Executive Director, Bev Smith, and/or her staff and Dr. Liz Budd, UO Evergreen Assistant Professor. Together, they will craft 2-3 goals to accomplish throughout the term that would be mutually beneficial to the students and the organization. Activities could include, but are not limited to, helping to facilitate an afternoon physical education camp for kids (PE Fusion), creating content to be shared on social media, revising parent feedback surveys, and assisting with program development. The externship would most likely take place in-person, on site at the new Kidsports Fieldhouse (<http://kidsports.org/civic-park/>) in South Eugene. Mask wearing, hygiene, and distancing protocols will be practiced per state guidelines.

Two positions will be available for the coming academic term. It will require a **5-10 hours per week** commitment and be worth **1-2 academic credits**. **Please include your preference for hours/credits in the cover letter**. The positions are for Fall 2020 term, but can easily be extended, contingent on student performance.

Interested applicants should submit:

- A 1-page (single-spaced) letter of interest that outlines interest areas, relevant experience, and preference for hours/credits for the Fall 2020 term;
- A current CV; &
- Names & contact information for two academic/employment-related references.

Applications should be submitted in one email to Bev Smith bevs@kidsports.org & Dr. Liz Budd ebudd@uoregon.edu. Completed applications are due by 5pm Saturday, **September 26, 2020**.