

University of Northern Iowa

Science Education

Position Title: Graduate Teaching Assistant

Reports to: Chair of Science Education

Terms of Employment:

- For the fall semester: 20 hours per week beginning on August 20, 2018 and ending December 14, 2018. Does not include the week of Thanksgiving Break.
- For the spring semester: 20 hours per week, beginning January 14, 2019 and ending May 10, 2019. Does not include the week of Spring Break.

Compensation:

- Full assistantship salary for 2018-19 is \$5,176 per semester.
- Graduate Assistants may qualify for in-state tuition and fees.
- Graduate Assistants receive University holidays and do not work during Thanksgiving Break, Spring Break, or the interims between semesters.
- Tuition Scholarships may be applied for and awarded separately.
- For more information on the Graduate Assistantship System and procedures: <http://www.grad.uni.edu/assistantships/>

Position Description:

Teaching assistants will be assigned to help with either SCI ED 1200 Inquiry into Life Science or SCI ED 1300 Inquiry into Physical Science, both Liberal Arts Core courses that are required on the Elementary Education Major.

Responsibilities if teaching assistants include:

Prepping the materials for each week's labs and classroom activities
Attending class sessions and assisting in laboratory and classroom activities
Meeting with the instructors on a regular basis
Grading homework, course assignments and/or possibly unit exams
Entering assignment grades
Meeting with students during office hours or as arranged
Helping students with special needs

As experience as a graduate teaching assistant increases additional duties will include:

Conduct lab or classroom sessions

Lead or participate in class discussions

Teach class when the instructor is unavailable

Act as a role model during class for inquiry-oriented teaching

Qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in 9 graduate credits each semester of assistantship and these credits must apply to the graduate degree if course requirements remain unsatisfied.
- Maintain a Plan GPA of at least 3.00. First semester graduate students must have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00.
- Minimum of 6 credits of life science OR 6 credits of chemistry and/or physics course work at the undergraduate level earning a grade of B or higher is required.
- B.A. or B.S. degree in science is preferred.
- Preference will be given to degree-seeking graduate students in the MA in Science Education graduate program.

Application Process and Deadline: To apply, email the completed Application Form for Graduate Assistantship (available at <http://www.grad.uni.edu/assistantships>) and have two reference letters sent to Lori Wurtz, Science Education Secretary, via email to lori.wurtz@uni.edu.

Applications received by March 15 will be given preferential consideration.