Appalachian State University softball head coach Amy Herrington has resigned to accept a position as an assistant coach at Chattanooga.

The second head coach in ASU softball history, Herrington led the Mountaineers to a 64-91 (.413) overall record in three seasons at the helm, including a 31-31 mark in Southern Conference play. Under her tutelage, Appalachian put together the first winning season in the 10-year history of the program with a 27-25 record in 2010 and claimed its highest SoCon finish when it tied for second in the league with a 14-9 mark in 2009.

Herrington was at ASU for six years in all, with three seasons as an assistant coach (2005-07) and three as the program's head coach (2008-10).

"It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my resignation as head softball coach at Appalachian State," Herrington said. "I want to thank Appalachian for allowing me the opportunity to advance and grow both personally and professionally over the last six years. It was an honor to be a part of the first winning season in program history and to witness the progression of the program, first as an assistant coach and then as a head coach. I thank (director of athletics) Charlie Cobb and the entire ASU athletics department for being a supportive second family to my husband, Jonathan, and me."

"We're certainly disappointed in Coach Herrington's decision to step down but understand the personal and professional opportunities that the move allows her family to pursue," Cobb said. "We appreciate everything that she has done to raise the level of a relatively young program during her six years here. We hope to bring in a new coach as soon as possible that will continue the program's climb and bring softball championships to Appalachian in the near future."

A nationwide search for Herrington's replacement is already underway.