HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

Chair and Director

The past year has magnified the ways that inequities—whether due to race, gender, sexuality, or income—contribute to health disparities. These inequities are a major public health threat and demand a concerted, interdisciplinary effort. At the College of Public Health, we dedicate ourselves to public health in all its parameters, from epidemiology to nursing, from social work to rehabilitation sciences. Social justice has always driven our work: This understanding that individual outcomes are intricately tied to the larger systems we inhabit is the foundation of our college.

Temple University College of Public Health’s interprofessional culture fosters collaboration both within and outside the College. We value differences among our faculty and believe that we can better serve and understand our Philadelphia community through the diversity of our individual faculty and our disciplines. Join us in our mission to develop progressive, compassionate researchers, practitioners, and clinicians to build a better tomorrow, grounded in creating the environments and health infrastructure that will make us the healthiest nation.

THE POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS. Temple University College of Public Health is conducting a national search for the Chair and Director of the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (HRS). Situated within a novel population health and prevention paradigm, the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences offers a unique opportunity for leadership in HRS education and research and brings together disciplines focused on interprofessional education and care.

Through transdisciplinary research and interprofessional education, the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences develops future care providers dedicated to enhancing patient care and the healthcare experience. The department includes programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, athletic training and recreational therapy. We are seeking a leader who can take an ambitious approach to growing scholarship and research in the rehabilitation sciences and provide fresh ideas to enhance pedagogy. The Chair/Director must be dedicated to integrative health and interdisciplinary collaboration; successful candidates will also demonstrate transparency, a deep sense of professionalism, and commitment to diversity and inclusion in all its forms. The Chair/Director will have the opportunity to shape and expand the department through faculty recruitment, support growth in extramural research grants, build community engagement by joining efforts with a nascent neighborhood clinic, and articulate a vision that inspires philanthropic funding.

The College seeks an ambitious leader to guide the further growth and development of the department. The Chair/Director will develop a strategic plan for the department to incorporate and grow its educational programs in tandem with its research mission. The successful candidate will manage an annual budget and engage in entrepreneurial endeavors. This individual must demonstrate a vision for the department, have an established program of research, and be committed to continuing to build a collaborative work environment. A proven record of developing HRS research and directing an educational program in one of its four core disciplines is desired. In addition to working to expand the college’s iconic and renowned programs, we are looking for someone who can strengthen IPE opportunities between its graduate programs in physical therapy, occupational therapy, athletic training and recreational therapy. The department also includes a large undergraduate program in health professions that has multiple opportunities for expansion and development.

Evidence of administrative acumen is critical, and the Chair/Director will work with a substantial administrative team. Candidates must hold a PhD or equivalent degree, preferably in one of the four core disciplines or a related discipline, and should meet the qualifications for appointment at the rank of Full or Associate Professor.

Temple University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. People of color, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
THE DEPARTMENT. Faculty in the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences provide instruction in 10 degree programs, including the Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy, Doctor of Athletic Training, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Philosophy in Neuromotor Science, Bachelor of Science in Health Professions, and other undergraduate and graduate programs. The department also works closely with the College’s other disciplines, such as public health, nursing, social work, and communication sciences and disorders. The department is at the forefront of developing innovative academics, research, and programs aimed at both preventing injury and disability and helping those who have illnesses, short-term injuries, or long-term physical, psychological, or cognitive disabilities to lead full, satisfying and meaningful lives.

THE COLLEGE. Devoted to an interprofessional environment for education, research, and practice, the CEPH-accredited College of Public Health consists of academic units in the public health disciplines, health professions, and the School of Social Work, enrolling approximately 4,200 students. The College’s research aims to understand the fundamental factors that affect the health and well-being of individuals and populations by examining health problems through foundational research, policy and practice, and the development and dissemination of evidence-based interventions. We focus on social determinants of health and social justice with strengths in cancer, obesity, HIV, substance abuse, mental illness, mobility research, cognition and language, developmental disabilities, organ transplantation and aging. CPH research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, Gates Foundation, and other major private foundation, state and federal agencies. The College is home to an Office for Community Engaged Research and Practice, the Center for Obesity Research and Education, and the Collaborative on Community Inclusion. The Office of Clinical Affairs and Interprofessional Education leads our clinical activities, including the COVID-19 RapidVax effort and forward-looking IPE within the College and throughout the university. The College is staffed by a robust complement of seasoned professionals including offices of Communications and Marketing, Information Technology, Sponsored Research, and Academic Affairs.

THE UNIVERSITY. Temple is an urban, research-intensive Carnegie R1 university located in historic and culturally rich Philadelphia, the nation’s 6th largest city. The city was ranked 3rd by The New York Times as a world tourist destination. The National Science Foundation ranks Temple among the top 100 universities in the country for research expenditures. Temple is the 6th largest provider of professional education in the nation and includes Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Law and Dentistry as well as research centers.

For more information about this position or to make nominations, contact Abbigail Ametrano, Assistant Director of Faculty Recruitment, at abbigail.ametrano@temple.edu.

To apply, submit a detailed CV; a cover letter explicating your qualifications and experiences with diversity, equity, and inclusion and your leadership experience; a research statement; and a list of five references to cphsearch@temple.edu.

Application review begins immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

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