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. We seek passionate professionals committed to instructing the next generation of physical therapists to join our Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program faculty in summer/fall 2022. Ideal candidates will have prior instructional academic experience in DPT education. Strong interpersonal communication skills and experience in teaching for faculty on the instructional track are desired. Candidates with relevant clinical experience in inpatient or outpatient settings with expertise in one or more of the following areas are encouraged to apply: examination/evaluation, therapeutic interventions, biophysical agents, kinesiology/biomechanics, bioethics, musculoskeletal, neuromuscular and/or evidence-based practice.

QUALIFICATIONS. Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) with a terminal academic degree is preferred; however, we will consider candidates without a terminal degree, taking work experience into consideration. The candidate should be eligible for Pennsylvania licensure and possess demonstrated interest or previous instructional experience in a DPT curriculum. Preferred qualifications include previous experience in education, specialist certification by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and a record of scholarship.

All faculty are active in the local community, contribute to the curriculum and serve on the department’s committees. We value diversity and seek individuals committed to inclusivity in collaborative education and practice, prepared to join us in our commitment toward prioritizing sustainable, inclusive and anti-oppressive practices. COVID-19 vaccinations are required for employment at Temple University unless granted a religious or medical exemption (see www.temple.edu/coronavirus).

THE PROGRAM. The DPT program enrolls about 165 students taught by 13 full-time faculty members with varied clinical and research backgrounds. Our faculty emphasize student learning and development through innovative and evidence-based teaching practices. They collaborate across disciplines and with local institutions including Temple University Health System, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Magee Rehabilitation Center and Moss Rehab. Our brand new instructional space includes fully equipped smart classrooms and an accessible apartment simulation. The DPT program hosts an interprofessional pro bono clinic dedicated to meeting the needs of uninsured and underinsured members of the North Philadelphia community. This setting provides faculty members a venue to maintain their clinical practice and teach at the point of patient care.
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, 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.

To apply, submit your CV; a letter detailing your clinical experience and preparation as well as your teaching interests/experience, with specific attention to diversity, equity and inclusion; and the names and contact information of 3-5 references to Dr. Scott Burns at dptprogram@temple.edu. Application review begins immediately and will continue until position is filled.

Temple University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. People of color, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.