HEALTH SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

Graduate Program Director,
Health Policy and Management

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 invite applications for a Graduate Program Director of Health Policy and Management to join us in summer 2023. The program director will have administrative time balanced with an instructional workload which will be determined by program needs. The program director will facilitate course schedules and faculty teaching assignments and participate in recruiting and the review of applications for graduate student admissions. They will work closely with the graduate advisor to guide HPM students, develop activities (such as workshops, journal clubs, and other professional development opportunities) for graduate students, attend monthly Graduate Council meetings, attend monthly MPH curriculum meetings, coordinate program improvement, lead curriculum improvement, coordinate CEPH accreditation reports, conduct other duties as needed, and teach relevant courses.

QUALIFICATIONS. The ideal candidates will have an earned doctorate with at least three years of experience in public health, health services, or health administration, with a prior record in teaching graduate students at the master’s and doctoral levels. Candidates are welcome from relevant disciplines in public health, social science, and health science disciplines. We seek passionate professionals committed to academic leadership in training the next generation of practitioners and researchers about the real-world aspects of public health policy and management. Previous experience in academic program management is a plus. The program director will primarily teach in the classroom, but we particularly seek persons with experience in online education. This includes familiarity with learning management systems and communication/educational software.

All faculty are active in the local community and contribute to the curriculum and 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. Rank and salary depend on experience and qualifications. COVID-19 vaccinations are required for employment at Temple University unless granted a religious or medical exemption (see www.temple.edu/coronavirus).

Temple University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. People of color, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
THE DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAMS. The Department of Health Services Administration and Policy is comprised of accredited academic programs, including BS in Health Information Management, MPH in Health Policy and Management, MS in Health Informatics, PhD in Health Policy and Health Services Research, and PhD in Health Informatics. The department offers graduate certificates in Health Informatics, Public Health Law Research, and Clinical Health Services Research. Faculty are engaged in teaching, research, and entrepreneurial activities with about 300 students. The department contributes to the college’s BS in Public Health and BS in Health Professions programs. Research emphases are in the areas of the impact of laws and policies on health, quality of care, healthcare financing, disparities and access to care, public health law, evolving methodologies for big data analytics, and the impact of health information technologies. Dr. Huanmei Wu, an accomplished biomedical informatics researcher with expertise in big data and technology, joined Temple as Department Chair in July 2020. With extensive experience in faculty and student recruitment and academic program development, Dr. Wu is leading the department, established in 2015, through an exciting transformation. The department’s research and educational programs integrate health informatics, health services research, and health policy and management by bringing innovations and applications of big data analytics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence to healthcare, advancing healthcare and policy through digital health technologies, mobile health, and health tool inventions.

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.

Contact Dr. Huanmei Wu, department chair, at huanmei.wu@temple.edu with questions or to make nominations.

To apply, submit a detailed CV; a cover letter indicating your leadership experience and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion; a one-page teaching statement; and references with contact information via email to dennis.johnson@temple.edu.

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

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