KINESIOLOGY

Graduate Program Director

Inequities and health disparities 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. The Department of Kinesiology is seeking an innovative leader to serve as the program director (PD) of a new physical activity-based graduate program. The incumbent will join us in August 2022 in preparation for our first cohort of students in fall 2023. The PD will be responsible for the ongoing growth of the new graduate program, including the development of academic courses, assisting in faculty recruitment, program marketing and communications, student recruitment and admissions, and overall program management. This is an instructional faculty position with release time for administrative responsibilities (i.e., course development, scheduling, and program oversight). The PD will provide guidance to all graduate students in the program; develop workshops, journal clubs and other professional development opportunities for graduate students; attend monthly graduate council and curriculum meetings; and coordinate program improvement initiatives. The PD will lead curriculum improvement, teach relevant courses and conduct other duties as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS. We seek an enthusiastic, passionate professional committed to academic leadership in training a new generation of physical activity/exercise professionals. Qualified candidates should have an earned doctorate and/or training in kinesiology, exercise science or a related field. The ideal candidate will have a strong teaching record, familiarity with online instruction, and experience working in community-based settings with community organizations and coordinating field placements.

As an urban institution located in North Philadelphia, we value diversity and seek individuals committed to inclusive, interdisciplinary education, research and practice to join our commitment to prioritizing sustainable, inclusive and anti-oppressive practices. Rank is open at the level of assistant, associate or full professor dependent on qualifications. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with experience. COVID-19 vaccinations are required for employment at Temple University unless granted a religious or medical exemption (see www.temple.edu/coronavirus).

THE DEPARTMENT. The department is experiencing an exciting period of expansion for our academic programs and research initiatives in alignment with the college’s public health mission. We prioritize exploring local public health inequities and working proactively with community partners to address existing health disparities. Our undergraduate programs include Bachelor of Science degrees in Kinesiology and Exercise and Sport Science. In addition to offering rigorous academic programs for a diverse body of more than 300 undergraduates, the department is also responsible for delivering undergraduate courses in anatomy and physiology, as well as physical activity, to students across the college and the university. At the graduate level, the department launched an MPH in Nutrition degree in August 2021 to train the next generation of public health dietitians.
Our new physical activity graduate program will be designed to provide a pathway for students completing kinesiology, exercise science or other related undergraduate programs to further their training and skills. Our unique and innovative curriculum will place exercise professionals at the heart of primary and secondary disease prevention. Students will be trained to serve as a community-based extension of a healthcare team, providing physical activity guidance to a broad range of individuals both within and outside of the clinical setting. They will have multiple applied learning experiences working directly with diverse client/patient populations and will be trained in physical activity, chronic disease and health behavior change. Graduates of the program will be equipped with a comprehensive skill set that positions them as health leaders and makes them attractive candidates for various careers.

**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 University is an urban, research-intensive Carnegie R1 university located in historic and culturally rich Philadelphia, the nation’s sixth largest city. The city was ranked third 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 sixth largest provider of professional education in the nation and includes Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Law and Dentistry as well as research centers. It is also home to Fox Chase Cancer Center.

Inquiries about the position can be directed to
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To apply, submit a cover letter describing your qualifications; a detailed CV; a statement of your leadership experience and philosophy (max. two pages); a statement describing your commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (max. two pages); and a list of three to five references to kinesiologysearch@temple.edu.

Application review begins immediately and will continue until the 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.