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. We seek an experienced Nursing Resource Center and Simulation Lab Director with interests and experience in interprofessional education, practice and research. The Director will be a visionary leader certified in simulation education who will collaborate in all aspects of the design, development, launch and operations of Temple’s new state-of-the-art simulation space and pedagogy. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to apply creativity and practiced leadership to the conceptualization and implementation of a broadly collaborative interprofessional learning center that serves all 20 disciplines in our college—all of which share a focus on promoting public health. The Director will be responsible for developing and leading the simulation environment including task training, low- and high-fidelity simulation, OSCEs, case-based learning, and work with standardized patients.

The current simulation lab features modifiable space which allows for easy reconfiguration to support various learning activities including simulations, debriefings, and a broad range of IPE activities that engage students and faculty from our physical therapy program, the Kornberg School of Dentistry, and nursing staff from Temple University Hospital. The Director will be responsible to coordinate the use of shared space with our many diverse partners; manage the facility; order and maintain supplies and equipment; direct the efforts of faculty, teaching assistants and students to deliver high quality instruction; and achieve target learning outcomes for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs.

QUALIFICATIONS. Candidates are required to have at least five years of clinical/practice experience, hold RN licensure or be eligible for licensure in Pennsylvania, and have progressive simulation lab experience. The ideal candidate will have three years of academic experience, as well as experience in interprofessional education, and be certified by a healthcare simulation society. Candidates will have earned a terminal degree in nursing and be eligible for the rank of assistant, associate or full professor. Classification of the appointment as tenure or non-tenure track will depend on the qualifications and preferences of candidates. 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 of Nursing enrolls over 500 students and offers two accredited programs. Our four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with freshman admission is recognized for its high NCLEX pass rate, clinical affiliations with some of the best healthcare facilities in the Philadelphia area, and an innovative five-semester ‘community home’ rotation with a population-based, service learning focus. Our Doctor of Nursing Practice program includes a post-
baccalaureate option and two specialty concentrations: Adult Gerontology Primary Care and Family-Individual Across the Lifespan. A post-master’s option prepares graduates for practice leadership roles in various healthcare settings. Expansion of graduate program offerings is anticipated and will include additional DNP specialties and a direct-entry master’s program for non-nursing college graduates.

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.

For more information, contact Mary Terhaar, Nursing Department chair and director, at mary.terhaar@temple.edu.

To apply, submit your CV; a cover letter describing your qualifications; a teaching statement that includes a description of your commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion; and a list of three references to nursing@temple.edu.

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