DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES
Open Rank Non-Tenure Track Faculty in Recreational Therapy

Temple University’s College of Public Health strives to solve health’s complexities for a better tomorrow. Our faculty prepare researchers, practitioners and educators to collaborate across disciplines to understand community needs, create evidence-based solutions, and deliver effective, compassionate care. We invite applications for non-tenure track faculty members in the Recreational Therapy Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programs to begin January 2020.

**Position and Qualifications.** We seek candidates with academic teaching experience. In addition, the ideal candidate will have a strong background in Recreational Therapy (RT) service provision. Responsibilities include teaching at the Bachelor’s and Master’ levels. We are also interested in candidates with skills in online education. Duties for this position will be assigned to reflect the selected candidate’s strengths in teaching and service. Successful applicants will preferably have a doctorate, experience in the profession of RT, and certification as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS). Applications will be considered for persons without doctorates who have extensive RT experience. Interprofessional education, clinical research, and clinical practice opportunities are available. Salary and benefits are competitive and will be commensurate with credentials and experience. Rank is open with faculty hired at the rank of instructor, assistant, associate, or full professor on the nontenure instructional track. We value diversity and seek individuals committed to inclusive practices in education.

**The Recreational Therapy Programs.** Our nationally recognized academic programs in Recreational Therapy (B.S. and M.S.) are among the largest in the country with approximately 250 undergraduate and graduate students. With the largest number of full-time, CTRS-certified faculty, including 3 National Academy of Recreational Therapists Fellows and a Fulbright Scholar, the Temple RT program is a recognized leader in translational research and evidence-based practice, maintaining the only free online database focused in this area. With a large network of health and human service agencies, the RT program enhances service provision to persons with disabilities though the provision of continuing education, program development and evaluation services. Faculty and students participate in international study programs and exchanges. Student performance on the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification exam is consistently higher than the national average. Faculty have funded research at international, national, and local levels, including with the Temple University Collaborative on Community Inclusion of Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities (www.tucollaborative.org), an internationally recognized research and training center.

**The Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.** We are unlike any other department in the country. Located on a single urban campus in Philadelphia, the Department’s 38 full-time faculty provide instruction in 10 degree programs across all levels of education to approximately 1,300 students. The Department includes degrees in Health Professions (BS), Athletic Training (MSAT, DAT), Neuromotor Science (MS, PhD), Physical Therapy (DPT), Occupational Therapy (MOT, OTD) and Recreation Therapy (BS and MS). In addition, the Department offers 2 certificate programs (Health Outcomes and Measurement Science, Post-Professional Certificate in OT) and an Orthopedic PT Residency. Additionally, the Department works closely with other professions including public health, nursing, social work, and communication sciences.
Priority focus areas for the Department include interprofessional education/research, service learning and teaching excellence. Current research emphases are child health outcomes and patient-reported measures of health status for children, physical activity feedback technology for people with disabilities, community access for children with diverse sensory abilities, field-based interventions including recreation for adults with mental health disorders, measurement of environmental interactions for persons with autism spectrum disorders, and the development of devices using virtual environments to manipulate visual input for persons with traumatic brain injuries.

The College. Devoted to an interprofessional environment for academic programming and research, the College of Public Health, a CEPH-accredited school of public health, is a constellation of academic units of public health, social work and health professions disciplines, enrolling 4,300 students. The College’s research focuses on social, behavioral, and environmental inquiries, medical/health interventions, and basic science and is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, and other major funders. The College has recently launched a new Center focused on Community Engaged Research and Practice. We are harnessing the collective energies of our clinical disciplines through an emerging, innovative framework for interprofessional education.

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 and research centers including CPH’s Center for Obesity Research and Education.

Information and Applications. For more information, please contact Dr. Alexis McKenney, RT Program Director, at mckenney@temple.edu. For full consideration, applications must submit their curriculum vitae, cover letter, statement of teaching interests, and the names, telephone numbers and email addresses of 3-5 professional references. All material should be submitted via email to mckenney@temple.edu. Review of applications will begin 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.