

PHS CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Department Chair and Professor

Department of Public Health Sciences, College of Health and Human Services

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The University of North Carolina Charlotte invites applications and nominations for a Chair of a new academic unit in the field of public health. In support of college efforts to pursue School of Public Health accreditation, the existing Department of Public Health Sciences will split into two departments. The incoming chair will lead a new department of 20+ faculty and staff and will oversee our CEPH-accredited BSPH, MPH, and PhD programs in Public Health Sciences and Epidemiology. The College of Health and Human Services is an applicant for accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health. This is a twelve-month position with competitive salary and benefits with an earliest start date of July 1, 2024.

We are seeking an energetic chairperson to successfully lead the new unit and its talented faculty and staff during an exciting and transformative period in the department's history.

Qualifications

The Department requires a Chairperson to lead and facilitate all aspects of the Department's operations. The successful candidate must have an earned doctorate in a Public Health discipline or closely related area and be eligible for appointment as Professor with tenure. A successful candidate should have a record of effective undergraduate and graduate teaching, as well as a record of extensive scholarship and grantsmanship. Communication, interpersonal, and change management skills and experience using data to effectively develop, implement, and improve programs and initiatives in a visible and dynamic department are essential. This individual will contribute strong relationship-building and creative problem-solving skills to advance the College and University Strategic Plans, contribute to the Department's mission and initiatives, promote interdisciplinary collaboration and community partnerships, and engage institutional and community partners. Prior administrative or academic leadership experience is preferred, particularly with accreditation through the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Department

The current Department of Public Health Sciences is committed to excellence in research and teaching, to building a faculty and staff committed to preparing a diverse workforce, and to extending educational opportunities to students from diverse backgrounds. Plans are for the existing public health sciences unit to be separated into two new academic units—one with a

focus epidemiology and community health and the second with a focus on health administration and policy. The Department mission is to advance health equity and well-being in an urbanizing world. The Department has extensive ties with local and regional health departments, health care systems, and other community partners. The unit offers CEPH-accredited BSPH, MPH, and PhD programs in Public Health Sciences Epidemiology. The unit is a member of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH).

The College of Health & Human Services (CHHS) offers a wide range of graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs to prepare graduates to pursue advanced degrees, and for a variety of practice, research and administrative roles in the health and human services fields. Our high quality, innovative educational programs include opportunities to study abroad and for distance education. Existing academic units include the [Department of Applied Physiology, Health, and Clinical Sciences](#), [Department of Public Health Sciences](#), [School of Social Work](#), [School of Nursing](#), and the College contributes to the interdisciplinary [School of Data Science](#). An interdisciplinary Gerontology program offers both undergraduate and graduate degree options. The College is currently approved to pursue status as a CEPH-accredited School of Public Health. Approximately 4,400 students annually, with around 3,900 undergraduate students and 500 graduate students are enrolled in our programs. The college has over 200 faculty members who are actively engaged in research and scholarship, and who bring real-world experience to their teaching.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is North Carolina's urban research university and the second largest and fastest growing of 17 institutions in the UNC System., UNC Charlotte is a diverse and inclusive institution with local-to-global impact that transforms lives, communities and industries through access and affordability, exemplary undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, scholarship, creative work, innovation and service. The 1,000-acre campus serves a diverse and growing student body of approximately 30,000 students, with more than 6,000 graduate students, and over 1,100 full-time faculty. Charlotte, the 15th largest city in the U.S., is a dynamic, diverse metropolitan area of 2.7 million people with a strong, diversified economic base that supports outstanding cultural and recreational amenities, major health facilities, and a major international airport. The University boasts strong existing relationships with all major hospital systems in the region, one of which is the nation's 3rd largest public nonprofit healthcare system.

Applications and Nominations

As an EOE/AA employer and an ADVANCE Institution that strives to create an academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained, the University of North

Carolina at Charlotte encourages applications from all underrepresented groups. All finalists are subject to criminal background checks. Applications must be submitted electronically (<https://jobs.charlotte.edu/postings/xxxxx>) and must include a cover letter summarizing unique qualifications to lead the Department, as well as teaching, research and administrative experiences; a current CV; and a list of four references with contact information.

Nominations and inquiries from potential applicants can be directed to Dr. Shanti Kulkarni, Search Committee Chair via email through (skulkar4@charlotte.edu). Review of applications will begin 01/10/24 and continue until the position is filled.