Position: 50% Graduate Teaching Assistant (Discussion Leader)

Course Number and Title: [CPH:1600 Public Health Science: Inquiry and Investigation in Public Health](https://myui.uiowa.edu/my-ui/courses/details.page?_ticket=NAx-yQRPpzoi6E_TobDH2eJ9XB0WGfE2&id=829505&ci=170290)

Course Instructors: Knute Carter (primary instructor), Margaret Chorazy (team teacher)

Start date: January 10, 2018 (3-business days prior to start of semester)

End date: This is a one semester appointment.

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2017**

The College of Public Health Undergraduate Program is seeking a 50% Graduate Teaching Assistant (Discussion Leader) to teach three discussion sections of CPH:1600 Public Health Science: Inquiry and Investigation in Public Health.

This course is intended for lower-level undergraduates and is a requirement for students in the public health major, a pre-requisite for students intending to apply to the major, and a requirement for the undergraduate certificate in public health. This course will provide foundational principles in epidemiology, biostatistics, and evidence-based public health. Emphasis will be placed on conceptual understanding rather than computational mechanics. Additionally, this course will provide an opportunity for students to explore the interdisciplinary nature of public health practice and research to enrich understanding of public policy and population-based interventions.

This half-time appointment will require effort that will average 20 hours of work per week over the course of the semester. Faculty supervisor(s) will discuss the specific expectations of this teaching position. The TA is expected to attend weekly class lectures (MW 9:30-10:20am) and lead three discussion sections (choose three of the following times: Th 8:30-9:20pm, Th 2:30-3:20pm, Th 3:30-4:20pm, F 9:30-10:20am)

The following table is an example of the average weekly effort that we expect for this position.

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|  | **Average # Hours per Week** |
| **Contact Hours** |  |
| Lecture (attend 2 sessions) | 2 |
| Discussion (3 sections) | 3 |
| **Preparation/Grading** |  |
| Weekly meeting with course instructors | 1 |
| Individual preparation/grading | 9 |
| **Office Hours** | 3 |
| **Other\*** | 2 |

\* Other work may include, but is not restricted to, attending TA orientation and/or training sessions before the start of the semester, handling grade complaints or academic dishonesty, subbing for instructors who are sick, assisting with online course materials, contact hours with students outside of office hours (in person or email communications), etc.

The above chart establishes a guideline for expectations; you are scheduled for a five-day workweek (Monday-Friday) regardless of the appointment percentage, unless altered in writing by your direct supervisor. The exact weekly schedule and assignment of duties will be determined by your supervisor, in consultation with you. It is reasonable to expect small variations in the number of hours allocated to each activity in any given week.

To be eligible for assignment to this teaching position, the student must have suitable knowledge and teaching ability. Judgments of knowledge and ability will be made by the Director of Undergraduate Programs or the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, in consultation with the hiring faculty. These judgments will be based on many factors, including interviews, references, evaluations from previous teaching supervisors, students’ evaluations from previous teaching assignments, and specialized training in instruction.

Required qualifications:

* Enrollment in a graduate program at the University of Iowa College of Public Health
* Excellent verbal and written communication skills
* Completion of introductory biostatistics and epidemiology coursework

Desired qualifications:

* Prior teaching experience with evidence of teaching excellence through student and/or faculty evaluations

Application instructions: Applications are accepted by emailing [cph-hr@uiowa.edu](mailto:cph-hr@uiowa.edu). Applications should include a cover letter, a resume, and contact information for the following individuals, who may be contacted to provide a reference regarding your academic standing in the program, progression toward degree completion, academic performance in related coursework, and/or prior teaching experience:

* Current academic advisor
* A Biostatistics professor with whom you’ve completed biostatistics coursework
* An Epidemiology professor with whom you’ve completed epidemiology coursework
* Faculty supervisor for a prior teaching appointment (if applicable)

A criminal background check will be required for the candidate of choice.

The University of Iowa is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply and will receive consideration for employment free from discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, natural origin, age, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, religion, associational preference, status as a qualified individual with a disability, or status as a protected veteran.