Position: 25% Graduate Teaching Assistant

Course Number and Title: CPH:1800 Social & Psychological Determinants of Health

Course Instructor: Faryle Nothwehr (primary instructor)

Start date: (3-business days prior to start of semester)

End date: This is a one semester appointment.

**Application Deadline: November 16, 2018**

The College of Public Health Undergraduate Program is seeking a 25% Graduate Teaching Assistant to assist with grading and small group supervision for the course CPH:1800 Social & Psychological Determinants of Health. Depending upon the background and experience of the TA, they may be invited to provide one or more lectures during the semester.

This course is intended for lower-level undergraduates and is a requirement for students in the public health major, BA degree. It provides an overview of common health issues with an emphasis on health as a state of physical, mental and social well-being and not just the absence of disease. It also emphasizes the role of behavior in health promotion among communities. It is designed to help students recognize reasons for variability in health among different populations.

This quarter-time appointment will require effort that will average 10 hours of work per week over the course of the semester. The faculty supervisor will discuss the specific expectations of this teaching position. 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, MW (3:30-4:45) | 2.5 |
| **Preparation** |  |
|    Weekly meeting with course supervisor | 1 |
|    Preparation for weekly in-class activities | 1.25 |
| **Grading** |  |
|    Grading quizzes and other assignments | 1.25 |
| **Office Hours** | 2 |
| **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, 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, letters of recommendation, 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 college-level health, health promotion, or health psychology coursework

Desired qualifications:

* Prior teaching experience with evidence of teaching excellence through student and/or faculty evaluations
* Familiarity with a broad range of health conditions.

Application instructions: Applications are accepted by emailing 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 professor with whom you have completed health, health promotion, or health psychology 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.