

The Department of Health and Kinesiology seeks an

# ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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**The Department of Health and Kinesiology** in the College of Applied Health Sciences is home to the University of Illinois's CEPH-accredited Master of Public Health (MPH) program, where faculty members actively engage in public health research and initiatives addressing key societal challenges related to health and well-being across the lifespan. The new assistant professor will contribute to the expansion of the MPH program, both residential and online, to increase our reach into underserved areas of the state, nation and beyond.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is a land-grant, American Association of Universities, world-class public research institution. The university provides strong support for research and opportunities for collaboration with leaders across campus and in the field.

### **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Department of Health and Kinesiology is seeking an exceptional candidate for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor. The ideal candidate will have an active research program with a demonstrated ability to establish and sustain an externally funded research agenda. Additionally, the candidate should be able to teach and develop courses in undergraduate and graduate programs, including areas such as biostatistics and epidemiology. The candidate will also support new programming within the MPH program, offered in both residential and online modalities. Additional responsibilities include mentoring students, collaborating with faculty and staff, engaging in departmental and professional service and working with community partners on public health initiatives.

The mission of the department is to advance and disseminate knowledge related to health, rehabilitation and human movement using an interdisciplinary approach. Through the integration of high-quality research, instruction and outreach programs, faculty scholars within HK are leading initiatives that address pressing concerns of our diverse society such as prevention and management of chronic disease as well as maintenance of health and well-being across the lifespan. HK hosts a diverse group of faculty, students, and staff working and learning in a collegial and collaborative environment. HK offers BS degrees in Community Health, Interdisciplinary Health and Kinesiology; MS and PhD degrees in Community Health and Kinesiology; Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Health Administration (MHA) and Master of Science in Health Technology (MSHT). More than 1,700 undergraduate and 200 graduate students are enrolled in the department. Most undergraduate students continue their education in professional allied health or graduate degree programs, and most doctoral graduates attain positions in academia or industry. The recently renovated Freer Hall Lab includes a variety of new laboratory space totaling ~38,000 ft<sup>2</sup> that includes several wet and dry space laboratories, office spaces for students and faculty and common areas designed for meetings and collaboration. The research laboratories include two biochemistry and cell culture laboratories, equipped with centrifuges, biosafety cabinets, chemical fume hoods, incubators, -20° C freezers, flammable refrigerators, water purification system and lab benches with vacuum and compressed air connectors. The three biospecimen collection sites include phlebotomy chairs and hospital beds designed for long-term studies. The metabolic testing laboratory is equipped with an isokinetic dynamometer for measuring muscle strength (HUMAC Norm), two treadmills and a metabolic cart (Parvo). There is also a body composition lab equipped with several ultrasound machines and a DXA for measuring body composition. Other facilities include a fully equipped metabolic kitchen and an observation room.

#### **CLOSE DATE**

6 p.m. (CST) Nov. 14, 2025

#### PROPOSED START DATE

Aug. 16, 2026

#### **SALARY/APPOINTMENT**

This is a full-time 9-month faculty appointment. Compensation will be commensurate with the candidate's experience, with a 9-month salary range of \$80,000 to \$95,000. The position includes start-up funds and an attractive benefits package.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

For further information about this specific position, please contact Search Committee Chair Dr. Pedro Hallal (phallal@illinois.edu). For questions regarding the application process, please contact 217-333-2137.

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The successful candidate must have a PhD, DrPH, DVM or MD in public health, community health, epidemiology, biostatistics, kinesiology or a related field. A strong record of academic scholarship and teaching experience that meets qualifications for the rank of assistant professor at the University of Illinois is required. Research areas of interest include, but are not limited to, health behavior and promotion, health disparities, one health, rural health, community assessment surveillance and implementing and evaluating effects of community-level interventions, all approached through the lens of epidemiology/biostatistics. Experience collaborating with communities on public health initiatives is also desirable.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE INFORMATION

To apply, create a candidate profile at <a href="jobs.illinois.edu">jobs.illinois.edu</a> and select the position for which you are applying (1027701); then upload all required documents, including:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Research statement (up to 2 pages)
- Teaching statement (up to 2 pages)
- Commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion statement (up to 1 page)
- A list of names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers for at least three references.
   Candidates will be informed before references are contacted.

#### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY**

The university offers generous <u>employee benefits</u> including health insurance, retirement programs, tuition waivers and other development opportunities for personal and professional growth. The University assists faculty spouses and partners seeking employment through the <u>Dual Career Program</u> and encourages <u>work-life balance and family friendly programs</u>. To learn more about all Champaign-Urbana has to offer, <u>visit this page</u>.

The University of Illinois must also comply with applicable federal export control laws and regulations and, as such, reserves the right to employ restricted party screening procedures for applicants.

The University of Illinois System is an equal opportunity employer, including but not limited to disability and/or veteran status, and complies with all applicable state and federal employment mandates. Please visit **Required Employment Notices and** Posters to view our non-discrimination statement and find additional information about required background checks, sexual harassment/misconduct disclosures, and employment eligibility review through E-Verify. Applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply and may request a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (2008) to complete the application and/or interview process. Requests may be submitted through the reasonable accommodations portal, or by contacting the Accessibility & **Accommodations Division of the Office** for Access and Equity at 217-333-0885, or

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