

Date: Fri, 10/16/20

To: SPH Faculty & Staff

Subject: Instructor Needed for SPH 480: Research Methods in Public Health

Message:

Dear colleagues,

The Public Health-Global Health Major is recruiting for an instructor in SPH 480: Research Methods in Public Health. The course currently runs in Autumn, Winter, Spring quarters. The position supports 75% FTE distributed across co-instructors. The new instructor will join an established team of three other instructors (Jenn Slyker, Sara Glick, and Kate West) who have taught the course in combination since 2016.

The Public Health-Global Health Major posts teaching openings across the School, as it is a school-wide program. However, competitive candidates for this position are expected to have extensive experience in Public Health or Global Health research. I have included more details below but would appreciate if you could post within your departments and programs as per your protocols when new teaching opportunities arise. If you have specific people you think would be a good fit, please encourage them to contact Jenn Slyker at jslyker@uw.edu.

Best,
Joe

Position:

Undergraduate Instructor for SPH 480: Research Methods in Public Health, School of Public Health, Public Health-Global Health Major

We seek to hire an instructor to co-teach SPH 480: Research Methods in Public Health to juniors and seniors in the Public Health-Global Health Major. The course description reads as follows: SPH 480 applies concepts and research methods to real public health problems. The course is 5 credits and will be offered in AUT 2020, WIN 2021, and SPR 2021; though this opening is for an instructor who can begin in SPR 2021. The position supports 10% FTE for SPR 2021, with FTE for subsequent quarters negotiable between the course co-instructors. The hired instructor will work with the current instructional team to coordinate responsibilities for the course.



The Public Health-Global Health Major is a School-wide, interdisciplinary liberal education program with over 500 students who have a variety of academic and professional goals. SPH 480 is the third course in the Integrated Core series required of all majors. The course utilizes a flipped classroom model that is ~90% active learning. Students work in groups to design a research study, collect, and analyze data. The course covers quantitative and qualitative study design and provides an introduction to implementation science. Course enrollment will be approximately 135 students in Spring 2021 and 100-110 per quarter thereafter. See specific course learning objectives at bottom.

In addition to teaching, instructors in the Public Health-Global Health Major are expected to hold office hours once per week and make themselves available to meet with students as needed, convey student issues for problem solving and program improvement, contribute to course and program assessment, and participate in instructor meetings (two half-day retreats per year and weekly instructor check-ins).

Qualifications:

Candidates are expected to possess the following:

- An advanced degree in public health, epidemiology or a related field;
- Domestic or international research experience;
- Fluent in epidemiologic methods;
- Conversant in qualitative methods and implementation science;
- Evidence of teaching, or commitment to grow professionally as an instructor;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Experience with and enthusiasm for undergraduate education and education pedagogy;
- Familiarity with and commitment to the mission and values of public health and global health; and
- Understanding of and commitment to supporting the needs of underrepresented and first-generation college students.

Inquiries and Applications:

Please submit a letter addressing your interest and experience alignment and a CV via the [SPH 480 Application Google form](#) by Sunday, November 1, 2020. Note that you must be signed into a Google account (UW or preferred Gmail account) in order to submit this application. If you're having problems, please contact joehk@uw.edu.

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employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, protected veteran or disabled status, or genetic information.

Course Learning Objectives:

SPH 480: Research Methods in Public Health

The course applies concepts and research methods to real public health problems and has the following learning objectives:

1. Apply the scientific method and critical thinking skills to complex public health questions
2. Use evidence-based decision making and critical thinking skills to examine public health problems and potential solutions
3. Identify appropriate qualitative and quantitative methods to answer public health research questions
4. Compare and contrast various measures and tools to assess the health of populations
5. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of different study designs used in both discovery and implementation science research
6. Critically evaluate the public health research literature
7. Communicate scientific arguments
8. Understand the regulatory framework governing research with human subjects
9. Demonstrate proficiency in transferrable basic research skills
10. To translate research finding into actionable program or policy guidelines