



College of Public Health

FACULTY POSITION: DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SCIENCES, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

The **Department of Rehabilitation Sciences** at Temple University is seeking an enthusiastic, dedicated academic leader to join the nationally-acclaimed **Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Program** in the College of Public Health (CPH). We seek candidates with proven leadership to collaborate on academic innovations and interdisciplinary research. In addition to demonstrated leadership, the ideal candidate will have a strong teaching portfolio at the undergraduate and graduate level as well as a record of research and scholarship.

The TR program is part of an interdisciplinary Department of Rehabilitation Sciences that includes nationally recognized academic programs in Therapeutic Recreation (B.S. and M.S.) and Occupational Therapy (M.O.T and D.O.T.), as well as the Temple University Collaborative on Community Inclusion of Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities (www.tucollaborative.org), an internationally recognized research and training center. The TR program is one of the largest in the country with 10 full-time TR faculty and approximately 250 undergraduate and graduate students. Graduate faculty may participate in the College's doctoral training programs including PhD programs in social and behavioral sciences and kinesiology. In addition, TR faculty may contribute to the development of a master's degree in public health (MPH) focused on physical activity as well as cross-disciplinary team-teaching introductory courses in public health.

With the largest number of full-time, CTRS-certified faculty, the Temple TR program is a recognized leader in translational research and evidence-based practice, maintaining the only free online database focused in this area. Faculty in the program have an active program of funded research projects and are professionally engaged at the national and local levels. With a large, diverse network of health and human service agencies, the TR program enhances service provision to persons with disabilities through the provision of continuing education, program development and evaluation services to its diverse affiliates and community partners. Student performance on the NCTRC certification exam is dramatically higher than the national average.

The College of Public Health, a constellation of 9 academic units of kinesiology, public health, social work and other health professions, enrolls 4,600 students in 51 academic programs. The College has seen remarkable growth and organizational expansion in the configuration of programs, research profile, increase in rankings, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Under the leadership of Dean Laura Siminoff, an eminent public health social scientist, the college is engaging in advancing interdisciplinary research and academic programming in the health professions. The research of faculty in the College focuses on lifestyle and medical interventions, social, behavioral, and environmental inquiries, and basic and applied science and is sponsored by NIH, NSF, and NIDILRR among others. The College has the highest percentage of research funding per faculty member in the University.

Home to more than 38,000 students, Temple University is advancing in US rankings as evidenced by its recent Carnegie designation as a Doctoral University: Highest Research Activity. Temple is also ranked by the National Science Foundation as among the top 100 universities in the country for research expenditures. Temple is the 5th largest provider of professional education in the country and includes Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry, and Dentistry in addition to research centers including the NCI-designated Fox Chase Cancer Center. Well known for student diversity, Temple is located in historic and culturally rich Philadelphia, the nation's 5th largest city. The city was ranked 3rd by the New York Times as a world tourist destination.

Duties for this position will be assigned to reflect the selected candidate's strengths in leadership, teaching, and research. Successful applicants will have an advanced degree, experience in the profession of therapeutic recreation, and certification (or eligibility) as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS). Rank and appointment track (tenure/non-tenure track) are negotiable and will be determined based on the qualifications of the applicant. Salary and benefits are competitive and will be commensurate with credentials and experience.

Interested applicants may contact Dr. Kathy Coyle, Senior Advisor to the Dean, to discuss this position at ccoyle@temple.edu. For full consideration, applications must submit their curriculum vitae, cover letter, statement of teaching and research interests, and the names, telephone numbers and email addresses of 3-5 professional references. All material should be submitted via email to ccoyle@temple.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Start date for this appointment is negotiable.

Temple University is an equal opportunity, equal access, affirmative action employer committed to achieving a diverse community.