



The University of Texas at El Paso

Department of Public Health Sciences – College of Health Sciences Assistant/Associate Professor

Responsibilities: This position is a tenure-track, nine-month academic year appointment with the possibility of summer teaching. Faculty duties include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in public health administration and related areas; advising graduate students; mentoring master's and doctoral students; engaging in scholarly research and publication, including external grant proposals; and participating in service opportunities within the department, college, university and profession. The anticipated appointment date is Fall 2014.

Qualifications: Applicants are required to have the following: 1) a PhD, DrPH, or other appropriate earned doctoral degree from an accredited institution in public health or a related field, e.g., public health administration, health economics, health policy or health service research; 2) a record of or potential for academic scholarship as demonstrated by research publications and ability to secure extramural research funding; 3) a commitment to and potential for teaching excellence or a record of successful college or university teaching and, 4) potential for or history of active participation and/or leadership roles in campus, community, and professional organizations. The successful candidate must be able to work effectively with faculty, staff, students, and community members from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Bilingual (English/Spanish) candidates are encouraged to apply. Preferred candidates will have research expertise in Hispanic/border health, a solid collaborative research record, and an interest in working in a multi-cultural setting.

The Department: The Department of Public Health Sciences (<http://chs.utep.edu/publichealthsciences/>) has a strong history of interdisciplinary research, teaching, and community service. The Department offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion, a CEPH-accredited Master of Public Health, and a Graduate Certificate in Public Health. Department faculty actively participate in the College of Health Sciences/School of Nursing Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Ph.D. Program. Current enrollment in the department includes 103 undergraduate students and 40 MPH and graduate certificate program students. Our multidisciplinary faculty have research programs focused on Hispanic health disparities, chronic and infectious disease prevention, global health, public health nutrition, environmental and occupational health, maternal-child health and nutrition, and health education and promotion. The Department has ongoing collaborations with the Texas Tech University Health Science Center, local school districts, hospitals, international and national universities, and other UTEP departments. Several faculty have ongoing international research collaborations at field sites in Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Mexico. The Department has laboratories devoted to public health and nutrition research and teaching. These facilities are well-equipped for conducting laboratory and field research in immunology, molecular biology, infectious and chronic diseases, nutrition, and foods.

The College: The College of Health Sciences provides teaching, research, and service related to the applied health sciences (chs.utep.edu). It has five departments (Clinical Laboratory Science, Kinesiology, Public Health Sciences, Rehabilitation Sciences, and Social Work), a

cooperative Pharmacy program with the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, and a collaborative relationship with the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health-El Paso regional campus. Strong collaborative ties also exist with the UTEP School of Nursing, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso. The College is staffed by over 60 full-time faculty members, serves over 2000 students, and is nationally recognized for its innovative research in border health, and Hispanic health and health disparities. It has a record of success with NIH and external health research funding. The College faculty have been awarded \$15.6 million in external funding during the past five years for conducting research that spans basic and clinical science, from community to global health. The breadth of their research expertise includes health education and promotion, health literacy, chronic and communicable disease prevention and management, maternal-child health, nutrition, exercise science, disability and rehabilitation sciences, social stigma, and mental health. A cadre of graduate students assists faculty in conducting a variety of projects relevant to improving health outcomes in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Our \$60 million 138,000 sq. ft. building on the main campus houses state-of-the-art clinical and research laboratories, innovative teaching and clinical simulation spaces, and faculty and administrative offices.

The University: Soon to celebrate its Centennial year, The University of Texas at El Paso is an emerging national research university at the heart of the U.S.-Mexico border committed to the ideals of access and excellence. A leader among Hispanic-serving institutions, UTEP enrolls nearly 23,000 students – about 77 percent of them Hispanic – and is the only doctoral research university in the nation with a student body that is a majority Mexican-American. UTEP is designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as “Community Engaged” and by the US Department of Education as “Hispanic-Serving.” UTEP faculty have been nationally recognized for their commitment to student success, teaching, research, scholarship, and artistic expression.

UTEP comprises 8 colleges and offers 71 bachelor’s, 75 master’s, and 20 doctoral degrees, with more in development. UTEP’s nearly \$80 million in research spending a year ranks the University among the top 200 universities in the nation; and its \$40 million in federal research spending ranks fourth among all Texas public universities. UTEP is currently undergoing a transformation, which will benefit from over \$300 million in recent building expansions, renovations, and infrastructure improvements.

The center for intellectual capital in the region, UTEP has awarded more than 110,000 degrees since its founding in 1914. UTEP is one of the major economic engines in the Paso del Norte region, generating \$369 million in local business volume and 7,050 jobs, and contributing \$452 million in household income. UTEP offers exciting programs that are open to the public, including Division I athletics; award-winning theater, dance, and music; the internationally acclaimed Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts; the Centennial Museum and Desert Gardens; and continuing and lifelong education opportunities

El Paso County is a highly livable, bi-cultural community of 800,000 people, which offers affordable homes and attractive neighborhoods. It is the safest large city of its size in the United States. Shielded by mountains on three sides, El Paso experiences more than 300 days of sunshine annually and a dry climate, making it possible to enjoy outdoor activities year round. The city of El Paso is adjacent to both the state of New Mexico and the country of Mexico, making it the nation’s leading area for cultural diversity and border health research. El Paso

comprises 248 square miles, making it the sixth largest city in Texas, and 19th largest city in the United States.

Benefits: Multiple research opportunities are available in community and clinical settings. The initial salary and rank are negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position comes with an attractive start-up package and excellent fringe benefits.

Application Information: Applicants must submit the following: **(1)** a cover letter, **(2)** a curriculum vitae, and **(3)** complete contact information for three professional references. Candidates will be notified before references are contacted. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply by November 30, 2013. For more information, please contact Dr. Maria Duarte-Gardea by e-mail at moduarte@utep.edu or by phone at (915) 747-7252.

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