

Head, Department of Community and Behavioral Health The University of Iowa, College of Public Health

The University of Iowa College of Public Health seeks a dedicated and experienced leader for the Head of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health. The Department Head serves as the departmental executive officer and reports directly to the Dean of the College. The successful candidate will facilitate the growing national reputation of the Department in research, service, and teaching, and will work closely with other academic units and state and community partners to foster interdisciplinary collaboration. It is presumed that the new Head will be appointed at the level of Professor with Tenure.

The College of Public Health, established in 1999, has grown to include 82 full-time faculty positions and over 425 graduate students. The annual revenues in FY07 were more than \$60 million, of which \$45 million was from external research funding. The College of Public Health has five departments; Community and Behavioral Health, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Health Management and Policy, and Occupational and Environmental Health. Dr. Susan Curry, an internationally recognized public health researcher and inspiring academic leader, joined the College as Dean in August, 2008. The College has a very successful fundraising campaign underway and will complete a new, state-of-the-art college building in fall, 2010. The College offers a collaborative, high-energy culture, and engages with many academic, government, and community partners.

The Department of Community and Behavioral Health was the only new Department created with the establishment of the new College of Public Health in 1999. As the newest Department, CBH has 11 primary faculty, 52 students, and \$4.2 million in research funding. The Department excels in research and teaching in the areas of smoking cessation and prevention, alcohol/drug abuse and dependence, health communication, mental health, community development and empowerment, injury prevention, obesity, public health program evaluations, and youth risk behaviors. The Department excels in developing, evaluating, and disseminating evidence-based practices including community-level interventions. In addition to our degrees in community and behavioral health (MPH, MS, and PhD), CBH offers graduate degree subtracks in health communication, maternal, child, and family health, nutrition and exercise, addiction studies, and occupational injury prevention research. The department currently houses four research centers: the CDC funded Prevention Research Center, the SAMHSA funded Prairieland Addiction Technology Transfer Center, the Iowa Tobacco Research Center, and the Center for Health Communication and Social Marketing.

Candidates for head of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health must have a PhD, DrPH, or an MD (with an MPH preferred), and at least 5 years of academic experience in a community health and/or behavioral/social science discipline relevant to public health. A record of research productivity, including extramural funding, and teaching experience are required. The candidate must demonstrate leadership and administrative ability, evidence of collaborative efforts in teaching and/or research, and a record of community service. The candidate must also demonstrate knowledge of effective strategies for working with diverse faculty, staff, and students, and a commitment to promoting a diverse environment.

The University of Iowa is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should apply electronically for Requisition # 55921 at <http://jobs.uiowa.edu/faculty>. Inquiries regarding the position can be made to Dr. Corinne Peek-Asa, Chair of the Search Committee, by phone: 319-335-4894 or email: Corinne-peek-asa@uiowa.edu. The search committee will continue to screen applicants until the position is filled. Nominations and applications should include a letter outlining interest and relevant experience, a curriculum vitae, and three references (to be contacted only with permission).