



Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Public Health

Recruitment #: F2540
Review Date: Open | Open until filled
Department: Division of Health and Exercise Science
Salary Rate: Commensurate with experience and qualifications [[CBA](#)]

About Western Oregon University:

Western Oregon University is a regional public, mid-sized university – committed to changing lives, strengthening communities and transforming our world. Located in Monmouth, the heart of Oregon's lush Willamette Valley, WOU is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state's capital and about 75 minutes from Portland, the state's cultural hub.

Western is one of Oregon's oldest public institutions of higher education and was incorporated into the state system as a teacher training institution in 1882. The university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in arts and sciences, education and professional areas. It's known for small class sizes, a focus on sustainability and a diverse liberal arts education in a student-centered environment. Western is an Hispanic Serving institution, with over 40% of undergraduates being students of color.

Position Summary:

Western Oregon University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in our Public Health program housed in the Division of Health and Exercise Science. We are seeking applicants with a background in programs, services, or policies that improve quality, utilization and/or access to health care services in the United States. Faculty may also teach core undergraduate courses and electives in the Public Health major.

The successful applicant would join a dynamic, student-centered, and collegial division with six other tenure-track faculty and several instructional faculty (please see our website at <https://wou.edu/hexs/>). Position duties would entail teaching three 4-credit courses per term with a primary responsibility for Public Health Program Planning and may also include US Health Care System and Health Policy, Health Communication, Environmental Health, Migrant Health, and electives in the applicant's specialty areas. Engaging in high-impact educational practice, regular public health scholarship, and providing meaningful service to the division, university and profession is expected.

[Click here](#) for the complete position description which includes knowledge areas and preferred qualifications.

Required Qualifications: Please ensure your application materials clearly demonstrate how you meet the following:

- Earned Doctorate (e.g. Ph.D., Dr. P.H., or Ed.D.) in public health, health promotion, health education, or related field is required (ABD considered if degree requirements will be completed prior to September 16, 2026).
- Teaching experience in higher education at the graduate and/or undergraduate level 0–6 months
- Experience building relationships with community partners 1–2 years

- Understanding of public health topics related to improving quality, utilization, and/or access to health care 1–2 years
- Experience in program planning, health service, and/or policy development 1–2 years
- Experience in student mentorship 1–2 years
- Evidence of productive scholarship 1–2 years

How to Apply: To apply for this position, please upload the following required materials within the application portal. Questions may be directed to employment@wou.edu

Applications missing any of the required documents will not move forward for consideration. Please include only the materials listed below:

1. WOU Employment Application form [available here](#) - unclassified/faculty
2. Cover Letter that outlines your qualifications and how they align with the position
3. Resume/CV
4. Unofficial transcripts for your highest degree earned
5. Complete and submit the Reference Check form, [available here](#) along with your application

Background/Education Check:

A criminal background check will be completed as a condition of employment. Education checks are processed for positions requiring a formal degree as a minimum requirement.

Benefits:

Western Oregon University offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities.

<http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/>

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Western Oregon University is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We embrace our differences, and know that our diverse team is a strength that drives our success.

Accommodation Requests:

Western Oregon University is committed to developing a barrier-free recruitment process and work environment. If you would like to request disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in a WOU activity or event, please complete the [online request form](#) at least three (3) business days in advance. If you have questions, contact Desiree Noah at noahd@wou.edu.

Veterans Preference

Applicants are eligible to use Veterans' Preference when applying with Western Oregon University in accordance with ORS 408.225, 408.230 and 408.235; and OAR 105-040-0010 and 105-040-0015. Preference will be given only if the applicant meets the minimum criteria of the position and

electronically attach the required documentation at the time of application. For information regarding Veterans' Preference qualifications, visit <http://www.oregonjobs.org/DAS/STJOBS/vetpoints.shtml>

To stay informed about the progress of this search, we invite and encourage you to explore our career page at wou.edu/hr/employment/jobs/. Unfortunately, due to the volume, it is challenging for us to offer individual updates on the status of each application, and for that, we sincerely regret any inconvenience. We thank you for your patience and interest in employment at Western Oregon University.