

Assistant Professor in Health Communication

The Department of Communication & Journalism at the University of New Mexico invites applications for a full-time probationary appointment leading to a tenure decision as an Assistant Professor in health communication to begin August, 2012.

The department expects to hire a specialist in health communication and is open to various theoretical and methodological approaches. Health communication is one of three core research areas in the department (with mass communication and intercultural communication) and includes such foci as interpersonal health communication, communication campaigns/social marketing, health disparities, community-based participatory research, and diffusion of innovations. There are multiple interdisciplinary research centers available for collaboration including efforts in substance abuse and addictions (Center for Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions), mental health, the Robert Wood Johnson Center on Health Policy, and the University of New Mexico Health Cancer Center.

This position will be a joint appointment with the BA/MD program (an innovative curricular program that admits New Mexico high school graduates as freshmen to UNM medical school and seeks to graduate them within 8 years with a BA and MD). The faculty member will be expected to teach a required junior-level seminar in the BA/MD program on cultural issues and health disparities along with courses at the undergraduate and graduate level in Communication & Journalism. Service commitments will be jointly shared with the BA/MD program and the department; the home department, however, will be Communication & Journalism.

The university is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to diversity through their teaching, research, and service. Advising graduate students in Communication & Journalism is an expectation.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Doctorate in communication or a related field by August 1, 2012.
2. Coursework, teaching experience, and/or research in health communication.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Demonstrated strength in teaching at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels
2. Experience using quantitative methods and ability to teach courses in quantitative methods.
3. Ability to mentor diverse students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
4. Record of active participation in professional communication associations.
5. Ability to contribute to other core areas in the department.
6. Ability or potential for obtaining extramural funding to support research and teaching programs.

Application Process: A complete application consists of: (1) letter of interest identifying areas of expertise, research interests, and teaching experience; (2) an academic resume, including e-mail address; (3) a sample of a recent, representative publication or conference paper; (4) evidence of teaching effectiveness (for example: student evaluations, observations, letters addressing candidate's teaching, syllabi); and (5) letters from three references. Letters of recommendation should be sent as PDF files from the letters' authors directly to Nancy C. Montoya, department administrator, Communication & Journalism: nmontoya@unm.edu.

For best consideration, apply by 11/1/2011. The position will remain open until filled.

The University of New Mexico, the flagship university in the state, is a research I university and a minority-serving institution. Founded in 1889, 30,000 students attend UNM, which offers over 200 degree and certificate programs. The Communication & Journalism Department sits on historic Route 66 in a newly renovated building and offers undergraduate majors in Communication and Journalism & Mass Communication, and Strategic Communication. The MA degree is a general communication degree; at the doctoral level, intercultural communication, culture and health communication, and culture and mass communication are the areas of emphasis.

The University of New Mexico lies in the heart of Albuquerque, a high desert city of 700,000 with a multi-cultural population. The city is bordered by the Sandia Mountains, straddles the Rio Grande, and enjoys 310 days of sunshine per year. In 2008, *Forbes Magazine* rated Albuquerque the 13th best metro area in the country and, in 2006, the best city for business and careers.

For complete details and to apply, please visit this website: <https://unmjobs.unm.edu/> and reference Posting Number: 0812990.

For more information, contact Stephen Littlejohn, Search Committee Chair, at swlittlejohn@comcast.net or (505) 450-3526.

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