Endowed Community Chair for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity in Early Childhood
(Associate Professor or Professor Rank)

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Public Health Department of Health Promotion, Social and Behavioral Health is seeking an individual to serve as an Endowed Community Chair for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity in Early Childhood. In conjunction with the Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska, the position will include a 5-year renewable endowed appointment and be at the rank of associate professor or professor.

The Community Chair for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity in Early Childhood will be responsible for leading community-engaged research that contributes to demonstrable improvements in public health and accompanying health behaviors, diet/nutrition and physical activity. In addition, the Community Chair will provide leadership and mentoring in this area for community partners, early career faculty, and graduate students. We are particularly interested in applicants who conduct research that develops evidence-based policy, program, and practice interventions, as well as those who focus on moving the evidence-base from research to practice environments. The successful applicant will (1) join an emerging network of Community Chairs focusing on multiple aspects of early child development (birth through 8 years old) including social work, mental health, and early childhood education, (2) be housed in the Department of Health Promotion, Social and Behavioral Health with a 25% appointment in the Buffett Early Childhood Institute, and (3) benefit from an affiliation with UNMC, the Buffett Early Childhood Institute, and the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition. This individual will be expected to contribute to the teaching, research, and outreach missions of UNMC with an emphasis on developing a high impact, nationally recognized research program that is integrated with high quality outreach activities.

UNMC is the only public educational institution devoted to health sciences in the state. It is currently comprised of colleges of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, public health, allied health professions, and the graduate college. The Harold M. and Beverly Maurer Center for Public Health is home to the UNMC College of Public Health. The UNMC College of Public Health—accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)—offers a wide range of programs and degrees such as certificate programs, the master of public health, and the doctor of philosophy to provide students with a comprehensive, well-rounded education in public health. The mission of the UNMC College of Public Health is to promote optimal health and well-being through robust education, research, and service in collaboration with communities in Nebraska, across the country, and around the world. The Department of Health Promotion Social and Behavioral Health influences the content and implementation of public policies in ways that improve the health of Nebraskans and people across the globe.

The candidate will be expected to pursue independent and collaborative research leading to funding, contribute to student mentorship and teaching responsibilities associated with our masters and doctoral programs (including the Ph.D. program in Health Promotion Social and Behavioral Health), and participate in service to UNMC and the community. This is a 12-month, tenure-track position.
Qualifications for this position include a doctorate in nutrition, physical activity, developmental psychology, health promotion, public health, or other related fields. Evidence of research and scholarship that demonstrates the potential for developing a high impact program of research in child development, nutrition, and physical activity (birth- age 8) with the potential secure extramural funding. Evidence of teaching excellence in traditional and non-traditional academic settings (e.g., community workshops and training activities). Demonstrated ability to identify, develop, and promote evidence-based approaches that improve nutrition and physical activity in early childhood. Preferred qualifications include experience in translational research with a focus on effectiveness research and implementation science, community-engaged research that results in community action, mixed-method research designs, and program, policy, or practice intervention development.

Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply at http://unmc.peopleadmin.com/postings/27922.

Review of applications will continue until a suitable candidate is selected and recommended for appointment.

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