School of Nursing Head and Associate Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue University seeks nominations and applications for the School of Nursing Head. The School of Nursing at Purdue University has been a leader in innovative nursing education for over fifty years by graduating nurses who are prepared to deliver outstanding care and lead systematic change. We prepare future nurses through impactful research, excellence in education, meaningful experiential opportunities, and engagement with the local community.

As the chief academic and administrative officer of the School of Nursing, the School Head’s primary role is to provide vision, leadership, and to foster a culture that promotes academic excellence, inclusiveness, collaboration and respect. Reporting directly to the Dean of Health and Human Sciences, the School Head will lead efforts in strategic planning, budgeting, enhancement initiatives, accreditation and professional standards, assuring external funding to support growth of the School, and faculty development. The Head also holds the title of Associate Dean, Health and Human Sciences.

Purdue Nursing takes a transdisciplinary approach to research, leveraging the expertise of outstanding researchers in the School of Nursing and across the College of Health and Human Sciences and university campus as we address challenges in health and healthcare. In our commitment to excellence in education, we are in the process of expanding our academic programs by: (1) doubling the undergraduate program - a 4-year process that began in fall 2016; (2) launching a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track and certificate that began summer of 2018; (3) creating a 3-year direct path from BS to DNP that began in fall 2017; and (4) launching a PhD program that began in 2017. Purdue Nursing’s engagement and partnership with the North Central Nursing Clinics, nurse-led community health centers with four sites in contiguous counties provides primary care in medically underserved areas and supports education of nurses and nurse practitioners in rural settings. Our campus-based Nursing Center for Family Health provides an interprofessional team to address wellness and health promotion.

Established in 1869, Purdue is Indiana’s land-grant university, a comprehensive educational and research institution that is a member of the American Association of Universities (AAU). Purdue ranks fifth among public institutions in the United States. The West Lafayette Campus, located one hour north of Indianapolis and two hours south of downtown Chicago, has ten academic colleges with an enrollment of 40,000 students. Purdue’s strengths in Engineering, Agriculture, Science, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Liberal Arts, Management, and the Health and Human Sciences contribute to a robust research and educational environment.

The School of Nursing partners with eight other academic units to form Purdue’s College of Health and Human Sciences. The School of Nursing has approximately 66 Faculty and continuing lecturers, 657 undergraduate students, and over 85 graduate students.

The ideal candidate for the position of Head, School of Nursing will possess the ability to collaborate across disciplines, engage and empower multiple communities, demonstrate a commitment to excellence in teaching and research, and stimulate a sense of community among faculty, staff, and students. The ability and commitment to provide leadership in cultivating a climate of respect and inclusiveness for students, staff and faculty within the School is essential.

Essential Qualifications:

- Hold a Master’s Degree in Nursing, and a Research Doctorate (PhD) Degree in Nursing or related field.
- Eligible to meet criteria for the rank of Full Professor with at least five years of teaching experience.
- Evidence of effective administrative and academic program leadership.
- Record of excellence in research and success in securing research funding.
- Working knowledge of nurse managed clinics, and an understanding of the roles of clinics in faculty practice and student education.
- Hold or be eligible to obtain an RN license in the state of Indiana upon appointment.

Nominations and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For best consideration, applications should be received by January 15, 2019 and include a cover letter that addresses the criteria above and a full CV. Nominations and
applications should be submitted to Kyle Smith, Executive Recruiter at smith855@purdue.edu. A background check is required for employment in this position.

Purdue University’s School of Nursing is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including scholarship, instruction, and engagement. Candidates should address at least one of these areas in their cover letter, indicating their past experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion.

Purdue is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.