The Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH), University of Toronto invites applications for Practicum Manager, MPH-Nutrition & Dietetics. The expected start date is February 1, 2022, or shortly thereafter.

The Program:
The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree in the field of Nutrition and Dietetics (N&D) is a program that offers students the opportunity to develop expertise in nutrition practice from a wide range of perspectives within the health and food system, from disease prevention to palliation.

This dietetic education program is a program accredited by Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) and prepares students for eligibility for registration with a provincial dietetics regulatory body. The Master of Public Health-Nutrition and Dietetics program is one of the educational programs offered through the Division of Clinical Public Health in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. It is administered by the Graduate Department of Public Health Sciences in partnership with the Department of Nutritional Sciences, the University Health Network and Toronto Public Health.

The 20-month program begins in September and admits 25-30 students each year. Each student completes practicum placements where they require external preceptor supervision to meet the dietetic practical training requirements.

Background

Established by Royal Charter in 1827, the University of Toronto is the largest and most prestigious research-intensive university in Canada, located in one of the world's great cities. The University has more than 19,000 faculty and staff, some 73,000 students enrolled across three campuses, an annual budget of $1.8 billion, including $376 million in externally funded research, an additional $469 million in research funding in the affiliated teaching hospitals, and one of the premier research libraries in North America.

The Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH; http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/) has an illustrious history that began in the 1920's and continued with a renaissance beginning in 2008 (see synopsis at http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/about/). The most prominent School of Public Health in Canada, the DLSPH now has a roster of over 1000 students. It houses the Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation, the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, and the Joint Centre for Bioethics.

Position Summary:
The Practicum Manager works with students and external partners to broker and manage placement opportunities and find solutions for challenges that may arise with students and preceptors in the placement setting. The Practicum Manager also takes a lead in recommending appropriate preceptor training and will implement best practice approaches for the introduction of novel placement modalities (e.g. virtual/remote/simulation) to be consistent with the program’s accreditation requirements.
Qualifications:
- Registration as a member in good standing with a Canadian provincial College of Dietitians;
- Master’s degree in relevant area;
- Teaching and/or preceptoring experience;
- In-depth knowledge of the Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice (ICDEP);
- Excellent skills in organization and priority setting, communication, time management, problem-solving, building liaisons and developing relationships, negotiating and conflict resolution;
- Comfort with office software, electronic communications and web-based information sharing.

Reporting Relationship:
- Position functionally reports to the Program Director – MPH-Nutrition & Dietetics, DLSPH and the Division Head, Clinical Public Health Division - DLSPH.

Nature of Duties:
- Ensures that placement resourcing aligns with program targets and accreditation demands, including:
  - recruitment and mentorship of preceptors;
  - recruitment and evaluation of practicum sites;
  - development and maintenance of policies and procedures required for student support and accreditation;
- Matching students with preceptors and sites, for greatest learning advantage;
- Mentors and provides student support while in placement, grades work submitted by students through practica, and manages preceptor support;
- Participates with the broader program team to ensure overall program and curriculum support student achievement;
- Participates in program promotion, student selection, admissions, orientation, and program evaluation, as appropriate;
- Participates in partner liaison activities in support of the program with public health, clinical, community, food service, corporate nutrition agencies, and with dietetic professional associations regionally and nationally, as appropriate;
- Conducts and/or participates in applied research and publishes in peer-reviewed journals and other communication vehicles, as appropriate.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Applications should include a letter of application stating your professional experience and goals along with curriculum vitae. Professional references will also be required. Completed applications may be sent to Pierrette Buklis (pierrette.buklis@utoronto.ca) by January 14, 2022.

Diversity Statement
The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous /Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.
Accessibility Statement
The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.