JOB POSTING
SESSIONAL LECTURER for Summer Term 2022 – CUPE 3902 Unit 3

Course#/Course Title: CHL5522H Indigenous Food Systems, Environment, and Health

Course Description: This course introduces students to Indigenous peoples’ food, nutrition, and health issues. Using the concept of food security as a framework, food availability, accessibility, adequacy, and acceptability will be discussed in the context of historical and current Indigenous food systems. Indigenous peoples’ traditional territories are being transformed by settlers and by global economic, social and environmental influences. This course will provide an overview of food systems and health issues by focusing on traditional and local food systems of Indigenous peoples, how these are changing with global influence, and the links to nutrition and health disparities.

Course Learning Objectives: Traditional food systems are comprised by foods which are produced from the local environment using traditional Indigenous knowledge and reinforced by Indigenous cultural identity and sovereignty. Students will explore traditional and local food systems and the forces that are shaping the food choices and patterns in Indigenous communities, as well as examining cultural identity and self-determination. Students will explore the shifting dietary intakes and their impact on Indigenous populations (i.e., obesity and Type 2 diabetes). Critical analysis of how nutrition issues fit into public health policy and healthy public policy are necessary. Students will be able to characterize cultural, social, environmental, political and economic factors that have and continue to have influence on Indigenous food systems.

Estimated course enrolment: 15-18 students

Estimated TA support: Not needed

Schedule: May 16-20 and June 8 – in residency at Hart House Farm

Sessional dates: May 1–August 31, 2022 (May 16-20 & June 8 with assignments due July 11-22)

Salary:
- Sessional Lecturer I: $8,489.67 (Half Course)
- Sessional Lecturer I - Long Term: $8,869.25 (Half Course)
- Sessional Lecturer II: $9,085.58 (Half Course)
- Sessional Lecturer III: $9,301.90 (Half Course)

Please note that should rates stipulated in the Collective Agreement vary from rates stated in this posting, the rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail.
Qualifications:
The successful applicant will have a PhD or be in progress of a PhD in Indigenous health and studies. We are seeking previous experience in teaching in alignment with Indigenous pedagogies and ways of doing. The applicant will have strong knowledge of the Indigenous determinants of health, including food, environment, and culture. The applicant will also have knowledge of Indigenous food systems and sovereignty as it pertains to cultural resurgence.

Description of duties: All normal duties related to design, administration, and teaching of a university credit course. This includes the following: preparing daily content; developing course structure; administration and marking of assignments; driving class participation; maintaining reasonable availability for student contact. The applicant will also be required to maintain an up-to-date Quercus page to support student learning. As this course will be land-based activities and the involvement of Elders and Knowledge Keepers, the successful applicant will need to deliver this intensive course in-person at Hart House Farm and stay in residence for the duration. There will be one day (June 8, 2022) at the University of Toronto Mississauga campus. The applicant should be able to guide students at both sites, or have willingness to gain familiarity of the environments. Each day will consist of check-ins, seminars, daily reflections, small group discussions, and connecting with Elders and Knowledge Keepers. The applicant may be required to invite Elders and Knowledge Keepers for a short duration of the course. Following the in-person sessions, the applicant will only be required to meet with students as needed during July 2022.

Closing date: April 4, 2022

All individuals interested in this position must submit a Curriculum Vitae, and the CUPE 3902 Unit 3 application form (PDF or RTF, also available at https://uoft.me/CUPE-3902-Unit-3-Application-Form) to:

c/o Christine Lowe
Dalla Lana School of Public Health
University of Toronto
Email: christine.lowe@utoronto.ca

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