



Sessional Lecturer | School of Population and Public Health

The School of Population and Public Health invites applications for a part-time (0.17 FTE) Sessional Lecturer to teach the following course in the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program:

**SPHA 563 (1.5 credit course)**

Ethics and Ethical Decision Making in Health Care  
Winter 2023/2024, Term 2  
Appointment dates: April 1, 2024 – May 15, 2024

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Educating thoughtful and responsible leaders includes developing an awareness and ability to respond to ethical issues commonly encountered in the health care setting and facing health care administrators.

In SPHA 563 (MHA Year Two), students will examine various ethical dilemmas that emerge in the health-care setting. The course begins by looking at some ethical principles and seeing how they can help address dilemmas arising in the clinical and organizational settings. In particular, students will focus on ethical issues arising in the health care system, and how certain features of the system may contribute to or perpetuate some of these problems. This includes an exploration of how various ethical frameworks and decision-making processes can enhance accountable and responsive care, and how our own value systems, professional codes of ethics, laws, public policies, and the larger social structure all affect ethical health-care decision making.

This course will be taught online. Classes will be held in Zoom sessions, with details distributed via the Canvas system. The course has been organized with a mix of asynchronous (self-directed unscheduled class-time) and synchronous (online and scheduled) activities.

**Date/Time:** Course dates are April 12-13, 2024, and May 4-5, 2024. Classes are taught on Friday afternoons and weekends with two 1.5 credit courses over two weekends. You will also complete individual and group coursework between classes.

**Lecture:** In-person at UBC Robson Square (UBC's downtown campus). Hi-flex/hybrid learning opportunities for students may be considered, as required.

**Required Texts and Other Materials:** All readings will be posted on the UBC learning platform, Canvas, and links to the UBC Library online course reserves

**Salary:** Based on sessional lecturer's salary scale as per the UBCFA Collective Agreement

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Reporting to the Director of the UBC School of Population and Public Health, the incumbent will be responsible for:

- The course content and its delivery.
- The terms of the appointment include all course preparation, end-of-course work, including any deferred or supplemental examinations that might be required or re-reads that students are entitled to receive.
- Grades for MHA courses must be submitted in the Faculty Service Centre (FSC) or to the MHA program for entry 6 weeks after the course ends.
- All duties and responsibilities shall be carried out under the direction of the School's Director and are subject to evaluation by the Director. The incumbent is expected to observe, at all times, the highest

professional standards.

## QUALIFICATIONS

Successful applicants will have:

- A PhD
- Professional experience in clinical ethics, specializing in health care and public health ethics
- Experience teaching ethics courses at a graduate level
- Course content specifically for ethics and ethical decision-making suited for clinicians and administrators in a healthcare leadership program
- Willingness to respect diverse perspectives, including perspectives in conflict with one's own.
- Demonstrates a commitment to enhancing one's own awareness, knowledge, and skills related to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants should include with the letter of application:

- A cover letter and CV, which includes a record of experience and a detailed list of all post-secondary courses taught (course name and number, length, credit value, dates, and teaching responsibilities)

### Applications should be directed to:

Taryn Lowther

Human Resources Manager, UBC School of Population and Public Health

Email: [taryn.lowther@ubc.ca](mailto:taryn.lowther@ubc.ca)

Subject Line: SPHA 563 Sessional Lecturer Position

Applications will be accepted until February 8, 2024, or until the position is filled.

For more information, please visit <https://www.spph.ubc.ca/programs/mha/>

All positions are subject to availabilities of funds and will be governed by UBC's "Agreement on Conditions of Appointment for Sessional Faculty Members".

## ABOUT SPPH

SPPH is a research-intensive unit that also has a strong emphasis on education. SPPH is home to approximately 65 primary faculty members and 350 graduate students whose research interests align with four divisions: Epidemiology, Biostatistics & Public Health Practice; Health in Populations; Health Services and Systems; and Occupational and Environmental Health. There are also several areas of emphasis that cross-cut more than one division, such as global health, ethics, and research methodology. SPPH provides training for undergraduate, graduate, and post-professional students across multiple programs, including PhD and MPH degrees.

The **University of British Columbia** is a global centre for research and teaching, consistently ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world. Since 1915, UBC's entrepreneurial spirit has embraced innovation and challenged the status quo. UBC encourages its students, staff and faculty to challenge convention, lead discovery and explore new ways of learning. At UBC, bold thinking is given a place to develop into ideas that can change the world.

### Our Vision: To Transform Health for Everyone.

Ranked among the world's top medical schools with the fifth-largest MD enrollment in North America, the **UBC Faculty of Medicine** is a leader in both the science and the practice of medicine. Across British Columbia, more than 11,000 faculty and staff are training the next generation of doctors and health care professionals, making remarkable discoveries, and helping to create the pathways to better health for our communities at home and around the world.

The Faculty - comprised of approximately 2,200 administrative support, technical/research and management and professional staff, as well as approximately 650 full-time academic and over 9,000 clinical faculty members - is composed of 19 academic basic science and/or clinical departments, three schools, and 24 research centres and institutes. Together with its University and Health Authority partners, the Faculty delivers innovative programs and conducts research in the areas of health and life sciences. Faculty, staff and trainees are located at university campuses, clinical academic campuses in hospital settings and other regionally based centres across the province.

*Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.*

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