

**University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences
(SMHS)
Chair, Department of Population Health**

Position Description

The Founding Chair, Department of Population Health will oversee faculty whose academic home will reside in the department. Many of the faculty members in the department will be engaged in population or public health research with projects involving other units within the SMHS and the University, including the Master of Public Health program and the Center for Rural Health. The Chair would unify the existing opportunities, expertise, and passion, and develop statewide and regional collaborations for community engagement and capacity building. The SMHS has active programs in the areas of program evaluation, population health assessment, community engagement, and health policy. The Chair will provide overall leadership to the faculty, staff, and programs, and work closely with other SMHS departments and centers involved in public health and health policy research and education. It is expected that the Chair will oversee and provide leadership for a department initially comprising 12 faculty members.

Reporting Relationship

The Chair will report to the Associate Dean for Health Sciences

Specific Responsibilities

The position of Chair of the Department of Population Health will have a number of specific responsibilities, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Lead the SMHS's strategy and direction toward attaining a population healthcare delivery philosophy and model.
- Set and communicate the vision and expectations for the department. Be the face and contact person for population-health innovations and strategies internally and externally, setting the overall direction of population health for the state of North Dakota.
- Strengthen the platform for clinical excellence and establish the SMHS as a thought leader in population health at the community, regional, and national level.
- Establish relationships and credibility to develop value-added partnerships with health insurers and potential community partners; planning progressive population health strategies.
- Tell the SMHS's clinical story in a compelling way to external audiences and play a key role in philanthropic efforts, garnering grants and donations to support the department in its mission.
- Assess opportunities for potential partnerships to further clinical research that advances health and well-being through development and improvement of products, processes, and educational programs.
- Increase healthcare provider competence in recognizing psychosocial and environmental causes of health conditions.

- Attend and participate in local, regional, and national meetings about healthcare transformation and population health.
- Further the health and well-being of the citizens of North Dakota by developing a department that provides education, tools, resources, and support.
- Be an influencer and an SMHS ambassador at the community and national levels, participating in government advocacy, public health, and community activities.
- Harness the capabilities of the current faculty and promote a culture of scholarship and grantsmanship.
- Expand the current purpose of service and scholarship with a greater academic focus on translational research.