



SPPH Vancouver Summer Program Instructor Posting

The UBC Vancouver Summer Program (VSP) is a four-week academic program offered to international students to study at UBC. This program provides a great opportunity for the School of Population and Public Health (SPPH) to promote population and public health to undergraduate students from around the world. One block is offered by SPPH for VSP: July 14 – August 7, 2025, and it consists of two courses: Social Determinants of Health and Introduction to Population and Public Health.

SPPH is recruiting a graduate student to teach the **Social Determinants of Health** course for the July 14 – August 7, 2025 block. The course description is as follows:

In this course, students will explore what makes people healthy or unhealthy. They will consider how health is determined by individual lifestyle choices and wider social and environmental conditions. The course will focus on the social and economic factors that determine social advantages and disadvantages experienced by individuals, communities, jurisdictions, and population groups. Students will learn through in-class lectures, group assignments, field trips, and class discussions. This course will bring a new light to students' understanding of the many interconnected factors that affect health. This course will challenge students to think differently about what societies can do to decrease health inequities.

The instructor is responsible for the course content, delivery, assessment and grade entry. A draft syllabus has been created and the instructor is expected to adapt this syllabus to match their teaching style while also liaising with the instructor for the other course to ensure course content flow together. The course will run from July 15 to August 7, 2025 every weekday from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. There will be 39 hours of class time including the final exam/project. In addition, the instructor is expected to spend additional time preparing for the course, evaluating assignments, and handling end-of-course work. The instructor will carry out all duties and responsibilities under the direction of the SPPH Associate Director-Education.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled as a graduate student at SPPH
- Possess in-depth knowledge about introductory concepts in population and public health
- Experience leading classes and/or tutorials of 20 to 40 students, especially to students who have English as an additional language
- Excellent written communication skills
- Fluent in written and verbal English
- Ability to prioritize work and meet deadlines
- Ability to work independently while also collaborating with the other instructor
- Prior experience with UBC Canvas is an asset



Compensation: \$42.95/hour (Senior Teaching Assistant rate)

Term: 140 hours from June 1 to August 31, 2025

Mode of delivery: in-person

Number of positions available: 1

Please note that this position is dependent on enrollment numbers. SPPH will run the course if we receive at least 20 students for the July-August 2025 block; if we receive less than 20 students, we will be cancelling the course.

To apply, please forward your cover letter and resume to Lisa McCune, Senior Education Manager, at lisa.m@ubc.ca and Emily Van Gulik, Academic Programs Manager, at emily.vangulik@ubc.ca by **May 18, 2025**.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified applicants to apply.