

Position for Senior Clinical Ethics Faculty Announcement

The Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care

Center for Ethics in Health Care, Oregon Health & Science University

The Center for Ethics in Health Care of Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) invites applications and nominations for the newly established Miles J. Edwards Chair in Professionalism and Comfort Care position to begin July 2012. This is a 0.5 FTE academic appointment for a doctoral level, associate or full professor in professionalism, and ethics near the end of life. The candidate may be eligible for a clinical or academic appointment in the Schools of Medicine, Nursing or Dentistry, in order to fulfill a full-time (1.0) position.

The Center for Ethics was established in 1989 and has succeeded in addressing challenging ethical concerns in health care by seeking practical solutions through collaboration, scholarly debate and research among many professions. The Center for Ethics serves both OHSU and the State of Oregon. The goals of the Center include promoting compassionate attention to the rights and dignity of individual patients and increasing the participation of health care professionals in society's search for just health policies. As the state's only health and research University, OHSU brings together patient care, research and education of the next generation of health care providers and scientists and community service to improve the health and well-being of all Oregonians. With this rich tradition, this new senior position furthers the Center's aim to expand teaching and practice in ethics, professionalism and comfort care across the health care professions.

We seek a doctoral level, currently associate or full professor with extensive experience in professionalism, comfort care and ethical issues near the end of life. The successful candidate should be an outstanding leader, a teacher of teachers, who has demonstrated the ability and vision to bring theoretical ideas to practical application within an organization and in the community. We seek an individual who has at least 5 years practical experience in areas such as clinical ethics, curriculum development, teaching, and designing policies about professionalism and comfort and end-of-life care. Having experience conducting ethics research and experience with interprofessional education is also strongly favored. The candidate must have demonstrated outstanding skills in program management, developing key relationships to empower ethics leaders and organizations to address sensitive and challenging processes. Attributes must include modeling professionalism and excellence in education, scholarship, communication, process facilitation, decision-making, interprofessional collaboration, and policy development.

Oregon is known for care innovations in the final months of life, including the nationally recognized POLST Paradigm Program. The Miles J. Edwards Chair will build on these strengths, leading interprofessional education and policy development about ethical issues near the end of life for the next generation of health care professionals. We are currently accepting applications to include a cover letter, CV and salary requirement emailed to: ethics@ohsu.edu or mail to

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