

PRESIDENTIAL ENDOWED CHAIR POSITION SUMMARY



Claire Dumke Ryberg, R.N. Presidential Endowed Chair in End-of-Life/Palliative Care

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The University of Utah College of Nursing seeks an established, visionary nurse scholar to become the inaugural holder of the Claire Dumke Ryberg, R.N. Presidential Endowed Chair in End-of-Life/Palliative Care. This Endowed Chair will help build the pipeline of palliative care clinicians, scholars and/or researchers, as well as advance the discovery, organization, transmission, and application of knowledge and health policies to meet the unique health care needs of patients living with serious illness and/or near end of life. The Endowed Chair is a 5- year tenure-line or career-line appointment, renewable upon successful review. Academic rank and salary for this full-time, 12-month appointment will be commensurate with qualifications.

CRITERIA

We seek a candidate who is a nationally recognized leader in end-of-life, palliative, and hospice care and whose accomplishments reflect excellence in research, teaching, clinical practice, and/or conducting creative scholarship activities. Candidates must have an earned doctorate in nursing, and hold a current Registered Nurse (RN) or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) license. The ideal candidate will have evidence of high impact publications or presentations and a sustained record of scholarly activities and/or research that influences care and health policies related to palliative care and end-of-life (PCEOL).

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Endowed Chair will execute a programmatic vision to strengthen the College and University of Utah Health Sciences' PCEOL national and international presence in research, education, practice, scholarship, and/or policy. Key responsibilities will include leading innovative PCEOL scholarly activities and/or research; mentoring students, fellows and junior faculty; teaching and developing PCEOL curriculum; engaging in professional service; and providing and/or consulting about clinical care. Collaborating with other leaders, the Endowed Chair will advocate for services and public policy to improve end-of-life, palliative, and hospice care; and increase visibility within the university, community, and nation for these specialty areas. There are opportunities to collaborate with interdisciplinary faculty across [UHealth](#) and the academic campus, including the [Consortium for Families and Health Research](#), [Palliative Care Services](#), and the [Center on Aging](#).

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

With a grant funding portfolio exceeding \$34 million, the [College of Nursing](#) is a focal point for clinicians and researchers to collaboratively improve individual, family, and community health and quality of life. The University of Utah College of Nursing prepares nurses at all education levels with a current enrollment of more than 750 students. The College of Nursing has [seven additional Chairs](#), and is home to the [Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program](#) and an NINR-funded [T32 Interdisciplinary Training Program in Cancer, Caregiving and End-of-Life Care](#).

Areas of strength include: aging; cancer, symptom management, and palliative care; hospice communication and bereavement outcomes; caregiving; long term care services and supports; primary and dementia care for older adults; nursing informatics and technology-based health interventions; women's health; and health disparities. The Emma Eccles Jones Nursing Research Center provides unprecedented infrastructure and support for the College of Nursing research mission, and includes highly educated and trained pre- and post-award staff support, and a biostatistics core.

In 2017, the College of Nursing was the first recipient of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) New Era for Academic Nursing award. The College also received the AACN

Exemplary Academic- Practice Partnership Award in 2018. In collaboration with University of Utah Health, the college works to improve individual, family, and community health and quality of life.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

[The University of Utah](#) is a PAC-12 institution located in [Salt Lake City](#), nestled in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains. Numerous interdisciplinary entities support and advance education, practice, scholarship, and team science research with [Schools of Medicine](#) and [Dentistry](#); Colleges of [Nursing](#), [Pharmacy](#) and [Health](#); [Huntsman Cancer Institute](#); the NIH [Center for Clinical and Translational Science](#); and [ARUP Laboratories](#), one of the largest reference laboratories in the United States, to name just a few.

[The Utah Population Database](#), with over 7 million linked genealogical and clinical records, is a unique resource for population- based research, particularly in palliative care and end of life research. The University's Technology & Venture Commercialization program supports faculty in the transformation of ideas into practical, commercially viable products and services. The University of Utah Health (or UHealth) is the only academic medical center in the Mountain West region. With four hospitals, 12 community health centers, and a growing network of regional affiliates, UHealth's catchment area covers roughly 10% of the United States.

APPLICATION AND INQUIRIES

Applications will be accepted continuously, with evaluations beginning immediately, until the position is filled or closed. Interested candidates should apply online at: <http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/109720>.

The application requires: 1) curriculum vitae, 2) cover letter, 3) teaching statement, 4) research or scholarship statement, and 5) three letters of recommendation from individuals external to the University of Utah and U of U Health. Please note that letters must be signed, dated, and on letterhead.

Please direct any questions about the position or the application process to the search committee chairs, Dr. Gail Towsley (gail.towsley@nurs.utah.edu) and Dr. Caroline Stephens (caroline.stephens@nurs.utah.edu).

The University of Utah Health (U of U Health) is a patient-focused center distinguished by collaboration, excellence, leadership, and respect. The U of U Health values candidates who are committed to fostering and furthering the culture of compassion, collaboration, innovation, accountability, diversity, integrity, quality, and trust that is integral to our mission.

The University of Utah is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and does not discriminate based upon race, national origin, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, status as a person with a disability, genetic information, or Protected Veteran status. Individuals from historically underrepresented groups, such as minorities, women, qualified persons with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply. Veterans' preference is extended to qualified applicants, upon request and consistent with University policy and Utah state law. Upon request, reasonable accommodations in the application process will be provided to individuals with disabilities. To inquire about the University's nondiscrimination or affirmative action policies or to request disability accommodation, please contact: Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 201 S. Presidents Circle, Rm 135, (801) 581-8365.

The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and possess a strong commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students.