Health Promotion Practice Editor Search
Application Deadline: Saturday, July 1, 2023 | 11:59 p.m. ET

Health Promotion Practice (HPP) is an official peer-reviewed journal of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). Launched in 2000, HPP publishes authoritative research, commentary, practical tools, and promising practices that strategically advance the art and science of health promotion and disease prevention. The journal is unique in its focus on practical scholarship for professionals engaged in developing, implementing, and evaluating health promotion policy and programs. Sage Publishing in Thousand Oaks, California is the publisher.

In addition to publishing feature research, review, and implementation articles, HPP includes a series of three regular departments designed to highlight evolving and timely, state-of-the-art topics in the application of health promotion, education, and advocacy: “Practice Notes,” “Resources, Frameworks and Perspectives,” and “Career Development.”

In 2022, HPP launched “Poetry for the Public’s Health,” to expand HPP’s regular offers to:
- Include poetry as an essential way of texturizing our understanding of contexts, experience, and strategies for health promotion practice and scholarship.
- Explicitly center voices of BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and/or other writers/scholars from historically oppressed/excluded groups who are writing from/at the margins.

The journal also publishes special focus issues and supplements.

HPP’s scope includes policy, programs, professional preparation, and career development in diverse settings, including communities, health care, worksites, and schools. Its international editorial board reflects the journal’s commitment to global perspectives relevant across geographic, disciplinary, or organizational borders. Unique in its practitioner focus, HPP is committed to eliminating health disparities, achieving health equity, addressing social determinants of health, and advancing evidence-based health promotion practice. The journal requires attention to respectful, inclusive, and non-stigmatizing language.

The journal recognizes the critical need to:
- Promote linkages between researchers in the academic and private sectors with health promotion and education practitioners.
- Prioritize the health issues of populations experiencing health inequities due to racism, discrimination, and oppression.
• Encourage and support practitioners with varying levels of publishing experience which can require additional support and guidance through careful reviews and author consultation.

**Editor Responsibilities & Qualifications**

The editor is responsible for the journal’s direction and vision, including:

• Delivering the content and table of contents for six regular issues each year plus any additional supplements and focus issues by the publisher’s deadline.
• Soliciting manuscripts.
• Overseeing the peer review process.
• Assuring the quality of all published content.
• Overseeing the processing of all submissions in a timely manner.
• Effectively managing a global, diverse editorial board.
• Maintaining an effective relationship with SOPHE staff, volunteer liaison from the board of trustees, publisher’s staff, and contractors
• Collaborating with SOPHE and the publisher to increase the journal’s visibility, readership, and impact, including attendance at SOPHE’s Annual Conference and occasional board of trustees meetings (annual report to the board is required).
• Coordinating communications and social media efforts, such as Twitter and podcasts when appropriate.
• Familiarity with publication standards and guidelines to resolve practical and ethical challenges, such as data misrepresentation.

The ideal candidate will come with a growth mindset and creative ideas to keep HPP on an upward trajectory and as a premier resource for practitioners. The ideal candidate will have experience in academia and as a practitioner and consistently demonstrate exceptional leadership and communication skills.

The appointment for the new editor will begin January 1, 2024, after a transition period during which the new editor will begin processing manuscript submissions and preparing the May 2024 issue.

The appointment is for five (5) years and supported by an annual stipend.

Additionally, the incoming new editor will participate in a comprehensive editorial orientation conducted by the publisher that will include an overview of the ScholarOne online manuscript management system.

The successful applicant:

• Is or will be a national SOPHE member for the length of their service as the editor.
• Has an advanced degree in health education or a related field.
• Possesses a track record of publications.
• Has a working familiarity with policy/systems change and translation of research to practice.
• Has experience with the editorial process (i.e., as editor, associate editor, or editorial board member, or as a regular reviewer of a peer-reviewed journal).
• Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the expanding landscape of applying these principles in scholarly publication.

Application Requirements

Applications must be submitted by Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET and include the following:

• A current curriculum vitae/resume, including a list of the applicant's publications.
• The candidate’s vision statement for Health Promotion Practice (no longer than 1,000 words).
• The candidate's statement discussing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
• Copies of two of the applicant's representative peer-reviewed publications.

Please submit all materials in one pdf file.

Applications are expected to be screened and interviews conducted through August and September.

Finalists will be asked to provide a statement of support from a supervising administrator from the applicant’s institution or organization.

Selection is anticipated by October 1.

Submit applications to: HPPEditorSearch@sophe.org

Questions? Email: HPPEditorSearch@sophe.org