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CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY APPOINTS DIRECTOR FOR NEW MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM
Dr. Sherry Fontaine brings expertise in health care planning, policy, and management

OMAHA, NE (May 29, 2012): Creighton University announces the appointment of Sherry Fontaine, Ph.D., as program director position of the University’s new Master of Public Health program. Fontaine will be responsible for launching the online MPH degree program.

Prior to coming to Creighton, Fontaine served in several leadership positions for graduate health care programs including: director of the Master of Healthcare Leadership program at Park University, the director of Doctoral Programs in Health Policy, Health Education, and Educational Leadership at D’Youville College, and as the associate dean of the Graduate School and director of the Northern Virginia Center at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, National Capital Region.

She holds a Ph.D. in city and regional planning with a specialization in health planning from Cornell University, where her dissertation was a comparative analysis of the planning and allocation of health care resources in England and the United States. Those studies led to a post-doctoral fellowship at the London Business School researching the organization and delivery of community health services for the disabled and chronically ill. Recently she has explored the impact of community-based participatory research, arts-based learning in health care education and leadership, and the social determinants of health in community and regional development.

“The Creighton MPH program offers a focused curriculum that is based on the recognition that addressing the health and wellness needs of our communities requires understanding of the determinants of health that can result in health care disparities and inequities, said Fontaine. “Our new online program encompasses the core components of public health and includes additional areas such as public health ethics, community assessment, and community-based participatory research that directly address the health care concerns of at-risk populations and contributes to the development of
healthy communities. These skills will ultimately help our graduates meet the public’s health care needs through a variety of occupations and career fields with the compassion and spirit of service that is the hallmark of Creighton’s Jesuit tradition."

The Master of Public Health is offered through Creighton’s Center for Health Policy and Ethics (CHPE), which is comprised of a multidisciplinary group of scholars dedicated to the study and teaching of ethical dimensions of health care and health policy consistent with Creighton’s commitment as a Catholic, Jesuit comprehensive university. The online MPH emphasizes care for vulnerable and marginalized populations and offers a community-focused, interdisciplinary approach to the field. Applications are now being accepted and classes are set to begin in January 2013.

To learn more about the CHPE and the online Master of Public Health degree, go to online.creighton.edu.

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