

**Department:** School of Public Health; University of Saskatchewan

**Status:** The position is for one year and renewable for an additional year (renewal dependent upon progress). Salary will follow the university standard for a PDF and will commensurate with experience.

**Requisition:**

**Open Date:** August 18, 2017

**Closing Date:** Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

**Description:** There is 1 opening for this position. Located in Saskatoon.

**Project Description:**

For many individuals, driving a motor vehicle is their primary mode of transportation, and is critical to community mobility and independence. This is especially true for rural residents where the personal vehicle is the only option for accessing health services. However, substantial problems arise for those who can no longer drive (e.g. healthy older adults and those with cognitive impairment and/or dementia, physical disabilities), whereby access to fundamental services and, in particular, specialized health services is challenging and can reduce social participation and quality of life.

Due to the fiscal deficit in Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Transportation Company, that provides alternative transportation to approximately 254 rural communities, was discontinued by the Provincial government. Consequently, many individuals now lack access to health services and other provisions. The purpose of this study is to collect the necessary evidence to inform alternative transportation planning in Saskatchewan. This project uses a participatory (involvement of stakeholders in the project) and utilization focused approach (intended users are engaged in the research project from the outset) and consists of both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, as well as an environmental scan. The data collected will inform the development of feasible, cost-effective and user-friendly alternative transportation options tailored to Saskatchewan's geography and populations.

**Expectations:**

We are seeking applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow position to work in the area of Program Evaluation and Community Mobility. Candidates must hold a PhD in an appropriate discipline (e.g. Aging, Evaluation, Health) at the time of appointment and have experience working in a research environment. The anticipated start date is October 1, 2017. This is a one-year position with an opportunity for renewal.

The successful candidate will join a unique team, comprising of researchers, clinicians, policy makers and knowledge users, led by Dr. Alexander Crizzle. The successful candidate will work with the research team to perform an environmental scan, conduct surveys, interviews and focus

groups to collect the necessary evidence to inform alternative transportation planning in the province. The Post-Doctoral Fellow will work collaboratively with the team taking an active leadership role. Moreover, the candidate is expected to be involved in grant submissions, mentoring of graduate students, manuscripts, conference presentations, as well as knowledge translation activities. The successful candidate will also be expected to work with and provide mentorship to undergraduate, Masters and PhD students, as well as aid in the development of the research program in general.

### **Requirements:**

Applicants should hold a PhD degree in Health Studies or a related field at time of appointment. The candidate should have a background in program evaluation and mixed methods (quantitative and qualitative methods and analyses). Prior experience working with older adults, as well as in transportation, are considered assets, as well as prior experience writing grants, manuscripts and preparing conference presentations.

### **How to Apply:**

To apply, please send the following to Dr. Alexander Crizzle via email: [alex.crizzle@usask.ca](mailto:alex.crizzle@usask.ca)

- A complete CV
- A cover letter stating how your research background and qualifications match the position
- Academic transcripts
- Names and contact information for three references

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