

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMMUNICATION AND INTERVIEWING
SKILLS SPECIALIST**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES
FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Text for advertisement

Applications are invited for the position of Communication and Interviewing Skills Specialist in the Department of Community Medicine and Behavioural Sciences. Candidates may apply for appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent in a field of study that comes under the broad heading of Psychology. They would also be expected to possess a first degree in Psychology and they should have a postgraduate record of teaching and research achievement in the domain of Communication and Interviewing Skills – preferably in a medical context.

The responsibilities of this position include teaching pre-professional, pre-clinical and clinical, medical and graduate students in a multidisciplinary environment with other academic staff in the fields of Sociology, Epidemiology, Ethics, Occupational and Environmental Health, Health Education, Health Economics, and Biostatistics. The language of instruction at the Faculty of Medicine is English.

*Approximate Total Annual Combined Salary and Housing Allowance**

Associate Professor: KD 31,980 – KD 36,084 (~US\$ 115,128 – US\$ 129,902)

Assistant Professor: KD 26,760 – KD 30,840 (~US\$ 96,336 – US\$ 111,024)

*These amounts are shown to provide prospective applicants with an approximate indication of the general levels of remuneration. For specific individuals the amounts will vary in accordance with years of experience and marital status. The conversion of Kuwaiti dinar amounts to U.S. dollar amounts, here and elsewhere in the advertisement, will vary in accordance with currency exchange rates. Higher levels of remuneration may apply for applicants who are board certified in a medical specialty. There is no income tax in Kuwait and currency is transferable without restriction.

Other benefits:

1. Sixty days paid summer leave and a two-week mid-year break.
2. A one-time furniture allowance of \$11,660 to \$15,000 depending on marital status.
3. A \$400 annual social allowance for each child.
4. Fees are paid for up to 3 children attending private primary and secondary schools in Kuwait.
5. Annual round-trip air tickets to home country for staff member, spouse and dependent children.
6. Free national health insurance.
7. Assistance with expenses for attendance at one approved conference per year.
8. Baggage and freight allowance to assist relocation.
9. End-of service gratuity (one month's basic salary for each year of service).

Application letters should be accompanied by a complete curriculum vitae, degree transcripts and copies of degree certificates. Where possible, the grades for degrees should be stated in terms of the GPA scale from 0 to 4 that is used in the U.S.A. The names, addresses, fax numbers and e-mail addresses (if available) of three referees should be provided in the application and it should be addressed to:

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