

CEPH Accreditation News & Updates



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Criteria Revisions Aim to Clarify, Offer More Specificity



CEPH is currently in the process of revising its Accreditation Criteria for schools and programs in public health.

The criteria last underwent major revisions in 2005 and the 2010 revisions are not

intended to reflect major changes in the Council's philosophy or general expectations. Rather, they were developed for the following purposes:

- To reflect new regulatory language and requirements from the US Department of Education pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunities Act (HEOA) of 2008.
- To clarify the Council's intent and interpretation of criteria, drawing on the

experience of approximately 75 full accreditation reviews that have been conducted using the 2005 criteria.

- To respond to priority areas identified by CEPH stakeholders in the 2009 Criteria Survey.
- To provide more specificity in areas that commonly result in misinterpretations and/or non-compliant findings.

The Council will review all comments it has received on

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 25, 2011

INQUIRER WEBINAR – INTRODUCTION TO CEPH, THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS AND THE CRITERIA FOR SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS CONSIDERING CEPH ACCREDITATION

MAY 5, 2011

ALL MATERIALS DUE FOR SPRING 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

the proposed criteria at its February 4-5, 2011 meeting and will determine its next steps at that time. The CEPH website will provide updates on the status of revisions.

CEPH Trains 16 New Site Visitors in 2010

CEPH thanks its site visitors for all their hard work and dedication and welcomes the newest volunteers.

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2010 Accreditation Decisions

Initial Accreditation

MPH Program
St. George's University

Public Health Program
Simon Fraser University

School of Public Health
University of Maryland at College Park

Master of Public Health Program
Vanderbilt University

Master of Public Health Program
University of Missouri - Columbia

Master of Public Health Program
Lehman College - CUNY

School of Public Health
Colorado School of Public Health

School of Public Health
SUNY - Downstate Medical Center

Continued Accreditation

MPH Program
Indiana University at Bloomington

School of Public Health
Harvard University

Arnold School of Public Health
University of South Carolina

MPH Program
University of New Mexico

School of Public Health
Loma Linda University

Gillings School of Global Public Health
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

MPH Program
Medical College of Wisconsin

MPH Program in Community Health Education
San Francisco State University

School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
Tulane University

Master of Public Health Program
University of New Hampshire

College of Public Health
University of Kentucky

Mailman School of Public Health
Columbia University

Master of Public Health Program
University of California, Davis

Master of Public Health Program
Northwestern University

Master of Science Program in Community Health

Université de Montréal

Accepted Applicant Requests

Master of Public Health Program
University of Texas, El Paso

MPH Program
National University

MPH in Community Health Education
Baylor University

Master of Public Health Program
Washington University in St. Louis

MPH Program
Missouri State University

Master of Public Health Program
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

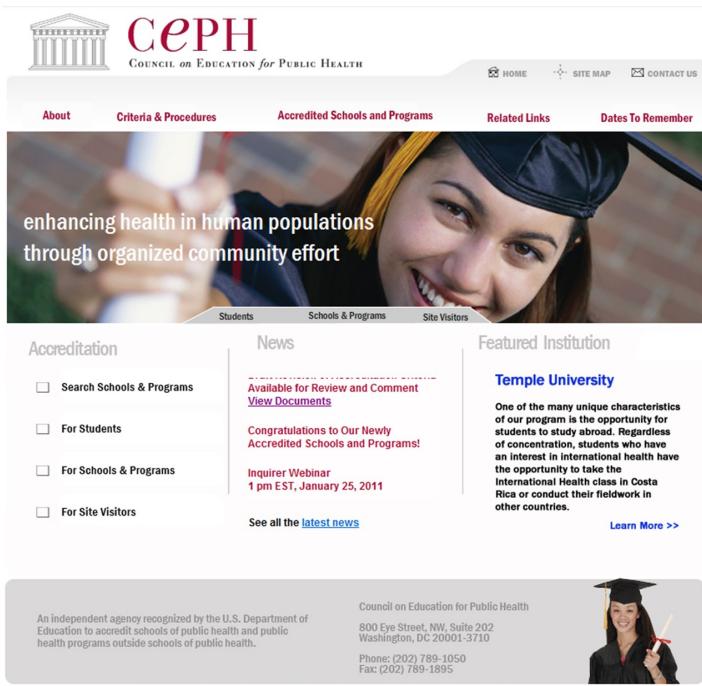
MPH Program
DePaul University

Public Health Program
University of Cincinnati

Master of Public Health Program
Virginia Tech/Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Collaborative

School of Public Health
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

CEPH Launches Redesigned Website



The screenshot shows the CEPH website homepage. At the top is the CEPH logo and the text "COUNCIL ON EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for "About", "Criteria & Procedures", "Accredited Schools and Programs", "Related Links", and "Dates To Remember". A large banner image features a smiling graduate. Below the banner, the text "enhancing health in human populations through organized community effort" is displayed. On the left, there are four categories under "Accreditation": "Search Schools & Programs", "For Students", "For Schools & Programs", and "For Site Visitors". In the center, there is a "News" section with a link to "View Documents" and a message about new accreditation. To the right, there is a "Featured Institution" section for Temple University, which includes a photo of a graduate and a "Learn More >>" link.

CEPH's redesigned website includes more resources, easier navigation and greater search capabilities.

Users of the website can now search CEPH's list of accredited institutions by university, degree program, concentration, state and online availability.

Another exciting new feature of the site is a rotating profile of accredited schools and programs. A new institution is featured each time the website is opened or refreshed.

The Featured Institution profiles give CEPH-accredited schools and programs an

opportunity to highlight unique offerings, successful community relationships and research that impacts the profession.

"Our new website is more dynamic and will be updated regularly to provide relevant, timely content to users," said CEPH Executive Director Laura Rasar King.

The website includes resources for accredited institutions, applicants, prospective students, the general public and site visitors. Technical assistance documents, answers to FAQs and presentations are easily accessible.



CEPH Elects New Officers for 2011

CEPH officer elections took place at the Council's fall board meeting, held Oct. 14-16, 2010.

The officers serve as the CEPH Administrative Committee and include President Stephen W. Wyatt, Vice President Michael D. Barnes, Secretary Patricia M. Lowrie and Treasurer J. Alan Baker.

Administrative Committee members serve one-year terms but are eligible for re-election. This is Dr. Wyatt's second term as president; all other officers have been newly elected to their positions.

Dr. Wyatt is the Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. In addition, he is a tenured professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health. He has served as the associate director for Cancer Control, University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center and the director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health

Promotion, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Wyatt was appointed by the Association of Schools of Public Health for a term that extends through 2013.

Dr. Barnes is the Chair of the Department of Health Science at Brigham Young University. He is a tenured professor with teaching interests in public health education and intervention methods, health communication, as well as community mobilization and policy advocacy. His research interests include assessing health communication interventions; family as a context for public health practice; and communication-based legislative action for issues. Dr. Barnes was jointly appointed to the governing board of CEPH by APHA and ASPH for a term that extends through 2013.

Ms. Lowrie serves as a public member of CEPH's Board of Councilors and is charged with representing the public

at large. Ms. Lowrie is the director of the Women's Resource Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Ms. Lowrie was appointed to the governing board of CEPH by the American Public Health Association and Association of Schools of Public Health for a term that extends through 2012.

Mr. Baker spent 25 years at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He had a variety of administrative and public health positions including Medicaid specialist, chief budget analyst, management analysis division chief, deputy director of local and family health, Charles County health officer and director of human resources. Subsequently, he spent 5 years as chief of staff at the American Public Health Association where he was also the first director of the public health policy division. Mr. Baker was appointed to the CEPH Board of Councilors by APHA in 2010. His appointment continues through 2012.



Stephen Wyatt



Michael Barnes



Patricia Lowrie



Alan Baker

Revised Accreditation Procedures Now in Effect

CEPH adopted a revised version of its Accreditation Procedures in 2010. These revisions were part of the regular five-year review cycle required by CEPH and US Department of Education policies, and were not intended to introduce substantial changes; the intent of the 2009-2010 revision process was to clarify and refine the document.

For most individuals and schools and programs, the revisions will not require any significant change in policies or practices.

The Council thanks all those who reviewed the proposed changes to the Accreditation Procedures and provided

comments to improve the document's clarity and usefulness during the public comment period. CEPH received comments from several individuals and organizations and incorporated a number of changes based on their feedback.

Most revisions do not require significant changes. However, constituents should note the following: (1) greater detail and specific requirements about public disclosure of the final self-study and accreditation report, (2) new, more detailed documentation requests for initial applications and (3) expanded language about the appropriate use of the term "applicant."

See pp. 6-8 of the revised procedures for the changes in initial application submission.

The Council will no longer accept applications organized around the documentation requests specified in previous versions of the procedures manual.

No substantive action is required from accredited programs and schools to comply immediately, except for ensuring that they clearly indicate on their website how to request copies of the final self-study and accreditation report.



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The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is an independent agency recognized by the US Department of Education to accredit schools of public health and public health programs offered in settings other than schools of public health. These schools and programs prepare students for entry into careers in public health. The primary professional degree is the Master of Public Health (MPH) but other baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees are offered as well. Visit www.ceph.org for more information.

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FAQs on Accreditation

Q: How many schools and programs does CEPH accredit?

A: CEPH accredits 129 schools and programs:

- 46 schools
- 83 programs

Q: How many online schools and programs does CEPH accredit?

A: 28 CEPH-accredited schools and programs (22%) offer at least one degree in a fully distance-based format.

3 of the 28 offer only a distance-based MPH, with no campus-based public health offerings (2%).

You can search for distance-based programs on CEPH's search page by clicking the "online" check box.

Q: How many new institutions has CEPH accredited this year?

A: In 2010, CEPH accredited 8 new institutions.

- 5 programs
- 3 schools

Q: How many additional institutions does CEPH expect to accredit in the coming years?

A: CEPH currently has 30 applicant schools and programs. Applicant status does not necessarily guarantee that institutions will ultimately be accredited, but applicants must meet certain eligibility standards to proceed toward accreditation.

Q: How many institutions offer the MPH or other graduate public health degrees?

A: The 159 institutions that offer CEPH-accredited or CEPH-applicant educational programs constitute the only verifiable estimate of US public health graduate offerings.

CEPH does not keep a tally of unaccredited MPH programs. Anecdotal information suggests that there are a number of non-CEPH-affiliated universities that offer MPH or other graduate public health education, but no accurate data are available.

Q: How many students graduate from CEPH-accredited schools and programs each year?

A: Estimating from the minimal available data, accredited schools and programs graduated approximately 10,000 students in 2009. Of these, approximately 6,700 graduated with an MPH degree.

NOTE: These numbers are very rough estimates! Because no single association or body conducts an annual census of all MPH graduates (schools and programs; accredited, applicant and non-CEPH affiliated), data are not reliable and are intended for very general approximation only.

Data sources: ASPH Annual Data Report and personal correspondence from the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research's Council of Graduate Programs, estimating 1,791 graduates from graduate public health programs in 2007.

Frequently Asked Questions