

## **Council on Education for Public Health**

### **Policy on Technical Assistance Papers**

The official policy of the Council on Education for Public Health is represented in formally adopted documents including the Accreditation Procedures, Accreditation Criteria for Schools of Public Health and Accreditation Criteria for Public Health Programs. These documents are available on the CEPH website in their most current versions.

From time to time the Council prepares and distributes discussion papers that expand on policy, provide practical suggestions about how official CEPH policy may be operationalized or explain current Council thinking about and interpretation of a particular topic. These discussion papers are called technical assistance papers, although to ensure ease of use, they may also take on the form of "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)." The topics most often arise from staff and Councilor experience with the questions and concerns expressed by constituents. The papers are intended to be helpful.

These occasional assistance papers or FAQ documents are most commonly prepared by CEPH staff, but may also be prepared by CEPH Councilors or by invited guest authors. Their distribution is most often via CEPH's website but may take various forms, such as e-mails to constituents, posts on social media outlets or publication in newsletters. In all cases, however, technical assistance papers

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