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## **Draft CEPH Criteria Available for Review and Comment through January 4, 2011**

WASHINGTON – Nov. 1, 2010 – The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) invites review and comment on a draft revision of 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:

- 1) To reflect new regulatory language and requirements from the US Department of Education pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunities Act (HEOA) of 2008.
- 2) 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.
- 3) To respond to priority areas identified by CEPH stakeholders in the 2009 Criteria Survey.
- 4) To provide more specificity in areas that commonly result in misinterpretations and/or non-compliant findings.

An overview of the proposed revisions, the revised criteria and instructions for submitting comments are available on the CEPH website at [www.ceph.org](http://www.ceph.org). All comments must be received by January 4, 2011.

The Council will review all comments on the proposed criteria at its February 4-5, 2011 meeting and will determine its next steps at that time.

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