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### **CEPH Initially Accredits 8 Programs at Fall 2016 Meeting**

SILVER SPRING, Md. – Oct. 14, 2016 – The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) acted to initially accredit four standalone baccalaureate programs and four public health programs at its fall 2016 decision-making meeting.

The four standalone baccalaureate programs accredited at the fall 2016 meeting include Clemson University, SUNY-Cortland, Syracuse University and William Paterson University. Each received five-year accreditation terms, extending through December 31, 2021.

The four public health programs accredited at the fall 2016 meeting are Hofstra University, North Dakota State University, University of Southern Maine and Western University (Canada). Each received five-year accreditation terms, extending through December 31, 2021.

To earn and maintain accreditation, schools and programs must meet specific educational quality standards defined by CEPH. At the baccalaureate level, these standards relate to the program's 1) leadership, management and governance 2) resources, 3) faculty qualifications, 4) curriculum, 5) program effectiveness, 6) advising and 7) diversity. At the graduate level, these standards relate to the school or program's 1) organization, 2) instructional programs, 3) creation, application and advancement of knowledge and 4) faculty, staff and students.

For purposes of CEPH accreditation, excellence in education relates directly to proficiency in practice. Public health schools and programs focus on the preparation of individuals who will serve as practitioners, researchers and teachers who are competent to carry out broad public health functions in local, state, national and international settings.

"The accreditation process requires commitment from administrators, faculty, staff, students and other constituents," said Laura Rasar King, executive director of CEPH. "The Council recognizes the efforts of these newly accredited programs to make ongoing improvements to ensure that students receive a high-quality education that advances them toward their career goals."

In addition to these initial accreditation decisions, the Council re-accredited two schools of public health and nine public health programs for seven-year accreditation terms. The Council also accepted an application from one standalone baccalaureate program.

The CEPH website includes a [complete list of accredited schools and programs](#) as well as information about [accepted applicants](#).

CEPH currently accredits 59 schools of public health, 113 public health programs and eight standalone baccalaureate programs. In addition to the United States, accredited schools and programs are located in Canada, Mexico, Lebanon, and the West Indies.

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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, master's and doctoral degrees are offered as well. Visit [www.ceph.org](http://www.ceph.org) for more information.*