

# ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

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1 **Introduction<sup>1</sup>**

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4 **1) Describe the institutional environment, which includes the following:**

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20 **2) Organizational charts that clearly depict the following related to the school or program :**

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32 **3) An instructional matrix presenting all of the school or program's degree programs and concentrations including bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, as appropriate.<sup>2</sup> Present data in the format of Template Intro-1.**

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The matrix must

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Non-degree programs, such as certificates or continuing education, should not be included in the matrix.

**Commented [A1]:** Changed to comply with USDE regulation. This also applies to revision in Criterion A2.

**Commented [A2]:** Executive format has never been an official category with associated standards and causes confusion. All degree programs and concentrations must be characterized as distance education or not

<sup>1</sup> Required, but no compliance findings will be returned. This information serves as a summary to orient readers to the university and the SPH/PHP.

<sup>2</sup> Schools must report all degree programs housed in the school or college and should review the [Degree Classification Key](#) available on the CEPH website.

Programs should list only the degree programs within the unit of accreditation. Contact CEPH staff with questions about the unit of accreditation.

See "Definitions" at the end of this document for additional information.

46 4) Enrollment data for all of the school or program's degree programs, including bachelor's,  
47 master's and doctoral degrees, in the format of Template Intro-2. Schools that house "other"  
48 degrees and concentrations (as defined in Criterion D19) should separate those degrees and  
49 concentrations from the public health degrees for reporting student enrollments. For example, if a  
50 school offers a BS in public health and a BS in exercise science, student enrollment data should  
51 be presented separately. Data on "other" degrees and concentrations may be grouped together as  
52 relevant to the school.

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55 **A1. Organization and Administrative Processes (SPH and PHP)**

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57 **The school or program demonstrates effective administrative processes that are sufficient to**  
58 **affirm its ability to fulfill its mission and goals and to conform to the conditions for accreditation.**  
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60 **The school or program establishes appropriate decision-making structures for all significant**  
61 **functions and designates appropriate committees or individuals for decision making and**  
62 **implementation.**  
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64 **School or program faculty have formal opportunities for input in decisions affecting the following:**  
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- 66 • **degree requirements**
  - 67 • **curriculum design**
  - 68 • **student assessment policies and processes**
  - 69 • **admissions policies and/or decisions**
  - 70 • **faculty recruitment and promotion**
  - 71 • **research and service activities**
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73 **The school or program ensures that faculty (including full-time and part-time faculty) regularly**  
74 **interact with their colleagues and are engaged in ways that benefit the instructional program (e.g.,**  
75 **participating in instructional workshops, engaging in program- or school-specific curriculum**  
76 **development and oversight).**  
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78 Required documentation:  
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80 1) List the school or program's standing and significant ad hoc committees. For each, indicate the  
81 formula for membership (e.g., two appointed faculty members from each concentration) and list  
82 the current members. (self-study document)

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84 Programs should generally focus the response on the specific committees that govern the unit of  
85 accreditation, not on departmental or school committees that oversee larger organizational units.  
86 (self-study document)

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88 2) Briefly describe which committee(s) or other responsible parties make decisions on each of the  
89 following areas and how the decisions are made:

- 90 a. degree requirements
  - 91 b. curriculum design
  - 92 c. student assessment policies and processes
  - 93 d. admissions policies and/or decisions
  - 94 e. faculty recruitment and promotion
  - 95 f. research and service activities
- 96 (self-study document)

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99 3) A copy of the bylaws or other policy documents that determine the rights and obligations of  
100 administrators, faculty, and students in governance of the school or program. (electronic resource  
101 file)

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103 4) Briefly describe how faculty contribute to decision-making activities in the broader institutional  
104 setting, including a sample of faculty memberships and/or leadership positions on committees  
105 external to the unit of accreditation. (self-study document)

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107 5) Describe how full-time and part-time faculty regularly interact with their colleagues (self-study  
108 document) and provide documentation of recent interactions, which may include minutes,  
109 attendee lists, etc. (electronic resource file)

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111 6) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
112 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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115 **A2. Multi-Partner Schools and Programs (SPH and PHP—applicable ONLY if functioning as a**  
116 **“collaborative unit” as defined in CEPH procedures)**  
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118 **When a school or program is sponsored by more than one ~~regionally-accredited~~ institution**  
119 **holding institutional accreditation and is operated as a single organizational unit, the school or**  
120 **program defines a clear and comprehensive set of organizational rights and responsibilities that**  
121 **address operational, curricular and resource issues. Memoranda of agreement or other similar**  
122 **documents outline all such rights and responsibilities.**  
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124 **The school or program has a single identified leader (dean or director) and a cohesive chain of**  
125 **authority for all decision making relevant to the educational program that culminates with this**  
126 **individual.**  
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128 Required documentation:

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130 1) Describe the major rights and responsibilities of each participating institution. (self-study  
131 document)  
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133 2) A copy of the formal written agreement that establishes the rights and obligations of the  
134 participating universities regarding the school or program’s operation. (electronic resource file)  
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136 3) Describe the role and responsibilities of the identified leader. (self-study document)  
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138 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
139 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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142 **A3. Student Engagement (SPH and PHP)**  
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144 **Students have formal methods to participate in policy making and decision making within the**  
145 **school or program, and the school or program engages students as members on decision-making**  
146 **bodies whenever appropriate.**  
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148 Required documentation:

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150 1) Describe student participation in policy making and decision making at the school or program  
151 level, including identification of all student members of school or program committees over the  
152 last three years, and student organizations involved in school or program governance, if relevant  
153 to this criterion. Schools should focus this discussion on students in public health degree  
154 programs. (self-study document)  
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156 2) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
157 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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160 **A4. Autonomy for Schools of Public Health (SPH only)**  
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162 **A school of public health operates at the highest level of organizational status and independence**  
163 **available within the university context. If there are other professional schools in the same**  
164 **university (e.g., medicine, nursing, law, etc.), the school of public health shall have the same**

165 **degree of independence accorded to those professional schools. Independence and status are**  
166 **viewed within the context of institutional policies, procedures, and practices.**

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168 Required documentation:

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170 1) Briefly describe the school's reporting lines up to the institution's chief executive officer. The  
171 response may refer to the organizational chart provided in the introduction. (self-study document)  
172  
173 2) Describe the reporting lines and levels of autonomy of other professional schools located in the  
174 same institution and identify any differences between the school of public health's reporting  
175 lines/level of autonomy and those of other units. (self-study document)  
176  
177 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
178 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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#### 180 181 **A5. Degree Offerings in Schools of Public Health (SPH only)**

182  
183 **A school of public health offers a professional public health master's degree (e.g., MPH) in at least**  
184 **three ~~distinct~~ concentrations representing at least three distinct sub-disciplinary areas<sup>3</sup> in public**  
185 **health (as defined by competencies in Criterion D4) and public health doctoral degree programs**  
186 **(academic or professional) in at least two concentrations representing at least two distinct sub-**  
187 **disciplinary areas in public health (as defined by competencies in Criterion D4).<sup>4</sup> A school may**  
188 **offer more degrees or concentrations at either degree level.**

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190 Required documentation:

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192 1) Affirm that the school offers professional public health master's degree concentrations in at least  
193 three areas and public health doctoral degree programs of study in at least two areas. Template  
194 Intro-1 may be referenced for this purpose. (self-study document)  
195  
196 2) An official catalog or bulletin that lists the degrees offered by the school. (electronic resource file  
197 or hyperlink in self-study document)  
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#### 199 200 **B1. Guiding Statements (SPH and PHP)**

201  
202 **The school or program defines a *vision* that describes how the community/world will be different**  
203 **if the school or program achieves its aims.**

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205 **The school or program defines a *mission statement* that identifies what the school or program will**  
206 **accomplish operationally in its instructional, community engagement and scholarly activities. The**  
207 **mission may also define the school or program's setting or community and priority population(s).**

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209 **The school or program defines *goals* that describe strategies to accomplish the defined mission.**  
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<sup>3</sup> [General public health is not construed to be a sub-disciplinary area in this criterion's intent, nor are joint degrees \(e.g., DVM-MPH\). Sub-disciplines might include epidemiology, maternal & child health, health services administration, global health, etc.](#)

<sup>4</sup> The language related to doctoral degrees is intended to suggest that any of the following would be acceptable (as well as many other combinations): DrPH in ~~general~~ public health [practice](#) and PhD in health policy; PhD with concentrations in biostatistics and environmental health; DrPH in community health and ScD in epidemiology; DrPH with concentrations in social and behavioral sciences and global health; etc.

**Commented [A3]:** This revision is to clarify the Council's expectation that SPH have depth in at least three areas at the MPH level and two at the doctoral level.

211 The school or program defines a statement of *values* that informs stakeholders about its core  
212 principles, beliefs, and priorities.

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214 Together, the school or program's guiding statements must address instruction, scholarship, and  
215 service and

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- 217 • must define the ways in which the school or program plans to 1) advance the field of public  
218 health and 2) promote student success.
  - 219
  - 220 • may derive from the purposes of the parent institution but also reflect the school or program's  
221 own aspirations and respond to the needs of the school or program's intended service  
222 area(s).
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  - 224 • are sufficiently specific to allow the school or program to rationally allocate resources and to  
225 guide evaluation of outcomes.
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227 Required documentation:

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- 229 ~~1) A one- to three-page document that, at a minimum, presents the school or program's vision,~~  
230 mission, goals, and values. (self-study document)
  - 231 ~~2)~~
  - 232 ~~3) 1) This document may take the form of the executive summary of a strategic plan, or it may take~~  
233 ~~other forms that are appropriate to support the school or program's ongoing efforts to advance~~  
234 ~~public health and student success.~~
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  - 236 ~~4) 2) If applicable, a school- or program-specific strategic plan or other comparable document.~~  
237 (electronic resource file)
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  - 239 ~~5) 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for~~  
240 improvement in this area. (self-study document)
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Commented [A4]: Specification of the type of document is not necessary

## 242 B2. Graduation Rates (SPH and PHP)

243  
244 The school or program collects and analyzes graduation rate data for each public health degree  
245 offered (e.g., BS, MPH, MS, PhD, DrPH).<sup>5</sup>

246  
247 The school or program achieves graduation rates of 70% or greater for bachelor's and master's  
248 degrees and 60% or greater for doctoral degrees.

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250 Required documentation:

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- 252 1) Graduation rate data for each public health degree. See Template B2-1. (self-study document)
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  - 254 2) Data on public health doctoral student progression in the format of Template B2-2. (self-study  
255 document)
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  - 257 3) Explain the data presented above, including identification of factors contributing to any rates that  
258 do not meet this criterion's expectations and plans to address these factors. (self-study  
259 document)

<sup>5</sup> **SPH only:** Provide data on public health degrees only. For those degrees (e.g., BS) in which the school offers a mix of public health concentrations and "other" concentrations, the school should present data ONLY for the public health concentrations. Schools that include such "mixed" degrees should list the specific concentrations that are included in each data set. See "Definitions" at the end of this document and the [Degree Classification Key](#) available on the CEPH website.

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261 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
262 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

### 263 B3. Post-Graduation Outcomes (SPH and PHP)

264 The school or program collects and analyzes data on graduates' employment or enrollment in  
265 further education post-graduation, for each public health degree offered (e.g., BS, MPH, MS, PhD,  
266 DrPH).

267 The school or program chooses methods that are explicitly designed to minimize the number of  
268 students with unknown outcomes. This expectation includes collecting data that accurately  
269 presents outcomes for graduates within approximately one year of graduation, since collecting  
270 data shortly before or at the exact time of graduation will result in underreporting of employment  
271 outcomes for individuals who begin their career search at graduation. In many cases, these  
272 methods will require multiple data collection points. The school or program need not rely solely  
273 on self-report or survey data and should use all possible methods for collecting outcome data.

274 The school or program achieves rates of 80% or greater employment or enrollment in further  
275 education within the defined time period for each degree.<sup>6</sup>

276 Required documentation:

- 277 1) Data on post-graduation outcomes (employment or enrollment in further education) for each  
278 public health degree. See Template B3-1. (self-study document)
- 279 2) Explain the data presented above, including identification of factors contributing to any rates that  
280 do not meet this criterion's expectations and plans to address these factors. (self-study  
281 document)
- 282 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
283 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

### 284 B4. Alumni Perceptions of Curricular Effectiveness (SPH and PHP)

285 For each degree offered,<sup>7</sup> the school or program collects information on alumni<sup>8</sup> perceptions of  
286 their preparation for the workforce (or for further education, if applicable). Data collection must  
287 elicit information on what skills are most useful and applicable in post-graduation destinations,  
288 areas in which graduates feel well prepared, and areas in which they would have benefitted from  
289 more training or preparation. ~~own success in achieving defined competencies while enrolled in the~~  
290 ~~program of study and of their ability to apply these competencies in their post-graduation~~  
291 ~~placements.~~

292 The school or program defines qualitative and/or quantitative methods designed to ~~maximize~~  
293 ~~response rates and~~ provide useful information on the issues outlined above. "Useful information"  
294 refers to information that provides the unit with a reasonable basis for making curricular and  
295 related improvements. Qualitative methods may include focus groups, key informant interviews,  
296 etc.

297 <sup>6</sup> SPH only: See footnote 5.

298 <sup>7</sup> SPH only: See footnote 5.

299 <sup>8</sup> Data from recent graduates within the last five years are typically most useful, as distal graduates may  
300 not have completed the curriculum that is currently offered.

Commented [A5]: Changes reflect emphasis on information that can be used for program/curricular improvement rather than mechanics of survey administration or intricacies related to each competency.

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309 **The school or program documents and regularly examines its methodology, making revisions as**  
310 **necessary, as well as its substantive outcomes to ensure useful data.**

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312 Required documentation:

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315 1) Summarize the findings of alumni self-assessment of their ~~ability to apply competencies after~~  
316 ~~graduation~~ preparation for post-graduation destinations. (self-study document)  
317  
318 2) Provide full documentation of the methodology and findings from ~~alumni~~ quantitative and/or  
319 qualitative data collection. (electronic resource file)  
320  
321 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
322 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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324 **B5. Defining Evaluation and Quality Improvement Practices (SPH and PHP)**

325  
326 **The school or program defines and consistently implements an evaluation plan appropriate**  
327 **evaluation methods and measures that fulfills the following functions:**

- 328  
329 • includes all measures listed in Appendix 1 in these Accreditation Criteria  
330 • provides information that allows the school or program to determine its effectiveness in  
331 advancing its mission and goals (as defined in Criterion B1)  
332 ○ Measures must capture all aspects of the unit's mission and goals. In most cases,  
333 this will require supplementing the measures captured in Appendix 1 with  
334 additional measures that address the unit's unique context.  
335 • defines a process to engage in regular, substantive review of evaluation findings, as well  
336 as strategic discussions about their implications  
337 • allows the school or program to make data-driven quality improvements e.g., in  
338 curriculum, student services, advising, faculty functions, research and extramural service,  
339 and operations, as appropriate  
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341 ~~The evaluation plan is ongoing, systematic, and well-documented. The chosen evaluation~~  
342 ~~methods and measures must track the school or program's progress in 1) advancing the field of~~  
343 ~~public health (addressing instruction, scholarship, and service) and 2) promoting student~~  
344 ~~success.~~

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346 Required documentation:

- 347  
348 1) Present an evaluation plan that ~~at a minimum,~~ lists the following for each required element in  
349 Appendix 1:  
350 a. the specific data source(s) for each listed element (e.g., alumni survey, student database)  
351 b. a brief summary of the method of compiling or extracting information from the data  
352 source  
353 c. the entity or entities (generally a committee or group) responsible for reviewing and  
354 discussing each element and recommending needed improvements, when applicable  
355 d. the timeline for review (e.g., monthly, at each semester's end, annually in September)  
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357 See Template B5-1. (self-study document)

- 358 1) ~~Briefly describe how the chosen evaluation methods and measures track the school or program's~~  
359 ~~progress in advancing the field of public health (including instruction, scholarship, and service)~~  
360 ~~and promoting student success. (self-study document)~~  
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362 2) Provide evidence of implementation of the plan described in Template B5-1. Evidence may  
363 include reports or data summaries prepared for review, notes from meetings at which results

**Commented [A6]:** B5 has been combined with B6. Adds clarity about what CEPH expects from an evaluation plan (Appendix 1 is simply all data elements that are already required for the self-study). Reduces subjectivity of site visit team. Emphasizes use of data for quality improvement rather than technicalities of individual measures.

364 were discussed, etc. ~~Evidence must document examination of progress and impact on both public~~  
365 ~~health as a field and student success.~~ (electronic resource file)

367 3) Provide at least three specific examples of improvements undertaken in the last three years  
368 based on the evaluation plan. ~~At least one of the changes must relate to an area other than the~~  
369 ~~curriculum. See Template B5-2.~~ (self-study document)

370 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
372 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

### 373 **B6. Use of Evaluation Data (SPH and PHP)**

374 ~~The school or program engages in regular, substantive review of all evaluation findings, as well as~~  
375 ~~strategic discussions about the implications of evaluation findings.~~

376 ~~The school or program implements an explicit process for translating evaluation findings into~~  
377 ~~programmatic plans and changes and provides evidence of changes implemented based on~~  
378 ~~evaluation findings.~~

379 ~~Required documentation:~~

380 ~~Provide two to four specific examples of programmatic changes undertaken in the last three years~~  
381 ~~based on evaluation results. For each example, describe the specific evaluation finding and the~~  
382 ~~groups or individuals responsible for determining the planned change, as well as identifying the~~  
383 ~~change itself. (self-study document)~~

384 ~~1) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for~~  
385 ~~improvement in this area. (self-study document)~~

### 386 **C1. Fiscal Resources (SPH and PHP)**

387 ~~The school or program has financial resources adequate to fulfill its stated mission and goals.~~  
388 ~~Financial support is adequate to sustain all core functions, including offering coursework and~~  
389 ~~other elements necessary to support the full array of degrees and ongoing operations.~~

390 ~~Required documentation:~~

391 1) Describe the school or program's budget processes, including all sources of funding. This  
392 description addresses the following, as applicable:

393 a) Briefly describe how the school or program pays for faculty salaries. For example, are faculty  
394 salaries fully guaranteed, or are faculty expected to raise funds to support salaries? If this  
395 varies by individual or appointment type, indicate this, and provide examples. For programs, if  
396 faculty salaries are paid by an entity other than the program (such as a department or  
397 college), explain.

398 b) Briefly describe how the school or program requests and/or obtains additional faculty or staff  
399 (additional = not replacements for individuals who left). If multiple models are possible,  
400 indicate this and provide examples.

401 c) Describe how the school or program funds the following:  
402 a. operational costs (schools and programs define "operational" in their own contexts;  
403 definition must be included in response)  
404 b. student support, including scholarships, support for student conference travel,  
405 support for student activities, etc.

**Commented [A7]:** These are required components of the guiding statements in B1 & do not need to be repeated here.

**Commented [A8]:** Ensures a broader array of evidence for reviewers without increasing the overall amount of information required.

- 419 c. faculty development expenses, including travel support. If this varies by individual or  
420 appointment type, indicate this, and provide examples  
421
- 422 d) In general terms, describe how the school or program requests and/or obtains additional  
423 funds for operational costs, student support and faculty development expenses.  
424
- 425 e) Explain how tuition and fees paid by students are returned to the school or program. If the  
426 school or program receives a share rather than the full amount, explain, in general terms,  
427 how the share returned is determined. If the school or program's funding is allocated in a way  
428 that does not bear a relationship to tuition and fees generated, indicate this, and explain.  
429
- 430 f) Explain how indirect costs associated with grants and contracts are returned to the school or  
431 program and/or individual faculty members. If the school or program and its faculty do not  
432 receive funding through this mechanism, explain.  
433

434 If the school or program is a multi-partner unit sponsored by two or more universities (as defined  
435 in Criterion A2), the responses must make clear the financial contributions of each sponsoring  
436 university to the overall school or program budget. The description must explain how tuition and  
437 other income is shared, including indirect cost returns for research generated by public health  
438 school or program faculty appointed at any institution.  
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440 (self-study document)  
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- 442 2) A clearly formulated school or program budget statement in the format of Template C1-1,  
443 showing sources of all available funds and expenditures by major categories, for the last five  
444 years.  
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446 PHP only: If a program does not typically have a separate budget, it must present one of the  
447 following:  
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- 449 • A budget statement for the organizational unit that houses the program's budget in the  
450 format of Template C1-1 AND an accompanying table, also in Template C1-1 format, that  
451 estimates program income and expenditures, line by line, with accompanying narrative  
452 explaining the basis for the estimate (e.g., approximately 20% of the department's salary  
453 funds support the program).  
454
- 455 • A table that accurately depicts the funding controlled by the program. For example, if the  
456 program's only direct allocation is funds for operations and student support, the budget  
457 table would address those categories only. A narrative must accompany the table and  
458 explain the reasoning for including/excluding categories of income and expenditures.  
459

460 If the program is a multi-partner unit sponsored by two or more universities (as defined in  
461 Criterion A2), the budget statement must make clear the financial contributions of each  
462 sponsoring university to the overall program budget. (self-study document)  
463

- 464 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
465 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
466

## 467 C2. Faculty Resources (SPH and PHP)

470 **The school or program has adequate faculty, including primary instructional faculty and non-**  
471 **primary instructional faculty, to fulfill its stated mission and goals. This support is adequate to**  
472 **sustain all core functions, including offering coursework and advising students. The stability of**  
473 **resources is a factor in evaluating resource adequacy.**  
474

475 Primary instructional faculty, as defined in these criteria, provide the basis for initial levels of  
476 review of the adequacy of a school or program's resources.

477  
478 This criterion employs a three-step review (outlined in C2-A through C2-C) in assessing adequacy  
479 of faculty resources.

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481 **Definitions**

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483 **SPH only: Primary instructional faculty must meet BOTH requirements outlined below:**

- 484  
485 • Employed full-time as faculty members appointed in the school (i.e., 1.0 FTE in the unit of  
486 accreditation). The school uses the university's definition of "full-time." Individuals  
487 appointed in the school with honorary appointments in other disciplines or occasional  
488 teaching/advising duties outside the school may count as primary instructional faculty  
489 members in some circumstances, but the primary expectation of the individual's  
490 employment must be activities associated with the school.
- 491  
492 • Have regular responsibility for instruction in the school's public health degree programs  
493 as a component of employment. Individuals whose sole instructional responsibility is  
494 advising individual doctoral or research students do not meet CEPH's definition of primary  
495 instructional faculty, nor do faculty whose regular instructional responsibilities lie with  
496 non-public health degrees within the school, if applicable.

497  
498 **PHP only: Primary instructional faculty must meet ALL THREE requirements outlined below:**

- 499  
500 • Employed full-time as faculty members at the home institution/university. The program  
501 uses the university's definition of "full-time."
- 502  
503 • Have regular responsibility for instruction in the program as a component of employment.  
504 Individuals whose sole instructional responsibility is advising individual doctoral or  
505 research students do not meet CEPH's definition of primary instructional faculty.
- 506  
507 • Spend a majority of time/effort (i.e., 0.50 FTE or greater) on activities associated with the  
508 program, including instruction. Research and service effort should also be included in the  
509 FTE allocated to the program if the research or service projects impact the program and  
510 its students. The program defines FTE allocations consistently and transparently and can  
511 clearly account for all time, effort and instructional or other responsibilities spent on  
512 degree programs outside the unit of accreditation.

513  
514 **C2-A. Minimum faculty requirement by accreditation unit (SPH and PHP)**

515  
516 Schools employ, at a minimum, 21 primary instructional faculty.

517  
518 Programs employ, at a minimum, three primary instructional faculty.

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520  
521 **C2-B. Minimum faculty requirement by range of offerings (SPH and PHP)**

522  
523 Students' access to a range of intellectual perspectives and to breadth of thought in their chosen  
524 fields of study is an important component of quality, as is faculty access to colleagues with  
525 shared interests and expertise.  
526  
527

528 To provide this basic breadth and range and to assure quality, schools and programs employ, at a  
529 minimum, three faculty members per concentration area for the first degree level offered.<sup>9</sup>

531 Each additional degree level in a concentration requires the addition of one **primary instructional**  
532 faculty member. Thus, a concentration area that solely offers master's degrees requires three  
533 faculty members. A concentration offering bachelor's and master's degrees OR master's and  
534 doctoral degrees requires four faculty members. A concentration with bachelor's, master's and  
535 doctoral-level degrees requires a minimum of five faculty members.

537 Additional definitions and specifications for these faculty requirements differ between schools  
538 and programs, due to the differing appointment and resource structures in these organizational  
539 units. Definitions and specifications are as follows:

540 **SPH**

541 The three faculty per concentration for the first degree level include the following:

- 542 • Two primary instructional faculty members
  - 543 ○ These individuals may count among the two faculty (or additional faculty required
  - 544 for adding a degree level) in no more than one additional concentration.
- 545 • One additional faculty member of any type (faculty from another university unit, adjunct
- 546 faculty, part-time faculty, or primary instructional faculty associated with another
- 547 concentration area).

548 The additional faculty member required for adding a degree level in a concentration area must be  
549 a primary instructional faculty member.

550 All identified faculty must have regular instructional responsibility in the area. Individuals who  
551 perform research in a given area but do not have some regular expectations for instruction cannot  
552 serve as one of the three to five listed members.

553 **PHP**

554 Programs that meet the requirements associated with schools in C2-A (i.e., programs that have  
555 21 or more primary instructional faculty dedicated solely to the program (i.e., 1.0 FTE)) may opt to  
556 follow the definitions listed above for school faculty.

557 For all other programs, the three faculty per concentration for the first degree level include the  
558 following:

- 559 • Two primary instructional faculty members
  - 560 ○ These individuals may count toward the two faculty (or additional faculty required
  - 561 for adding a degree level) in one additional concentration ONLY IF they are
  - 562 allocated to the program at 1.0 FTE and are not shared with other educational
  - 563 programs. Primary instructional faculty who are dedicated to the program at FTE
  - 564 between 0.50 and 0.99 may only count toward the required faculty members in a
  - 565 single concentration.

Commented [A9]: Reflects Council's consistent interpretation and intent of the criterion.

<sup>9</sup> See "Definitions" at the end of this document.

SPH only: This requirement applies solely to public health degrees and concentrations, as defined in Template Intro-1.

- 577 • **One additional faculty member of any type (faculty from another university unit, adjunct**  
578 **faculty, part-time faculty, or primary instructional faculty associated with another**  
579 **concentration area). The additional faculty required for additional degree levels must be**  
580 **primary instructional faculty.**  
581

582 **All identified faculty must have regular instructional responsibility in the area. Individuals who**  
583 **perform research in a given area but do not have some regular expectations for instruction cannot**  
584 **serve as one of the three to five listed members.**  
585

586 **SPH & PHP**

587 **All identified faculty must be qualified to provide instruction in the concentration area, as defined**  
588 **in Criterion E1.**  
589

590 **Criterion E assesses an individual's qualifications vis-à-vis his or her association with a**  
591 **concentration, degree level and type of degree (e.g., professional or academic).**  
592

593 **In multi-partner schools and programs (i.e., institutions responding to Criterion A2), faculty may**  
594 **be drawn from any of the participating institutions to demonstrate compliance with this aspect of**  
595 **the criteria.**  
596

597 **C2-C. Faculty resource adequacy, beyond minimum eligibility (SPH and PHP)**

598 **In addition to meeting the minimum quantitative standards above, the size of the school or**  
599 **program's faculty complement is appropriate for the size of the student body and supports and**  
600 **encourages effective, regular, and substantive student-faculty interactions.**  
601

602 **Quantitative and qualitative data demonstrate adequacy, specifically the following: appropriate**  
603 **advising ratios; availability of faculty to supervise MPH integrative learning experiences and**  
604 **doctoral students' final projects; and positive student perceptions of class size and faculty**  
605 **availability.**  
606

607 **Required documentation:**  
608

- 609 1) **A table demonstrating the adequacy of the school or program's instructional faculty resources in**  
610 **the format of Template C2-1. (Note: C2-1 has different formats for schools vs. programs.)**  
611

612 **The school or program need not list all faculty but must list sufficient faculty to demonstrate**  
613 **compliance with C2-B and C2-C. For example, if the school or program exceeds the number of**  
614 **faculty needed to document compliance (as defined in these criteria), the school or program may**  
615 **note the number of faculty available in addition to those identified by name in Template C2-1.**  
616

617 **The data reflect the most current academic year at the time of the final self-study's submission**  
618 **and should be updated at the beginning of the site visit if any changes have occurred since self-**  
619 **study submission. (self-study document)**  
620

- 621 2) **Explain the method for calculating FTE for faculty in the templates and evidence of the calculation**  
622 **method's implementation. For schools only, all primary instructional faculty, by definition, are**  
623 **allocated 1.0 FTE. Schools must explain the method for calculating FTE for any non-primary**  
624 **instructional faculty presented in C2-1. Programs must present calculation methods for primary**  
625 **instructional and non-primary instructional faculty. (self-study document)**  
626

- 627 3) **If applicable, provide a narrative explanation that supplements reviewers' understanding of data**  
628 **in the templates. (self-study document)**  
629

630  
631

- 632 4) Data on the following for the most recent year in the format of Template C2-2. See  
633 Template C2-2 for additional definitions and parameters.  
634
- 635 a. Advising ratios (faculty and, if applicable, staff) by degree level (bachelor's, master's,  
636 doctoral), as well as the maximum and minimum. If both faculty and staff advise, present  
637 and calculate both ratios
  - 638 b. If applicable, average number of baccalaureate students supervised in a cumulative or  
639 experiential activity<sup>10</sup>
  - 640 c. Average number of MPH students supervised in an integrative learning experience (as  
641 defined in Criterion D7), as well as the maximum and minimum
  - 642 d. Average number of DrPH students advised, as well as the maximum and minimum
  - 643 e. Average number of PhD students advised, as well as the maximum and minimum
  - 644 f. Average number of academic public health master's students advised, as well as the  
645 maximum and minimum

646  
647 As noted in Template C2-2's instructions, schools should only present data on public health  
648 degrees and concentrations. If primary instructional faculty, non-primary instructional faculty  
649 and/or staff are all regularly involved in these activities, indicate this and present data separately  
650 for each group, as applicable.

651  
652 Though the self-study requires only the most recent year, the school or program may wish to  
653 present additional years of data for context. For example, if the most recent year's results are  
654 anomalous, additional data may be helpful.

655 (self-study document)

- 656  
657  
658 5) Quantitative data on student perceptions of the following for the most recent year:  
659
- 660 a. Class size and its relation to quality of learning (e.g., The class size was conducive to my  
661 learning)
  - 662 b. Availability of faculty (i.e., Likert scale of 1-5, with 5 as very satisfied)

663  
664 Present data by degree level (bachelor's, master's, doctoral), at a minimum. If the school or  
665 program wishes to collect and present data by degree (MPH, MS, PhD, DrPH, etc.), degree data  
666 may be presented. Schools should only present data on public health degrees and  
667 concentrations.

668  
669 Though the self-study requires only the most recent year, the school or program may wish to  
670 present additional years of data for context. For example, if the most recent year's results are  
671 anomalous, additional data may be helpful.

672 (self-study document)

- 673  
674  
675 6) Qualitative data on student perceptions of class size and availability of faculty. Schools should  
676 only present data on public health degrees and concentrations. (summary in self-study and full  
677 results/backup documentation in electronic resource file)
- 678  
679 7) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
680 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

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<sup>10</sup> This reporting element is only required if undergraduate public health students engage in required cumulative or experiential activities (as defined in Criterion D12) that require intensive, individualized faculty supervision and are, thus, relevant to assessing faculty workload and resources.

683 **C3. Staff and Other Personnel Resources (SPH and PHP)**

684  
685 **The school or program has staff and other personnel adequate to fulfill its stated mission and**  
686 **goals. The stability of resources is a factor in evaluating resource adequacy.**  
687

688 **“Staff” are defined as individuals who do not have faculty appointments and for whom staff work**  
689 **is their primary function. “Other personnel” includes students who perform work that supports**  
690 **the program’s instructional and administrative needs (e.g., individuals who enroll first as students**  
691 **and then obtain graduate assistant or other positions at the university are classified as “other**  
692 **personnel,” while individuals hired into staff positions who later opt to complete coursework or**  
693 **degrees are classified as “staff”).**

694  
695 Required documentation:

- 696  
697 1) A table defining the number of the school or program’s staff support for the year in which the site  
698 visit will take place by role or function in the format of Template C3-1. Designate any staff  
699 resources that are shared with other units outside the unit of accreditation. [Individuals whose](#)  
700 [workload is primarily as a faculty member should not be listed.](#) (self-study document)  
701  
702 2) Provide a narrative description, which may be supported by data if applicable, of the contributions  
703 of other personnel, as defined in the criterion text above. (self-study document)  
704  
705 3) Provide narrative and/or data that support the assertion that the school or program’s staff and  
706 other personnel support is sufficient or not sufficient. (self-study document)  
707  
708 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
709 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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**Commented [A10]:** Clarifies faculty vs. staff definitions

712 **C4. Physical Resources (SPH and PHP)**

713  
714 **The school or program has physical resources adequate to fulfill its stated mission and goals and**  
715 **to support instructional programs. Physical resources include faculty and staff office space,**  
716 **classroom space, student shared space and laboratories, as applicable.**  
717

718 Required documentation:

- 719  
720 1) Briefly describe, with data as applicable, the following. (Note: square footage is not required  
721 unless specifically relevant to the school or program’s narrative.)  
722
  - 723 • Faculty office space
  - 724 • Staff office space
  - 725 • Classrooms
  - 726 • Shared student space
  - 727 • Laboratories, if applicable to public health degree program offerings  
728 (self-study document)  
729  
730 2) Provide narrative and/or data that support the assertion that the physical space is sufficient or not  
731 sufficient. (self-study document)  
732  
733 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
734 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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736

737 **C5. Information and Technology Resources (SPH and PHP)**  
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739 **The school or program has information and technology resources adequate to fulfill its stated**  
740 **mission and goals and to support instructional programs. Information and technology resources**  
741 **include library resources, student access to hardware and software (including access to specific**  
742 **software or other technology required for instructional programs), faculty access to hardware and**  
743 **software (including access to specific software required for the instructional programs offered)**  
744 **and technical assistance for students and faculty.**  
745

746 Required documentation:

- 747
- 748 1) Briefly describe, with data if applicable, the following:
    - 749 • library resources and support available for students and faculty
    - 750 • student access to hardware and software (including access to specific software or other
    - 751 technology required for instructional programs)
    - 752 • faculty access to hardware and software (including access to specific software or other
    - 753 technology required for instructional programs)
    - 754 • technical assistance available for students and faculty
- 755 (self-study document)
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  - 757
  - 758 2) Provide narrative and/or data that support the assertion that information and technology
  - 759 resources are sufficient or not sufficient. (self-study document)
  - 760
  - 761 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for
  - 762 improvement in this area. (self-study document)
  - 763
  - 764

765 **D1. MPH & DrPH Foundational Public Health Knowledge (SPH and PHP)**  
766

767 **The school or program ensures that all MPH and DrPH graduates are grounded in foundational**  
768 **public health knowledge.**  
769

770 **Grounding in foundational public health knowledge is measured by the student's achievement of**  
771 **the learning objectives<sup>11</sup> listed below, or higher-level versions of the same objectives.**  
772

773 **Profession & Science of Public Health**  
774

- 775 1. **Explain public health history, philosophy, and values**
- 776 2. **Identify the core functions of public health and the 10 Essential Services<sup>12</sup>**
- 777 3. **Explain the role of quantitative and qualitative methods and sciences in describing and**  
778 **assessing a population's health**
- 779 4. **List major causes and trends of morbidity and mortality in the US or other community**  
780 **relevant to the school or program**
- 781 5. **Discuss the science of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention in population health,**  
782 **including health promotion, screening, etc.**
- 783 6. **Explain the critical importance of evidence in advancing public health knowledge**  
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<sup>11</sup> This document uses the term "learning objectives" to denote that these intended knowledge outcomes are defined in a more granular, less advanced level than the competencies typically used to define outcomes of a graduate-level program of study.

<sup>12</sup> Institutions outside the US may replace the 10 Essential Services with content appropriate to the nation/region.

785 **Factors Related to Human Health**

- 786
- 787 7. Explain effects of environmental factors on a population's health
- 788 8. Explain biological and genetic factors that affect a population's health
- 789 9. Explain behavioral and psychological factors that affect a population's health
- 790 10. Explain the social, political, and economic determinants of health and how they contribute
- 791 to population health and health inequities
- 792 11. Explain how globalization affects global burdens of disease
- 793 12. Explain an ecological perspective on the connections among human health, animal health
- 794 and ecosystem health (e.g., One Health)
- 795

796 The school or program validates MPH and DrPH students' foundational public health knowledge

797 through appropriate methods, which may include the following:

798

- 799 • The school or program verifies students' previous completion of a CEPH-accredited
- 800 degree (bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree)
- 801 • The school or program implements a test or other assessment tools that address the
- 802 learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same objectives
- 803 • The school or program offers an online or in-person course, for credit or not-for-credit,
- 804 that incorporates the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same
- 805 objectives
- 806 • The school or program includes the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level
- 807 versions of the same objectives, in courses required of all MPH or DrPH students
- 808

809 Required documentation:

810

- 811 1) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D1-1, that indicates how all MPH and DrPH students
- 812 are grounded in each of the defined foundational public health learning objectives (1-12). The
- 813 matrix must identify all options for MPH and DrPH students used by the school or program. (self-
- 814 study document)
- 815
- 816 2) Document the methods described above. This documentation must include all referenced syllabi,
- 817 samples of tests or other assessments and web links or handbook excerpts that describe
- 818 admissions prerequisites, as applicable. (electronic resource file)
- 819
- 820 3) If applicable, assessment of strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for
- 821 improvement in this area. (self-study document)
- 822

823 **D2. MPH Foundational Competencies (SPH and PHP)**

824

825 All MPH graduates demonstrate the following competencies.

826

827 The school or program documents at least one specific, required assessment activity (e.g.,

828 component of existing course, paper, presentation, test) for each competency below, during

829 which faculty or other qualified individuals (e.g., preceptors) validate the student's ability to

830 perform the competency.

831

832 Assessment opportunities may occur in foundational courses that are common to all students, in

833 courses that are required for a concentration or in other educational requirements outside of

834 designated coursework, but the school or program must assess *all* MPH students, at least once,

835 on each competency. This requirement also applies to students completing an MPH in

836 combination with another degree (e.g., joint, dual, concurrent degrees). ~~For combined degree~~

837 ~~students, assessment may take place in either degree program.~~

838

839 Assessment may occur in simulations, group projects, presentations, written products, etc.

840

**Commented [A11]:** Consistent interpretation is that faculty must validate student performance of competencies

**Commented [A12]:** While this statement is true in some circumstances, it is more accurate to remain silent on the issue and deal with combined degree plans individually, based on specific circumstances.

841  
842 [Since the unit must demonstrate that all students perform all competencies, units must define](#)  
843 [methods to assess individual students' competency attainment in group projects. Also,](#)  
844 [assessment should occur in a setting other than an internship, which is tailored to individual](#)  
845 [student needs and designed to allow students to practice skills previously learned in a classroom.](#)  
846 [Additionally, assessment must occur prior to the integrative learning experience \(see Criterion](#)  
847 [D7\), which is designed to integrate previously-attained skills in new ways.](#)

**Commented [A13]:** Additions here and in competency statements (unless otherwise noted) clarify Council's consistent interpretation

848  
849 These competencies are informed by the traditional public health core knowledge areas,  
850 (biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration and  
851 environmental health sciences), as well as cross-cutting and emerging public health areas.

#### 852 853 Evidence-based Approaches to Public Health

- 854 1. Apply epidemiological methods to the breadth of settings and situations in public health  
855 practice
- 856 2. Select quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public  
857 health context
- 858 3. Analyze quantitative and qualitative data using biostatistics, informatics, computer-based  
859 programming, and software, as appropriate
- 860 4. Interpret results of data analysis for public health research, policy, or practice

#### 861 862 Public Health & Health Care Systems

- 863 5. Compare the organization, structure and function of health ~~care, public health, and~~  
864 ~~regulatory~~ systems across national and international settings
- 865 6. Discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities, and racism undermine  
866 health and create challenges to achieving health equity ~~at organizational, community and~~  
867 ~~societal levels~~

**Commented [A14]:** Effort to simplify compound statements without impacting meaning

**Commented [A15]:** Simplified to more accurately reflect emphasis on system-level issues

#### 868 869 Planning & Management to Promote Health

- 870 7. Assess population needs, assets, and capacities that affect communities' health
- 871 8. Apply awareness of cultural values and practices to the design, ~~or implementation, or~~  
872 ~~critique~~ of public health policies or programs
- 873 9. Design a population-based policy, program, project, or intervention
- 874 10. Explain basic principles and tools of budget and resource management, [specifically after](#)  
875 [funding for a project is secured](#)
- 876 11. Select methods to evaluate public health programs

**Commented [A16]:** Incorporates policy critique as an option for assessment

#### 877 878 Policy in Public Health

- 879 12. Discuss ~~multiple dimensions of~~ the policy-making process<sup>13</sup>, ~~including the roles of ethics~~  
880 ~~and evidence~~
- 881 13. Propose strategies to identify stakeholders and build coalitions and partnerships for  
882 influencing public health outcomes
- 883 14. Advocate for political, social, or economic policies and programs that will improve health  
884 in diverse populations<sup>14</sup>
- 885 15. Evaluate policies for their impact on public health and health equity

<sup>13</sup> [This competency refers to technical aspects of how public policies are created and adopted, including legislative and/or regulatory roles and processes, ethics in public policy making, and the role of evidence in creating policy.](#)

<sup>14</sup> [This competency refers to the ability to influence policy and/or decision making, such as through stakeholder mobilization, educating policy makers, etc. Ability to argue in support of \(or in opposition to\) a position, as in a standard debate, is not sufficient. Students must produce a product that would be part of an advocacy campaign or effort \(e.g., legislative testimony, fact sheets, advocacy strategy outline, etc\).](#)

- 887 Leadership
- 888 16. Apply leadership and/or management principles to address a relevant issue; of leadership,
- 889 governance, and management, which include such principles may include creating a
- 890 vision, empowering others, fostering collaboration, and guiding decision making
- 891 17. Apply negotiation and mediation skills to address organizational or community
- 892 challenges<sup>15</sup>
- 893

894 Communication

- 895 18. Select communication strategies for different audiences and sectors
- 896 19. Communicate audience-appropriate (i.e., non-academic, non-peer audience) public health
- 897 content, both in writing and through oral presentation
- 898 20. Describe the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content
- 899

900 Interprofessional and/or Intersectoral Practice

- 901 21. Integrate perspectives from other sectors and/or professions to promote and advance
- 902 population health<sup>16</sup> ~~Perform effectively on interprofessional teams~~
- 903

904 Systems Thinking

- 905 22. Apply a systems thinking tools to visually represent a public health issue in a format other
- 906 than standard narrative<sup>17</sup>
- 907

908 Required documentation:

- 909
- 910 1) List the coursework and other learning experiences required for the school or program's MPH
- 911 degrees, including the required curriculum for each concentration and combined degree option.
- 912 Information may be provided in the format of Template D2-1 or in hyperlinks to student
- 913 handbooks or webpages, but the documentation must present a clear depiction of the
- 914 requirements for each MPH degree. (self-study document)
- 915
- 916 2) List the required curriculum for each combined degree option in the same format as above,
- 917 clearly indicating (using italics or shading) any requirements that differ from MPH students who
- 918 are not completing a combined degree. (self-study document)
- 919
- 920 2)3) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D2-2, that indicates the assessment activity for each
- 921 of the foundational competencies listed above (1-22). If the school or program addresses all of
- 922 the listed foundational competencies in a single, common core curriculum, the school or program
- 923 need only present a single matrix. If combined degree students do not complete the same core

**Commented [A17]:** Competency, as written, limited opportunities for reasonable assessments. The term "interprofessional" implies "interprofessional care teams" in health care, while working across sectors in public health is as, if not more, important.

**Commented [A18]:** This change & the change in #4 below provide more direct guidance to units on what information is needed for accurate review.

<sup>15</sup> "Negotiation and mediation," in this competency, refers to the set of skills needed when a common solution is required among parties with conflicting interests and/or different desired outcomes. Such skills extend beyond the level of negotiation required in a successful intra-group process; effective communication within a work group or team is more closely related to competency 16.

<sup>16</sup> This competency requires direct engagement (in-person or online) between the student and an individual or individuals in a profession or sector other than public health; students must combine the external sector/profession's perspective and/or knowledge with their own public health training to complete a task, solve a problem, etc.. Role-playing, in which public health students assume the identity of an individual from another profession or sector to which they do not already belong, is not an acceptable substitute for actual engagement with an individual or individuals from a profession or sector outside of public health.

<sup>17</sup> Systems thinking tools depict or map complex relationships, demonstrating, for example, how component parts of a system interact with and influence one another. Examples include causal loop diagrams, systems archetypes, network analyses, and concept maps. Logic models and evidence tables are not sufficient to address this competency.

924 curriculum as students in the standalone MPH program, the school or program must present a  
925 separate matrix for each combined degree. If the school or program relies on concentration-  
926 specific courses to assess some of the foundational competencies listed above, the school or  
927 program must present a separate matrix for each concentration. (self-study document)

928  
929 3)4) Include the most recent syllabus from each course listed in Template D2-1, or written guidelines,  
930 such as a handbook, for any required elements listed in Template D2-1 that do not have a  
931 syllabus. [If the syllabus does not contain a specific, detailed set of instructions for the assessment](#)  
932 [activity listed in Template D2-2, provide additional documentation of the assessment, e.g.,](#)  
933 [sample quiz question, full instructions for project, prompt for written discussion post, etc.](#)  
934 (electronic resource file)

935  
936 4)5) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
937 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

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### 940 D3. DrPH Foundational Competencies (SPH and PHP, if applicable)

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942 **The DrPH is the professional doctoral degree in public health, designed to produce transformative**  
943 **academic and practice leaders with expertise in evidence-based public health practice and**  
944 **research. These individuals are able to convene diverse partners; communicate to effect change**  
945 **across a range of sectors and settings; synthesize and translate findings; and generate practice-**  
946 **based evidence that advances programs, policies, services and/or systems addressing population**  
947 **health. DrPH graduates demonstrate the competencies defined in this criterion.**

948

949 **The school or program documents at least one specific, required assessment activity (e.g.,**  
950 **component of existing course, paper, presentation, test) for each competency below, during**  
951 **which faculty or other qualified individuals (e.g., preceptors) validate the student's ability to**  
952 **perform the competency.**

953

954 **Assessment opportunities may occur in foundational courses that are common to all students, in**  
955 **courses that are required for a concentration or in other educational requirements outside of**  
956 **designated coursework, but the school or program must assess *all* DrPH students, at least once,**  
957 **on each competency. Assessment may occur in simulations, group projects<sup>18</sup>, presentations,**  
958 **written products, etc.**

959

#### 960 **Data & Analysis**

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- 962 1. Explain qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods and policy analysis research and  
963 evaluation methods to address health issues at multiple (individual, group, organization,  
964 community, and population) levels
- 965 2. Design a qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, policy analysis or evaluation project to  
966 address a public health issue
- 967 3. Explain the use and limitations of surveillance systems and national surveys in assessing,  
968 monitoring, and evaluating policies and programs and to address a population's health

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#### 970 **Leadership, Management & Governance**

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- 972 4. Propose strategies for health improvement and elimination of health inequities by  
973 organizing stakeholders, including researchers, practitioners, community leaders and  
974 other partners
- 975 5. Communicate public health science to diverse stakeholders, including individuals at all  
976 levels of health literacy, for purposes of influencing behavior and policies

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<sup>18</sup> [Since the unit must demonstrate that all students perform all competencies, units must define methods to assess individual students' competency attainment in group projects.](#)

- 975 6. Integrate knowledge, approaches, methods, values and potential contributions from  
 976 multiple professions and systems in addressing public health problems  
 977 7. Create a strategic plan<sup>19</sup>  
 978 8. Facilitate shared decision making through negotiation and consensus-building methods  
 979 9. Create organizational change strategies  
 980 10. Propose strategies to promote inclusion and equity within public health programs,  
 981 policies, and systems  
 982 11. Assess one's own strengths and weaknesses in leadership capacities, including cultural  
 983 proficiency  
 984 12. Propose human, fiscal, and other resources to achieve a strategic goal  
 985 13. Cultivate new resources and revenue streams to achieve a strategic goal<sup>20</sup>  
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987 **Policy & Programs**

- 988 14. Design a system-level intervention to address a public health issue  
 989 15. Integrate knowledge of cultural values and practices in the design of public health policies  
 990 and programs  
 991 16. Integrate scientific information, legal and regulatory approaches, ethical frameworks and  
 992 varied stakeholder interests in policy development and analysis  
 993 17. Propose interprofessional team approaches to improving public health  
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995 **Education & Workforce Development**

- 996 18. Assess an audience's knowledge and learning needs  
 997 19. Deliver training or educational experiences that promote learning in academic,  
 998 organizational or community settings  
 999 20. Use best practice modalities in pedagogical practices  
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1001 Required documentation:

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 1003 1) List the coursework and other learning experiences required for the school or program's DrPH  
 1004 degrees. Information may be provided in the format of Template D3-1 or in hyperlinks to student  
 1005 handbooks or webpages, but the documentation must present a clear depiction of the  
 1006 requirements for each DrPH degree. (self-study document)  
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 1008 2) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D3-2, that indicates the assessment activity for each  
 1009 of the foundational competencies listed above (1-20). If the school or program addresses all of  
 1010 the listed foundational competencies in a single, common core curriculum, the school or program  
 1011 need only present a single matrix. If the school or program relies on concentration-specific  
 1012 courses to assess some of the foundational competencies listed above, the school or program  
 1013 must present a separate matrix for each concentration. (self-study document)  
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 1015 3) Include the most recent syllabus from each course listed in Template D3-1, or written guidelines  
 1016 for any required elements listed in Template D3-1 that do not have a syllabus. [If the syllabus does  
 1017 not contain a specific, detailed set of instructions for the assessment activity listed in Template  
 1018 D3-2, provide additional documentation of the assessment, e.g., sample quiz question, full  
 1019 instructions for project, prompt for written discussion post, etc.](#) (electronic resource file)  
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 1021 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 1022 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

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<sup>19</sup> ["Strategic plan" refers to an organizational unit plan that is broader or more expansive than developing a plan for a specific project or intervention.](#)

<sup>20</sup> [This competency refers to the ability to identify and pursue possible funding sources and/or other resources needed to complete a project.](#)

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#### D4. MPH & DrPH Concentration Competencies (SPH and PHP)

MPH and DrPH graduates attain competencies in addition to the foundational competencies listed in Criteria D2 and D3. These competencies relate to the school or program’s mission and/or to the area(s) of concentration.

“Concentration” refers to any area of study that the school or program advertises as available to students, via its catalog and/or website. By offering a concentration, the school or program signals that students complete a sufficient depth of coursework and experiences to warrant awarding a degree in the designated field.<sup>21</sup>

If the program does not specifically define a concentration that describes a designated field, it is by default a “generalist” concentration and subject to the same total credit requirement.

The school or program defines at least five ~~distinct~~ competencies for each concentration or generalist degree at each degree level ~~in addition to those listed in Criterion D2 or D3. These competencies articulate the unique set of knowledge and skills that justifies awarding a degree in the designated concentration and differentiates the degree offering from other concentrations offered by the unit, if applicable.~~

The list of competencies may expand on or enhance foundational competencies, but, in all cases, including generalist degrees, the competency statements must clearly articulate the additional depth provided beyond the foundational competencies listed in Criteria D2 and D3.

~~The list of competencies may expand on or enhance foundational competencies, but the school or program must define a specific set of statements that articulates the depth or enhancement for all concentrations and for generalist degrees. It is not sufficient to refer to the competencies in Criterion D2 or D3 as a response to this criterion.~~

The school or program documents at least one specific, required assessment activity (e.g., component of existing course, paper, presentation, test) for each defined competency, during which faculty or other qualified individuals ~~(e.g., preceptors)~~ validate the student’s ability to perform the competency.

~~These assessment activities may be spread throughout a student’s plan of study.~~

Except for cases in which a program offers only one MPH or one DrPH concentration in the unit of accreditation, ~~Because this criterion defines competencies beyond the foundational competencies required of all MPH and DrPH students, assessment opportunities typically must occur in the didactic courses that are required for the concentration, or in courses that build on those intended to address foundational competencies.~~

If the school or program intends to prepare students for a specific credential (e.g., CHES/MCHES) that has defined competencies, the school or program documents coverage and assessment of those competencies throughout the curriculum.

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<sup>21</sup> This typically requires at least 20% (e.g., 9 of 42 semester credits) of the total credits required for the degree to be allocated to didactic courses that build knowledge and skills in the concentration area. For concentrations in which students define an individualized plan of study in consultation with an advisor, the same principles relating to curricular definition apply.

1071 Required documentation:

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- 1073 1) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D4-1, that lists at least five competencies in addition
- 1074 to those defined in Criterion D2 or D3 for each MPH or DrPH concentration or generalist degree,
- 1075 including combined degree options, and indicates at least one assessment activity for each of the
- 1076 listed competencies. Typically, the school or program will present a separate matrix for each
- 1077 concentration. (self-study document)
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- 1079 2) For degrees that allow students to tailor concentration coursework and/or competencies at an
- 1080 individual level in consultation with an advisor, the school or program must present evidence,
- 1081 including policies and sample documents, that demonstrate that each student and advisor create
- 1082 a matrix in the format of Template D4-1 for the plan of study. Include a description of policies in
- 1083 the self-study document and at least five sample matrices in the electronic resource file.
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- 1085 3) Include the most recent syllabus for each course listed in Template D4-1, or written guidelines for
- 1086 any required elements listed in Template D4-1 that do not have a syllabus. [If the syllabus does](#)
- 1087 [not contain a specific, detailed set of instructions for the assessment activity listed in Template](#)
- 1088 [D4-1, provide additional documentation of the assessment, e.g., sample quiz question, full](#)
- 1089 [instructions for project, prompt for written discussion post, etc.](#) (electronic resource file)
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- 1091 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for
- 1092 improvement in this area. (self-study document)
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#### 1095 D5. MPH Applied Practice Experiences (SPH and PHP)

1096 MPH students demonstrate competency attainment through applied practice experiences.

1097 Applied practice experiences may be concentrated in time or may be spread throughout a

1098 student's enrollment. Opportunities may include the following:

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- 1102 • a practicum or internship completed during a summer or academic term
  - 1103 • course-based activities (e.g., performing a needed task for a public health or health care
  - 1104 organization under the supervision of a faculty member as an individual or group of
  - 1105 students)
  - 1106 • activities linked to service learning, as defined by the program, school or university
  - 1107 • co-curricular activities (e.g., service and volunteer opportunities, such as those organized
  - 1108 by a student association)
  - 1109 • a blend of for-credit and/or not-for-credit activities
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1111 Applied practice experiences may involve governmental, non-governmental, non-profit, industrial,

1112 and for-profit settings or appropriate university-affiliated settings. To be appropriate for applied

1113 practice experience activities, university-affiliated settings must be primarily focused on

1114 community engagement, typically with external partners. University health promotion or wellness

1115 centers may also be appropriate.

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1117 The school or program identifies sites in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of the agencies or

1118 organizations involved. Activities meeting the applied practice experience should be mutually

1119 beneficial to both the site and the student.

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1121 The applied practice experiences allow each student to demonstrate attainment of at least five

1122 competencies, of which at least three must be foundational competencies (as defined in

1123 Criterion D2). The competencies need not be identical from student to student, but the applied

1124 experiences must be structured to ensure that all students complete experiences addressing at

1125 least five competencies, as specified above. The applied experiences may also address additional

1126 foundational or concentration-specific competencies, if appropriate.

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1128 **The school or program assesses each student's competency attainment in practical and applied**  
1129 **settings through a portfolio approach, which ~~demonstrates and allows assessment of competency~~**  
1130 **~~attainment~~ reviews practical, applied work products that were produced for the site's use and**  
1131 **benefit. Review of the student's performance in the APE must include-be based on at least two**  
1132 **practical, non-academic work products AND on validating that the work products demonstrate the**  
1133 **student's attainment of the designated competencies.**

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1135 **Examples of suitable work products include ~~written assignments, projects~~project plans, grant**  
1136 **proposals, training manuals or lesson plans, surveys, memos, videos, podcasts, multi-media**  
1137 **presentations, spreadsheets, websites, posters, photos (with accompanying explanatory text), or**  
1138 **other digital artifacts of learning. Reflection papers, contact hour logs, scholarly papers prepared**  
1139 **to allow faculty to assess the experience, poster presentations, and other documents required for**  
1140 **academic purposes may not be counted toward the minimum of two work products. ~~Materials may~~**  
1141 **be produced and maintained (either by the school or program or by individual students) in any**  
1142 **physical or electronic form chosen by the school or program.**

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1144 **The materials may originate from multiple experiences (e.g., applied community-based courses**  
1145 **and service-learning courses throughout the curriculum) or a single, intensive experience (e.g., an**  
1146 **internship requiring a significant time commitment with one site). While students may complete**  
1147 **experiences as individuals or as groups in a structured experience, each student must present**  
1148 **documentation at least two products demonstrating individual competency attainment.**

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1150 **Combined degree students have opportunities to integrate and apply their learning from both**  
1151 **degree programs through applied practice experiences.**

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1153 **The school or program structures applied practice experience requirements to support its mission**  
1154 **and students' career goals, to the extent possible.**

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1156 Required documentation:

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- 1158 1) Briefly describe how the school or program identifies competencies attained in applied practice  
1159 experiences for each MPH student, including a description of any relevant policies. (self-study  
1160 document)
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  - 1162 2) Provide documentation, including syllabi and handbooks, of the official requirements through  
1163 which students complete the applied practice experience. (electronic resource file)
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  - 1165 3) Provide samples of practice-related materials for individual students from each concentration or  
1166 generalist degree. The samples must also include materials from students completing combined  
1167 degree programs, if applicable. The school or program must provide samples of complete sets of  
1168 materials (i.e., Template D5-1 and the work products that demonstrate at least five competencies)  
1169 from at least five students in the last three years for each concentration or generalist degree. If  
1170 the school or program has not produced five students for which complete samples are available,  
1171 note this and provide all available samples. (electronic resource file)
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  - 1173 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1174 improvement in this area. (self-study document)
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#### 1176 1177 **D6. DrPH Applied Practice Experience (SPH and PHP, if applicable)**

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1179 **Regardless of the amount or level of prior experience, all DrPH students engage in one or more**  
1180 **applied practice experiences in which students are responsible for completion of at least one**  
1181 **project that is meaningful for an organization and to advanced public health practice.**  
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1183 The work product may be a single project or a set of related projects that demonstrate a depth of  
1184 competence. It may be completed as a discrete experience (such as a practicum or internship) or  
1185 integrated into program coursework. In either case, the deliverable must contain a reflective  
1186 component that includes the student's expression of personal and/or professional reactions to  
1187 the applied practice experience. This may take the form of a journal or other written product, a  
1188 professional portfolio, or another deliverable as appropriate for the program.  
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1190 Relevant organizations may include governmental, non-governmental, non-profit, industrial, and  
1191 for-profit settings. The school or program identifies sites in a manner that is sensitive to the  
1192 needs of the agencies or organizations involved. Sites should benefit from students' experiences.  
1193 The intention of this criterion is that the applied practice experience should take place within an  
1194 organization external to the student's school or program so that it is not merely an academic  
1195 exercise, but application of learning to a "real world" setting. The applied practice experience may  
1196 be completed within a student's own work setting.  
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1198 DrPH programs ensure that graduates have significant advanced-level practical experiences  
1199 collaborating with practitioners, allowing opportunities to develop leadership competencies and  
1200 contribute to the field.  
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1202 The school or program identifies a minimum of five foundational and/or concentration-specific  
1203 competencies (as defined in Criteria D3 and D4) that are reinforced and/or assessed through  
1204 application. The school or program may either choose at least one competency from the  
1205 leadership, management, and governance domain in Criterion D3 or choose a concentration-  
1206 specific competency identified in Criterion D4 if it relates to leadership skills. Competencies may  
1207 differ from student to student.  
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1209 This criterion does not define a minimum number of hours for the applied practice experience, but  
1210 it does require the school or program to identify substantive, quality opportunities that address  
1211 the identified competencies.  
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1213 Required documentation:  
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- 1215 1) Briefly describe how the school or program identifies competencies attained in applied practice  
1216 experiences for each DrPH student, including a description of any relevant policies. (self-study  
1217 document)  
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- 1219 2) Explain, with references to specific deliverables or other requirements, the manner through which  
1220 the school or program ensures that the applied practice experience requires students to  
1221 demonstrate leadership competencies. (self-study document)  
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- 1223 3) Provide documentation, including syllabi and handbooks, of the official requirements through  
1224 which students complete the applied practice experience. (electronic resource file)  
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- 1226 4) Provide samples of practice-related materials for individual students from each concentration or  
1227 generalist degree. The school or program must provide samples of complete sets of materials  
1228 (i.e., Template D6-1 and the work products/documents that demonstrate at least five  
1229 competencies) from at least five students in the last three years for each concentration or  
1230 generalist degree. If the school or program has not produced five students for which complete  
1231 samples are available, note this and provide all available samples. (electronic resource file)  
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- 1233 5) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1234 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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#### 1236 **D7. MPH Integrative Learning Experience (SPH and PHP)** 1237 1238

1239 MPH students complete an integrative learning experience (ILE) that demonstrates synthesis of  
1240 foundational and concentration competencies. Students in consultation with faculty select  
1241 foundational and concentration-specific competencies appropriate to the student's educational  
1242 and professional goals.

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1244 The ILE represents a culminating experience and may take many forms, such as a practice-based  
1245 project, essay-based comprehensive exam, capstone course, integrative seminar, etc. Regardless  
1246 of form, the student produces a high-quality written product that is appropriate for the student's  
1247 educational and professional objectives. Written products might include the following: program  
1248 evaluation report, training manual, policy statement, take-home comprehensive essay exam,  
1249 legislative testimony with accompanying supporting research, etc. A poster presentation is not an  
1250 acceptable high-quality written product. Ideally, the written product is developed and delivered in  
1251 a manner that is useful to external stakeholders, such as non-profit or governmental  
1252 organizations.

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1254 Professional certification exams (e.g., CPH, CHES/MCHES, REHS, RHIA) may serve as an element  
1255 of the ILE but are not in and of themselves sufficient to satisfy this criterion.

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1257 The ILE is completed at or near the end of the program of study (e.g., in the final year or term). The  
1258 experience may be group-based or individual. In group-based experiences, the school or program  
1259 documents that the experience provides opportunities for individualized assessment of  
1260 outcomes.

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1262 The school or program identifies assessment methods that ensure that at least one faculty  
1263 member reviews each student's performance in the ILE and ensures that the experience  
1264 addresses the selected foundational and concentration-specific competencies. Faculty  
1265 assessment may be supplemented with assessments from other qualified individuals (e.g.,  
1266 preceptors).

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1268 Combined (dual, joint, concurrent) degree students should have opportunities to incorporate their  
1269 learning from both degree programs in a unique integrative experience.

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1271 Required documentation:

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- 1273 1) List, in the format of Template D7-1, the integrative learning experience for each MPH  
1274 concentration, generalist degree or combined degree option that includes the MPH. The template  
1275 also requires the school or program to explain, for each experience, how it ensures that the  
1276 experience demonstrates synthesis of competencies. (self-study document)
  - 1277  
1278 2) Briefly summarize the process, expectations, and assessment for each integrative learning  
1279 experience. (self-study document)
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1281 3) Provide documentation, including syllabi and/or handbooks, that communicates integrative  
1282 learning experience policies and procedures to students. (electronic resource file)
  - 1283  
1284 4) Provide documentation, including rubrics or guidelines, that explains the methods through which  
1285 faculty and/or other qualified individuals assess the integrative learning experience with regard to  
1286 students' demonstration of the selected competencies. (electronic resource file)
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1288 5) Include completed, graded samples of deliverables associated with each integrative learning  
1289 experience option from different concentrations, if applicable. The school or program must  
1290 provide at least 10% of the number produced in the last three years or five examples, whichever  
1291 is greater. (electronic resource file)
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1293 6) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1294 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

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**D8. DrPH Integrative Learning Experience (SPH and PHP, if applicable)**

As part of an integrative learning experience, DrPH candidates generate field-based products consistent with advanced practice designed to influence programs, policies or systems addressing public health. The products demonstrate synthesis of foundational and concentration-specific competencies.

The integrative learning experience is completed at or near the end of the program of study. It may take many forms consistent with advanced, doctoral-level studies and university policies but must require, at a minimum, production of a high-quality written product.

Required documentation:

- 1) List, in the format of Template D8-1, the integrative learning experience for each DrPH concentration or generalist degree. The template also requires the school or program to explain, for each experience, how it ensures that the experience demonstrates synthesis of competencies. (self-study document)
- 2) Briefly summarize the process, expectations, and assessment for each integrative learning experience. (self-study document)
- 3) Provide documentation, including syllabi and/or handbooks, that communicates integrative learning experience policies and procedures to students. (electronic resource file)
- 4) Provide documentation, including rubrics or guidelines, that explains the methods through which faculty and/or other qualified individuals assess the integrative learning experience with regard to students' demonstration of the selected competencies. (electronic resource file)
- 5) Include completed, graded samples of deliverables associated with each integrative learning experience option from different concentrations. The school or program must provide at least 10% of the number produced in the last three years or five examples, whichever is greater. If the school or program does not have five recent samples for an option, note this and provide all available samples. (electronic resource file)
- 6) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for improvement in this area. (self-study document)

~~**D9. Public Health Bachelor's Degree General Curriculum (SPH and PHP, if applicable)**~~

~~The overall undergraduate curriculum (e.g., general education, liberal learning, essential knowledge, and competencies, etc.) introduces students to the following domains. The curriculum addresses these domains through any combination of learning experiences throughout the undergraduate curriculum, including general education courses defined by the institution as well as concentration and major requirements or electives.~~

- ~~• the foundations of scientific knowledge, including the biological and life sciences and the concepts of health and disease~~
- ~~• the foundations of social and behavioral sciences~~
- ~~• basic statistics~~
- ~~• the humanities/fine arts~~

~~Required documentation:~~

- 1350 1) ~~List the coursework required for the school or program's public health bachelor's degree. (self-~~  
 1351 ~~study document)~~  
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 1353 2) ~~Provide official documentation of the required components and total length of the degree, in the~~  
 1354 ~~form of an institutional catalog or online resource. Provide hyperlinks to documents if they are~~  
 1355 ~~available online, or include copies of any documents that are not available online. (electronic~~  
 1356 ~~resource file)~~  
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 1358 3) ~~Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D9-1, that indicates the courses/experience(s) that~~  
 1359 ~~ensure that students are introduced to each of the domains indicated. Template D9-1 requires the~~  
 1360 ~~school or program to identify the experiences that introduce each domain. (self-study document)~~  
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 1362 4) ~~If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for~~  
 1363 ~~improvement in this area. (self-study document)~~  
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1365 **D10. Public Health Bachelor's Degree Foundational Domains**

1366 The requirements for the public health major or concentration provide instruction in the  
 1367 following domains. The curriculum addresses these domains through any combination of  
 1368 learning experiences throughout the requirements for the major or concentration coursework  
 1369 (i.e., the school or program may identify multiple learning experiences that address a  
 1370 domain—the domains listed below do not each require a single designated course).  
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- 1373 1. the concepts and applications of basic statistics  
 1374 2. the foundations of biological and life sciences ~~and the concepts of health and~~  
 1375 ~~disease~~  
 1376 4.3. the history and philosophy of public health as well as its core values, concepts,  
 1377 and functions across the globe and in society  
 1378 2.4. the basic concepts, methods, and tools of public health data collection, use, and  
 1379 analysis and why evidence-based approaches are an essential part of public health  
 1380 practice  
 1381 3.5. the concepts of population health, and the basic processes, approaches and  
 1382 interventions that identify and address the major health-related needs and  
 1383 concerns of populations  
 1384 4.6. the underlying science of human health and disease, including opportunities for  
 1385 promoting and protecting health across the life course  
 1386 5.7. the socioeconomic, behavioral, biological, environmental, and other factors that  
 1387 impact human health and contribute to health disparities  
 1388 6.8. the fundamental concepts and features of project implementation, including  
 1389 planning, assessment, and evaluation  
 1390 7.9. the fundamental characteristics and organizational structures of the US health  
 1391 system as well as the differences between systems in other countries  
 1392 8.10. basic concepts of legal, ethical, economic, and regulatory dimensions of  
 1393 health care and public health policy and the roles, influences and responsibilities  
 1394 of the different agencies and branches of government  
 1395 9.11. basic concepts of public health-specific communication, including  
 1396 technical and professional writing and the use of mass media and electronic  
 1397 technology  
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1399 If the school or program intends to prepare students for a specific credential, the curriculum  
 1400 must also address the areas of instruction required for credential eligibility (e.g., CHES).  
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1402 Required documentation:  
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- 1405 1) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D10-1, that indicates the courses/experience(s) that  
1406 ensure that students are exposed to each of the domains indicated. Template D10-1 requires the  
1407 school or program to identify the learning experiences that introduce and reinforce each domain.  
1408 Include a footnote with the template that provides the school or program's definition of  
1409 "introduced" and "covered." (self-study document)  
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- 1411 2) Include the most recent syllabus from each course listed in Template D10-1, or written guidelines,  
1412 such as a handbook, for any required experience(s) listed in Template D10-1 that do not have a  
1413 syllabus. (electronic resource file)  
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- 1415 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1416 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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#### 1419 **D11. Public Health Bachelor's Degree Foundational Competencies**

1420 **Students must demonstrate the following competencies:**

- 1423 • **the ability to communicate public health information, in both oral and written forms,**  
1424 **through a variety of media and to diverse audiences**
- 1425 • **the ability to locate, use, evaluate, and synthesize public health information**  
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1427 Required documentation:

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- 1429 1) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D11-1, that indicates the assessment opportunities  
1430 that ensure that students demonstrate the stated competencies. (self-study document)  
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- 1432 2) Include the most recent syllabus from each course listed in Template D11-1, or written guidelines,  
1433 such as handbook, for any required elements listed in Template D11-1 that do not have a  
1434 syllabus. (electronic resource file)  
1435
- 1436 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1437 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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#### 1440 **D12. Public Health Bachelor's Degree Cumulative and Experiential Activities**

1441 **Students have opportunities to integrate, synthesize and apply knowledge through cumulative**  
1442 **and experiential activities. All students complete a cumulative, integrative, and scholarly or**  
1443 **applied experience or inquiry project that serves as a capstone to the education experience.**  
1444 **These experiences may include, but are not limited to, internships, service-learning projects,**  
1445 **senior seminars, portfolio projects, research papers or honors theses. Schools and programs**  
1446 **encourage exposure to local-level public health professionals and/or agencies that engage in**  
1447 **public health practice.**  
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1449 Required documentation:

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- 1451
- 1452 1) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D12-1, that identifies the cumulative and experiential  
1453 activities through which students integrate, synthesize, and apply knowledge as indicated. (self-  
1454 study document)  
1455
- 1456 2) Include examples of student work that relate to the cumulative and experiential activities.  
1457 (electronic resource file)  
1458
- 1459 3) Briefly describe the means through which the school or program implements the cumulative  
1460 experience and field exposure requirements. (self-study document)

- 1461  
1462 4) Include handbooks, websites, forms, and other documentation relating to the cumulative  
1463 experience and field exposure. Provide hyperlinks to documents if they are available online, or  
1464 include electronic copies of any documents that are not available online. (electronic resource file)  
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### 1467 **D13. Public Health Bachelor's Degree Cross-Cutting Concepts and Experiences**

1468  
1469 **The overall undergraduate curriculum and public health major curriculum expose students to**  
1470 **concepts and experiences necessary for success in the workplace, further education, and**  
1471 **lifelong learning. Students are exposed to these concepts through any combination of**  
1472 **learning experiences and co-curricular experiences. These concepts include the following:**  
1473

- 1474 1. **advocacy for protection and promotion of the public's health at all levels of society**
- 1475 2. **community dynamics**
- 1476 3. **critical thinking and creativity**
- 1477 4. **cultural contexts in which public health professionals work**
- 1478 5. **ethical decision making as related to self and society**
- 1479 6. **independent work and a personal work ethic**
- 1480 7. **networking**
- 1481 8. **organizational dynamics**
- 1482 9. **professionalism**
- 1483 10. **research methods**
- 1484 11. **systems thinking**
- 1485 12. **teamwork and leadership**

1486  
1487 Required documentation:

- 1488 1) Briefly describe, in the format of Template D13-1, the manner in which the curriculum and co-  
1489 curricular experiences provide opportunities for exposure to the identified concepts. (self-study  
1490 document)
- 1491 2) Provide syllabi for all required coursework for the major and/or courses that relate to the domains  
1492 listed above. Syllabi should be provided as individual files in the electronic resource file and  
1493 should reflect the current semester or most recent offering of the course. (electronic resource file)
- 1494 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1495 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

### 1496 1497 1498 1499 1500 **D14. MPH Program Length (SPH and PHP)**

1501 **An MPH degree requires at least 42 semester-credits, 56 quarter-credits or the equivalent for**  
1502 **completion.**

1503 **Schools and programs use university definitions for credit hours.**

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1507 Required documentation:

- 1508 1) Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for all MPH degree options. If  
1509 the university uses a unit of academic credit or an academic term different from the standard  
1510 semester or quarter, explain the difference and present an equivalency in table or narrative form.  
1511 (self-study document)
  - 1512 2) Define a credit with regard to classroom/contact hours. (self-study document)
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1518 **D15. DrPH Program Length (SPH and PHP, if applicable)**  
1519  
1520 **The DrPH degree requires a minimum of 36 semester-credits of post-master's coursework or its**  
1521 **equivalent. Credits associated with the integrative learning experience and, if applicable, a**  
1522 **residency, internship or other applied practice experience conducted outside of a didactic course,**  
1523 **do not count toward this requirement. The minimum credit requirement also does not count MPH-**  
1524 **level prerequisite courses or their equivalent.**  
1525  
1526 **Schools and programs use university definitions for credit hours.**  
1527  
1528 Required documentation:  
1529  
1530 1) Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for all DrPH degree options. If  
1531 the university uses a unit of academic credit or an academic term different from the standard  
1532 semester or quarter, explain the difference and present an equivalency in table or narrative form.  
1533 (self-study document)  
1534  
1535 2) Define a credit with regard to classroom/contact hours. (self-study document)  
1536  
1537  
1538 **D16. Bachelor's Degree Program Length (SPH and PHP, if applicable)**  
1539  
1540 **A public health bachelor's degree requires completion of a total number of credit units**  
1541 **commensurate with other similar degree programs in the university.**  
1542  
1543 **Schools and programs use university definitions for credit hours.**  
1544  
1545 **Bachelor's degree programs have publicly available policies and procedures for review of**  
1546 **coursework taken at other institutions, including community colleges. These may be incorporated**  
1547 **into articulation agreements.**  
1548  
1549 Required documentation:  
1550  
1551 1) Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for all public health bachelor's  
1552 degree options. If the university uses a unit of academic credit or an academic term different from  
1553 the standard semester or quarter, explain the difference and present an equivalency in table or  
1554 narrative form. (self-study document)  
1555  
1556 2) Define a credit with regard to classroom/contact hours. (self-study document)  
1557  
1558 3) Describe policies and procedures for acceptance of coursework completed at other institutions,  
1559 including community colleges. (self-study document)  
1560  
1561 4) If applicable, provide articulation agreements with community colleges that address acceptance  
1562 of coursework. (electronic resource file)  
1563  
1564 5) Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for coursework for the major in  
1565 at least two similar bachelor's degree programs in the home institution. (self-study document)  
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1568 D17. Academic **and Highly Specialized** Public Health Master's Degrees<sup>22</sup> (SPH and PHP, if  
1569 applicable)

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1571 Students enrolled in the unit of accreditation's academic **and highly specialized** public health  
1572 master's degrees (e.g., MS in biostatistics, **MS in industrial hygiene, MS in data analytics, etc.**)  
1573 complete a curriculum that is based on defined competencies; produce an appropriately rigorous  
1574 discovery-based paper or project at or near the end of the program of study; and engage in  
1575 research at a level appropriate to the degree program's objectives.

1576  
1577 These students also complete coursework and other experiences, outside of the major paper or  
1578 project, that substantively address scientific and analytic approaches to discovery and/or  
1579 translation of public health knowledge **in the context of a population health framework.**

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1580  
1581 Finally, students complete coursework that provides instruction in the foundational public health  
1582 knowledge at an appropriate level of complexity. This instruction may be delivered through online,  
1583 in-person or blended methodologies, but it must meet the following requirements while covering  
1584 the defined content areas.

- 1585 • The instruction includes assessment opportunities, appropriate to the degree level,<sup>23</sup> that  
1586 allow faculty to assess students' attainment of the introductory public health learning  
1587 objectives. Assessment opportunities may include tests, writing assignments,  
1588 presentations, group projects, etc.
- 1589 • The instruction and assessment of students' foundational public health knowledge are  
1590 equivalent in depth to the instruction and assessment that would typically be associated  
1591 with a three-semester-credit class, regardless of the number of credits awarded for the  
1592 experience or the mode of delivery.

1593  
1594 The school or program identifies at least one required assessment activity for each of the  
1595 following foundational public health learning objectives.

#### 1596 Profession & Science of Public Health

- 1600 1. Explain public health history, philosophy, and values
- 1601 2. Identify the core functions of public health and the 10 Essential Services<sup>24</sup>
- 1602 3. Explain the role of quantitative and qualitative methods and sciences in describing and  
1603 assessing a population's health
- 1604 4. List major causes and trends of morbidity and mortality in the US or other community  
1605 relevant to the school or program
- 1606 5. Discuss the science of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention in population health,  
1607 including health promotion, screening, etc.
- 1608 6. Explain the critical importance of evidence in advancing public health knowledge

#### 1609 Factors Related to Human Health

- 1610 7. Explain effects of environmental factors on a population's health
- 1611 8. Explain biological and genetic factors that affect a population's health
- 1612 9. Explain behavioral and psychological factors that affect a population's health

<sup>22</sup> See "Definitions" at the end of this document.

<sup>23</sup> Courses and assessments may be the same across degrees and programs if they include appropriate depth for each degree and program.

<sup>24</sup> Institutions outside the US may replace the 10 Essential Services with content appropriate to the nation/region.

- 1616 **10. Explain the social, political, and economic determinants of health and how they contribute**  
 1617 **to population health and health inequities**  
 1618 **11. Explain how globalization affects global burdens of disease**  
 1619 **12. Explain an ecological perspective on the connections among human health, animal health**  
 1620 **and ecosystem health (e.g., One Health)**  
 1621

1622 **The school or program validates academic public health master's students' foundational public**  
 1623 **health knowledge through appropriate methods, which may include the following:**  
 1624

- **The school or program verifies students' previous completion of a CEPH-accredited degree (bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree)**
- **The school or program implements a test or other assessment tools that address the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same objectives**
- **The school or program offers an online or in-person course, for credit or not-for-credit, that incorporates the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same objectives**
- **The school or program includes the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same objectives, in courses required of all academic public health master's students**

1635 Required documentation:

- 1) List the curricular requirements for each relevant degree in the unit of accreditation. (self-study document)
- 2) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D17-1, that indicates the required assessment opportunities for each of the defined foundational public health learning objectives (1-12). Typically, the school or program will present a separate matrix for each degree program, but matrices may be combined if requirements are identical. (self-study document)
- 3) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D17-2, that lists competencies for each relevant degree and concentration. The matrix indicates at least one assessment activity for each of the listed competencies. Typically, the school or program will present a separate matrix for each concentration. Note: these competencies are defined by the school or program and are distinct from the foundational public health learning objectives defined in this criterion. (self-study document)
- 4) Briefly explain how the school or program ensures that the instruction and assessment in basic public health knowledge is generally equivalent to the instruction and assessment typically associated with a three-semester-credit course. (self-study document)
- 5) Identify required coursework and other experiences that address the variety of public health research methods employed in the context of a population health framework to foster discovery and/or translation of public health knowledge and a brief narrative that explains how the instruction and assessment is equivalent to that typically associated with a three-semester-credit course.

Typically, the school or program will present a separate list and explanation for each degree program, but these may be combined if requirements are identical.

(self-study document)

- 6) Include the most recent syllabus for any course listed in the documentation requests above, or written guidelines for any required elements that do not have a syllabus. [If the syllabus does not contain a specific, detailed set of instructions for the assessment activity listed in Template D17-1](#)

1671 [or 2, provide additional documentation of the assessment, e.g., sample quiz question, full](#)  
1672 [instructions for project, prompt for written discussion post, etc.](#) (electronic resource file)

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- 1673
- 1674 7) Briefly summarize policies and procedures relating to production and assessment of the final  
1675 research project or paper. (self-study document)
- 1676
- 1677 8) Provide links to handbooks or webpages that contain the full list of policies and procedures  
1678 governing production and assessment of the final research project or paper for each degree  
1679 program. (electronic resource file)
- 1680
- 1681 9) Include completed, graded samples of deliverables associated with the major paper or project.  
1682 The school or program must provide at least 10% of the number produced in the last three years  
1683 or five examples, whichever is greater. (electronic resource file)
- 1684
- 1685 10) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1686 improvement in this area. (self-study document)
- 1687
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#### 1689 **D18. Academic Public Health Doctoral Degrees<sup>25</sup> (SPH and PHP, if applicable)**

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1691 **Students enrolled in the unit of accreditation's doctoral degree programs that are designed to**  
1692 **prepare public health researchers and scholars (e.g., PhD, ScD) complete a curriculum that is**  
1693 **based on defined competencies; engage in research appropriate to the degree program; and**  
1694 **produce an appropriately advanced research project at or near the end of the program of study.**

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1696 **These students also complete coursework and other experiences, outside of the major paper or**  
1697 **project, that substantively address scientific and analytic approaches to discovery and translation**  
1698 **of public health knowledge ~~in the context of a population health framework.~~**

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1700 **These students complete doctoral-level, advanced coursework and other experiences that**  
1701 **distinguish the program of study from a master's degree in the same field.**

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1703 **The program defines appropriate policies for advancement to candidacy, within the context of the**  
1704 **institution.**

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1706 **Finally, students complete coursework that provides instruction in the foundational public health**  
1707 **knowledge at an appropriate level of complexity. This instruction may be delivered through online,**  
1708 **in-person or blended methodologies, but it must meet the following requirements while covering**  
1709 **the defined content areas.**

- 1710
- 1711 • **The instruction includes assessment opportunities, appropriate to the degree level,<sup>26</sup> that**  
1712 **allow faculty to assess students' attainment of the introductory public health learning**  
1713 **objectives. Assessment opportunities may include tests, writing assignments,**  
1714 **presentations, group projects, etc.**
  - 1715 • **The instruction and assessment of students' foundational public health knowledge are**  
1716 **equivalent in depth to the instruction and assessment that would typically be associated**  
1717 **with a three-semester-credit class, regardless of the number of credits awarded for the**  
1718 **experience or the mode of delivery.**

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1720 **The program identifies at least one required assessment activity for each of the following**  
1721 **foundational public health learning objectives.**

<sup>25</sup> See "Definitions" at the end of this document.

<sup>26</sup> Courses and assessments may be the same across degrees and programs if they include appropriate depth for each degree and program.

1722  
1723 **Profession & Science of Public Health**  
1724  
1725 1. Explain public health history, philosophy, and values  
1726 2. Identify the core functions of public health and the 10 Essential Services<sup>27</sup>  
1727 3. Explain the role of quantitative and qualitative methods and sciences in describing and  
1728 assessing a population's health  
1729 4. List major causes and trends of morbidity and mortality in the US or other community  
1730 relevant to the school or program  
1731 5. Discuss the science of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention in population health,  
1732 including health promotion, screening, etc.  
1733 6. Explain the critical importance of evidence in advancing public health knowledge  
1734  
1735 **Factors Related to Human Health**  
1736  
1737 7. Explain effects of environmental factors on a population's health  
1738 8. Explain biological and genetic factors that affect a population's health  
1739 9. Explain behavioral and psychological factors that affect a population's health  
1740 10. Explain the social, political, and economic determinants of health and how they contribute  
1741 to population health and health inequities  
1742 11. Explain how globalization affects global burdens of disease  
1743 12. Explain an ecological perspective on the connections among human health, animal health  
1744 and ecosystem health (e.g., One Health)  
1745  
1746 **The school or program validates academic public health doctoral students' foundational public**  
1747 **health knowledge through appropriate methods, which may include the following:**  
1748  
1749 • The school or program verifies students' previous completion of a CEPH-accredited  
1750 degree (bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree)  
1751 • The school or program implements a test or other assessment tools that address the  
1752 learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same objectives  
1753 • The school or program offers an online or in-person course, for credit or not-for-credit,  
1754 that incorporates the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same  
1755 objectives  
1756 • The school or program includes the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level  
1757 versions of the same objectives, in courses required of all academic public health doctoral  
1758 students  
1759  
1760 Required documentation:  
1761  
1762 1) List the curricular requirements for each non-DrPH public health doctoral degree in the unit of  
1763 accreditation, EXCLUDING requirements associated with the final research project. The list must  
1764 indicate (using shading) each required curricular element that a) is designed expressly for  
1765 doctoral, rather than master's, students or b) would not typically be associated with completion of  
1766 a master's degree in the same area of study.  
1767  
1768 The school or program may present accompanying narrative to provide context and information  
1769 that aids reviewers' understanding of the ways in which doctoral study is distinguished from  
1770 master's-level study. This narrative is especially important for institutions that do not formally  
1771 distinguish master's-level courses from doctoral-level courses.  
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<sup>27</sup> Institutions outside the US may replace the 10 Essential Services with content appropriate to the nation/region.

1773 The school or program will present a separate list for each degree program and concentration as  
 1774 appropriate.  
 1775  
 1776 (self-study document)  
 1777  
 1778 2) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D18-1, that indicates the required assessment  
 1779 opportunities for each of the defined foundational public health learning objectives (1-12).  
 1780 Typically, the school or program will present a separate matrix for each degree program, but  
 1781 matrices may be combined if requirements are identical. (self-study document)  
 1782  
 1783 3) Provide a matrix, in the format of Template D18-2, that lists competencies for each relevant  
 1784 degree and concentration. The matrix indicates at least one assessment activity for each of the  
 1785 listed competencies. Typically, the school or program will present a separate matrix for each  
 1786 concentration. Note: these competencies are defined by the school or program and are distinct  
 1787 from the introductory public health learning objectives defined in this criterion. (self-study  
 1788 document)  
 1789  
 1790 4) Briefly explain how the school or program ensures that the instruction and assessment in  
 1791 introductory public health knowledge is generally equivalent to the instruction and assessment  
 1792 typically associated with a three semester-credit course. (self-study document)  
 1793  
 1794 5) Identify required coursework and other experiences that address the variety of public health  
 1795 research methods employed in the context of a population health framework to foster discovery  
 1796 and translation of public health knowledge and a brief narrative that explains how the instruction  
 1797 and assessment is equivalent to that typically associated with a three-semester-credit course.  
 1798  
 1799 Typically, the school or program will present a separate list and explanation for each degree  
 1800 program, but these may be combined if requirements are identical.  
 1801  
 1802 (self-study document)  
 1803  
 1804 6) Include the most recent syllabus for any course listed in the documentation requests above, or  
 1805 written guidelines for any required elements that do not have a syllabus. [If the syllabus does not](#)  
 1806 [contain a specific, detailed set of instructions for the assessment activity in Template D18-1 or 2,](#)  
 1807 [provide additional documentation of the assessment, e.g., sample quiz question, full instructions](#)  
 1808 [for project, prompt for written discussion post, etc.](#) (electronic resource file)  
 1809  
 1810 7) Briefly summarize policies and procedures relating to production and assessment of the final  
 1811 research project or paper. (self-study document)  
 1812  
 1813 8) Provide links to handbooks or webpages that contain the full list of policies and procedures  
 1814 governing production and assessment of the final research project or paper for each degree  
 1815 program. (electronic resource file)  
 1816  
 1817 9) Include completed, graded samples of deliverables associated with the advanced research  
 1818 project. The school or program must provide at least 10% of the number produced in the last  
 1819 three years or five examples, whichever is greater. (electronic resource file)  
 1820  
 1821 10) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 1822 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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1825 **D19. All Remaining Degrees<sup>28</sup> (SPH, if applicable)**  
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1827 Students enrolled in any of the SPH's degree programs that are not addressed in Criteria D2, D3,  
1828 D9, D17 or D18 complete coursework that provides instruction in the foundational public health  
1829 knowledge at a level of complexity appropriate to the level of the student's degree program. For  
1830 example, if an SPH offers bachelor's degrees in concentrations other than public health, it may be  
1831 more appropriate for courses addressing the learning objectives listed below to be held  
1832 separately from those offered for graduate students. This instruction may be delivered through  
1833 online, in-person or blended methodologies, but it must meet the following requirements while  
1834 covering the defined content areas.

- 1835
- 1836 • The instruction includes assessment opportunities, appropriate to the degree level,<sup>29</sup> that  
1837 allow faculty to assess students' attainment of the foundational public health learning  
1838 objectives. Assessment opportunities may include tests, writing assignments,  
1839 presentations, group projects, etc.
  - 1840
  - 1841 • The instruction and assessment of students' foundational public health knowledge are  
1842 equivalent in depth to the instruction and assessment that would typically be associated  
1843 with a three-semester-credit class, regardless of the number of credits awarded for the  
1844 experience or the mode of delivery.

1845  
1846 The school identifies at least one required assessment activity for each of the following  
1847 foundational public health learning objectives.  
1848

1849 **Profession & Science of Public Health**  
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- 1851 1. Explain public health history, philosophy, and values
- 1852 2. Identify the core functions of public health and the 10 Essential Services<sup>30</sup>
- 1853 3. Explain the role of quantitative and qualitative methods and sciences in describing and  
1854 assessing a population's health
- 1855 4. List major causes and trends of morbidity and mortality in the US or other community  
1856 relevant to the school or program
- 1857 5. Discuss the science of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention in population health,  
1858 including health promotion, screening, etc.
- 1859 6. Explain the critical importance of evidence in advancing public health knowledge

1860  
1861 **Factors Related to Human Health**  
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- 1863 7. Explain effects of environmental factors on a population's health
- 1864 8. Explain biological and genetic factors that affect a population's health
- 1865 9. Explain behavioral and psychological factors that affect a population's health
- 1866 10. Explain the social, political, and economic determinants of health and how they contribute  
1867 to population health and health inequities

<sup>28</sup> This criterion addresses all degrees and concentrations *other than* those identified as 1) professional public health degrees (addressed in Criteria D2, D3 & elsewhere), 2) academic public health degrees and concentrations (Criteria D17 & D18) or 3) public health bachelor's degrees and concentrations (Criteria D9-D13). Examples of degrees covered in this criterion are as follow: BS in exercise science, MS in nutrition, PhD in social work. See "Definitions" at the end of this document.

<sup>29</sup> Courses and assessments may be the same across degrees and programs if they include appropriate depth for each degree and program.

<sup>30</sup> Institutions outside the US may replace the 10 Essential Services with content appropriate to the nation/region.

- 1868 11. Explain how globalization affects global burdens of disease  
1869 12. Explain an ecological perspective on the connections among human health, animal health  
1870 and ecosystem health (e.g., One Health)  
1871

1872 For students enrolled in all remaining degrees, the school or program validates students'  
1873 foundational public health knowledge through appropriate methods, which may include the  
1874 following:

- 1875
- 1876 • The school or program verifies students' previous completion of a CEPH-accredited  
1877 degree (bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree)
  - 1878 • The school or program implements a test or other assessment tools that address the  
1879 learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same objectives
  - 1880 • The school or program offers an online or in-person course, for credit or not-for-credit,  
1881 that incorporates the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level versions of the same  
1882 objectives
  - 1883 • The school or program includes the learning objectives listed above, or higher-level  
1884 versions of the same objectives, in courses required of all students in all remaining  
1885 degrees  
1886

1887 Required documentation:

- 1888
- 1889 1) Provide a matrix in the format of Template D19-1 that indicates the required assessment  
1890 opportunities for each of the defined foundational public health learning objectives (1-12).  
1891 Typically, the school will present a separate matrix for each degree program, but matrices may be  
1892 combined if requirements are identical. (self-study document)  
1893
  - 1894 2) Briefly explain how the school ensures that the instruction and assessment in introductory public  
1895 health knowledge is generally equivalent to the instruction and assessment typically associated  
1896 with a three-semester-credit course. (self-study document)  
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  - 1898 3) Include the most recent syllabus for any course listed in the documentation requests above, or  
1899 written guidelines for any required elements that do not have a syllabus. [If the syllabus does not  
1900 contain a specific, detailed set of instructions for the assessment activity in Template D19-1,  
1901 provide additional documentation of the assessment, e.g., sample quiz question, full instructions  
1902 for project, prompt for written discussion post, etc.](#) (electronic resource file)  
1903
  - 1904 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1905 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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#### 1908 D20. Distance Education (SPH and PHP, if applicable)

1909 A degree program offered via distance education is a curriculum or course of study designated to  
1910 be accessed remotely via various technologies, including internet-based course management  
1911 systems, audio or web-based conferencing, video, chat, or other modes of delivery. All methods  
1912 support regular and substantive interaction between and among students and the instructor either  
1913 synchronously and/or asynchronously and are a) consistent with the mission of the school or  
1914 program and within the school or program's established areas of expertise; b) guided by clearly  
1915 articulated student learning outcomes that are rigorously evaluated; c) subject to the same quality  
1916 control processes that other degree programs in the university are; and d) providing planned and  
1917 evaluated learning experiences that take into consideration and are responsive to the  
1918 characteristics and needs of online learners.  
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1920 The university provides needed support for the program, including administrative,  
1921 communication, information technology and student services.  
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1923

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1924 **There is an ongoing effort to evaluate the academic effectiveness of the format, to assess learning**  
1925 **methods and to systematically use this information to stimulate program improvements.**  
1926 **Evaluation of student outcomes and of the learning model are especially important in institutions**  
1927 **that offer distance learning but do not offer a comparable in-residence program.**  
1928

1929 **The school or program has processes in place through which it establishes that the student who**  
1930 **registers in a distance education course or degree is the same student who participates in and**  
1931 **completes the course or degree and receives the academic credit. Student identity may be verified**  
1932 **by using, at the option of the institution, methods such as a secure login and passcode; proctored**  
1933 **examinations; and new or other technologies and practices that are effective in verifying student**  
1934 **identity. The university notifies students in writing that it uses processes that protect student**  
1935 **privacy and alerts students to any projected additional student charges associated with the**  
1936 **verification of student identity at the time of registration or enrollment.**  
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1938 Required documentation:

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- 1940 1) Identify all public health distance education degree programs and/or concentrations that offer a  
1941 curriculum or course of study that can be obtained via distance education. Template Intro-1 may  
1942 be referenced for this purpose. (self-study document)  
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  - 1944 2) Describe the public health distance education programs, including a) an explanation of the model  
1945 or methods used, b) the school or program's rationale for offering these programs, c) the manner  
1946 in which it provides necessary administrative, information technology and student support  
1947 services, d) the manner in which it monitors the academic rigor of the programs and their  
1948 equivalence (or comparability) to other degree programs offered by the university, and e) the  
1949 manner in which it evaluates the educational outcomes, as well as the format and methods. (self-  
1950 study document)  
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  - 1952 3) Describe the processes that the university uses to verify that the student who registers in a  
1953 distance education course (as part of a distance-based degree) or a fully distance-based degree  
1954 is the same student who participates in and completes the course or degree and receives the  
1955 academic credit. (self-study document)  
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  - 1957 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
1958 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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#### 1960 **E1. Faculty Alignment with Degrees Offered (SPH and PHP)**

1961 **Faculty teach and supervise students in areas of knowledge with which they are thoroughly**  
1962 **familiar and qualified by the totality of their education and experience.**

1963 **Faculty education and experience is appropriate for the degree level (bachelor's, master's,**  
1964 **doctoral) and the nature of the degree (research, professional practice, etc.) with which they are**  
1965 **associated.**  
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1967 **Education refers to faculty members' degrees, certifications, fellowships, post-doctoral training,**  
1968 **formal coursework completed, etc.**

1969 **Experience refers to a range of activities including substantial employment or involvement in**  
1970 **public health activities outside of academia. Experience also refers to the depth of service**  
1971 **provided to professional and community-based public health organizations and to peer-reviewed**  
1972 **scholarship in a discipline. Finally, experience relates to the individual's record of excellence in**  
1973 **providing instruction in a discipline.**  
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- 1) Provide a table showing the school or program's primary instructional faculty in the format of Template E1-1. The template presents data effective at the beginning of the academic year in which the final self-study is submitted to CEPH and must be updated at the beginning of the site visit if any changes have occurred since final self-study submission. The identification of instructional areas must correspond to the data presented in Template C2-1.
- Schools should only include data on faculty associated with public health degrees. (self-study document)
- 2) Provide summary data on the qualifications of any other faculty with significant involvement in the school or program's public health instruction in the format of Template E1-2. Schools and programs define "significant" in their own contexts but, at a minimum, include any individuals who regularly provide instruction or supervision for required courses and other experiences listed in the criterion on Curriculum. Reporting on individuals who supervise individual students' practice experience (preceptors, etc.) is not required. The identification of instructional areas must correspond to the data presented in Template C2-1. (self-study document)
  - 3) Include CVs for all individuals listed in the templates above. (electronic resource file)
  - 4) If applicable, provide a narrative explanation that supplements reviewers' understanding of data in the templates. (self-study document)
  - 5) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for improvement in this area. (self-study document)

## E2. Integration of Faculty with Practice Experience (SPH and PHP)

To assure a broad public health perspective, the school or program employs faculty who have professional experience in settings outside of academia and have demonstrated competence in public health practice.

To assure the relevance of curricula and individual learning experiences to current and future practice needs and opportunities, schools and programs regularly involve public health practitioners and other individuals involved in public health work through arrangements that may include adjunct and part-time faculty appointments, guest lectures, involvement in committee work, mentoring students, etc.

Required documentation:

- 1) Describe the manner in which the public health faculty complement integrates perspectives from the field of practice, other than faculty members' participation in extramural service, as discussed in Criterion E5, including information on appointment tracks for practitioners, if applicable. The unit may identify full-time faculty with significant prior employment practice experience in practice settings outside of academia outside of that which is typically associated with an academic career should also be identified, and/or units may describe employment of part-time practice-based faculty, use of guest lecturers from the practice community, etc. (self-study document)
- 2) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for improvement in this area. (self-study document)

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## E3. Faculty Instructional Effectiveness (SPH and PHP)

2034 **The school or program ensures that systems, policies, and procedures are in place to document**  
2035 **that all faculty (full-time and part-time) are current in their areas of instructional responsibility and**  
2036 **in pedagogical methods.**

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2038 **The school or program establishes and consistently applies procedures for evaluating faculty**  
2039 **competence and performance in instruction.**

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2041 **The school or program supports professional development and advancement in instructional**  
2042 **effectiveness.**

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2044 Required documentation:

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2046 1) Describe the school or program's procedures for evaluating faculty instructional effectiveness.  
2047 Include a description of the processes used for student course evaluations and peer evaluations,  
2048 if applicable. (self-study document)
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2050 2) Describe available university and programmatic support for continuous improvement in ~~faculty's~~  
2051 ~~instructional roles~~ pedagogical practices. Provide three to five examples of school or program  
2052 involvement in or use of these resources. The description must address both primary instructional  
2053 faculty and non-primary instructional faculty. (self-study document)

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2055 3) Describe ~~the~~ means through which the school or program ensures that all faculty (primary  
2056 instructional and non-primary instructional) ~~are informed and~~ maintain currency in their areas of  
2057 instructional responsibility. ~~The description must address both primary instructional and non-~~  
2058 ~~primary instructional faculty and should p~~rovide examples as relevant. This response should  
2059 focus on methods for ensuring that faculty members' disciplinary knowledge is current and that  
2060 curricula reflect this currency. (self-study document)

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2062 4) Describe the role of evaluations of instructional effectiveness in decisions about faculty  
2063 advancement. (self-study document)
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2065 5) ~~Describe the school or program's approach and progress over the last three years for each of the~~  
2066 ~~chosen indicators~~. Provide quantitative and/or qualitative information that characterizes the unit's  
2067 performance over the last three years on its self-selected indicators of instructional effectiveness.

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2069 Select at least three indicators, meaningful to the unit, with one from each of the listed categories.  
2070 In addition to at least three from the lists that follow, the school or program may add indicators  
2071 that are significant to its own mission and context. Schools should focus data and descriptions on  
2072 its public health degree programs.

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2074 Faculty currency

- 2075 • External reviews of proposed or existing courses or curricula, outside of normal university  
2076 processes<sup>31</sup>
- 2077 • Peer/internal review of syllabi/curricula for currency of readings, topics, methods, etc.
- 2078 • Annual or other regular reviews of faculty productivity, relation of scholarship to instruction
- 2079 • Faculty maintenance of relevant professional credentials or certifications that require  
2080 continuing education

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2082 Faculty instructional technique

- 2083 • Frequency of internal quality reviews of existing courses or curricula
- 2084 • Participation in professional development related to instruction

<sup>31</sup> Normal university processes include regularly scheduled, university-mandated program reviews and routine curriculum committee reviews of new courses.

- 2085 • Peer evaluation of teaching
- 2086 • Student satisfaction with instructional quality
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- 2088 School- or program-level outcomes
  - 2089 • Courses that are team-taught with interprofessional perspectives
  - 2090 • Courses that integrate technology in innovative ways to enhance learning
  - 2091 • Courses that involve community-based practitioners
  - 2092 • Courses that integrate service learning, as defined by the school or program
  - 2093 • Courses that integrate community-based projects
  - 2094 • Courses that use higher-level assessments
  - 2095 • Courses that employ active learning techniques
  - 2096 • Teaching assistants trained in pedagogical techniques
  - 2097 • Implementation of grading rubrics
  - 2098 • Any other measure that tracks use of pedagogical techniques and is meaningful to the school or program
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- 2100 (self-study document)
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- 2103 6) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for improvement in this area. (self-study document)
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**E4. Faculty Scholarship (SPH and PHP)**

The school or program has policies and practices in place to support faculty involvement in scholarly activities. As many faculty as possible are involved in research and scholarly activity in some form, whether funded or unfunded. Ongoing participation in research and scholarly activity ensures that faculty are relevant and current in their field of expertise, that their work is peer reviewed and that they are content experts.

The types and extent of faculty research align with university and school or program missions and relate to the types of degrees offered. For example, when doctoral degrees are offered, the school or program's research portfolio in those areas take on greater importance. All types of research are valuable, whether conducted with the purpose of improving public health practice, [advancing the scholarship of teaching and learning](#), or for generating new knowledge.

Faculty integrate research and scholarship with their instructional activities. Research allows faculty to bring real-world examples into the classroom to update and inspire teaching and provides opportunities for students to engage in research activities, if desired or appropriate for the degree program.

Required documentation:

- 1) Describe the school or program's definition of and expectations regarding faculty research and scholarly activity. (self-study document)
- 2) Describe available university and school or program support for research and scholarly activities. (self-study document)
- 3) Describe and provide three to five examples of student opportunities for involvement in faculty research and scholarly activities. [This response should focus on instances in which students were employed or volunteered to assist faculty in faculty research projects and/or independent student projects that arose from or were related to a faculty member's existing research.](#) (self-study document)

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**Commented [A41]:** Clarifies intent of request.

- 2139 4) Describe and provide three to five examples of faculty ~~research activities and how faculty~~  
 2140 integrateing research and scholarly activities and experience into their instruction of students.  
 2141 This response should briefly summarize three to five faculty research projects and explain how  
 2142 the faculty member leverages the research project or integrates examples or material from the  
 2143 research project into classroom instruction. Each example should be drawn from a different  
 2144 faculty member, if possible. (self-study document)  
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 2146 5) Describe the role of research and scholarly activity in decisions about faculty advancement. (self-  
 2147 study document)  
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 2149 6) Provide quantitative data on the unit's scholarly activities from the last three years, with the unit's  
 2150 self-defined target level on each measure for reference. In addition to at least three from the list  
 2151 that follows, the school or program may add measures that are significant to its own mission and  
 2152 context. Schools should focus data and descriptions on faculty associated with the school's public  
 2153 health degree programs. See Template E4-1.  
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 2155 • Percent of faculty (specify primary instructional or total faculty) participating in research  
 2156 activities  
 2157 • Number of faculty-initiated IRB applications  
 2158 • Number of students advised  
 2159 • Number of community-based research projects  
 2160 • Number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals  
 2161 • Total research funding  
 2162 • Number of citation references  
 2163 • Presentations at professional meetings  
 2164 • Support for development and mentoring of new faculty  
 2165 • Number of grant submissions  
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 2167 (self-study document)  
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 2169 7) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 2170 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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**E5. Faculty Extramural Service (SPH and PHP)**

2174 **The school or program defines expectations regarding faculty extramural service activity.**  
 2175 **Participation in internal university committees is not within the definition of this section. Service**  
 2176 **as described here refers to contributions of professional expertise to the community, including**  
 2177 **professional practice. It is an explicit activity undertaken for the benefit of the greater society,**  
 2178 **over and beyond what is accomplished through instruction and research.**  
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2180 **As many faculty as possible are actively engaged with the community through communication,**  
 2181 **collaboration, consultation, provision of technical assistance and other means of sharing the**  
 2182 **school or program's professional knowledge and skills. Faculty engage in service by consulting**  
 2183 **with public or private organizations on issues relevant to public health; providing testimony or**  
 2184 **technical support to administrative, legislative, and judicial bodies; serving as board members**  
 2185 **and officers of professional associations; reviewing grant applications; and serving as members**  
 2186 **of community-based organizations, community advisory boards or other groups. While these**  
 2187 **activities may generate revenue, the value of faculty service is not measured in financial terms.**  
 2188 **Faculty maintain ongoing practice links with public health agencies, especially at state and local**  
 2189 **levels.**  
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- 2194 1) Describe the school or program's definition and expectations regarding faculty extramural service  
2195 activity. Explain how these relate/compare to university definitions and expectations. (self-study  
2196 document)  
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- 2198 2) Describe available university and school or program support for extramural service activities.  
2199 (self-study document)  
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- 2201 3) Describe and provide three to five examples of faculty extramural service activities and how  
2202 faculty integrate service experiences into their instruction of students. This response should  
2203 briefly summarize three to five faculty extramural service activities and explain how the faculty  
2204 member leverages the activity or integrates examples or material from the activity into classroom  
2205 instruction. Each example should be drawn from a different faculty member, if possible. (self-  
2206 study document)  
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- 2208 4) Provide quantitative and/or qualitative information that characterizes the unit's performance over  
2209 the last three years on the self-selected indicators of extramural service, as specified below:  
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2211 ~~Describe the school or program's approach and progress over the last three years for each of the~~  
2212 ~~chosen indicators.~~  
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2214 Select at least three of the following indicators that are meaningful to the school or program. In  
2215 addition to at least three from the list that follows, the school or program may add indicators that  
2216 are significant to its own mission and context. Schools should focus data and descriptions on  
2217 faculty associated with the school's public health degree programs.  
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- 2219 • Percent of faculty (specify primary instructional or total faculty) participating in extramural  
2220 service activities
- 2221 • Number of faculty-student service collaborations
- 2222 • Number of community-based service projects
- 2223 • Total service funding
- 2224 • Faculty promoted on the basis of service
- 2225 • Faculty appointed on a professional practice track
- 2226 • Public/private or cross-sector partnerships for engagement and service

2227 (self-study document)  
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- 2230 4)5) Describe the role of service in decisions about faculty advancement. (self-study document)  
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- 2232 6)6) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
2233 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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#### 2235 F1. **Community Involvement in School or Program Evaluation and Assessment (SPH and PHP)** 2236

2237 **The school or program engages community stakeholders, alumni, employers, and other relevant**  
2238 **community partners. Stakeholders may include professionals in sectors other than health (e.g.,**  
2239 **attorneys, architects, parks and recreation personnel).**  
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2241 **Specifically, the school or program ensures that stakeholders provide regular feedback on its**  
2242 **student outcomes, curriculum, and overall planning processes, including the self-study process.**  
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- 2244 • **The school or program defines qualitative and/or quantitative methods designed to provide**  
2245 **useful information. "Useful information" refers to information that provides the unit with a**  
2246 **reasonable basis for making curricular and related improvements.**

Commented [A45]: Focus on useful information and program improvement, rather than method by which information is gathered.

- 2247 • The school or program documents and regularly examines its methods, making revisions as  
2248 necessary, to ensure useful data.  
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2250 To assess student outcomes and the curriculum, the school or program must gather useful  
2251 information from employers of graduates. This must include employers of public health  
2252 bachelor's and master's degree graduates. Data from supervisors of student practice experiences  
2253 may be useful but should not be used exclusively.  
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2255 Required documentation:

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2257 1) Describe any formal structures for constituent input (e.g., community advisory board, alumni  
2258 association, etc.). List members and/or officers as applicable, with their credentials and  
2259 professional affiliations. (self-study document)  
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2261 ~~4)2) Describe any other groups of external constituents (outside of formal structures mentioned~~  
2262 ~~above) from whom the unit regularly gathers feedback. (self-study document)~~  
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2264 3) Describe how the school or program engages external constituents in regular assessment of the  
2265 content and currency of public health curricula and their relevance to current practice and future  
2266 directions. (self-study document)  
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2268 ~~2)4) Describe how the school or program's external partners contribute to the ongoing operations of~~  
2269 ~~the school or program, including the development of the vision, mission, values, goals, and~~  
2270 ~~evaluation plan and the development of the self-study document (self-study document)~~  
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2272 ~~3) . At a minimum, this discussion should include community engagement in the following:~~  
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2274 a) ~~Assessment of changing practice and research needs~~  
2275 ~~Assessment of program graduates' ability to perform competencies in an employment setting~~  
2276 ~~b)~~

2277 5) Provide documentation (e.g., minutes, notes, committee reports, etc.) of external contribution in at  
2278 least two of the areas noted in documentation requests 3 and 4. (electronic resource file)

2279 6) Summarize the findings of employers' assessments of program graduates' preparation for post-  
2280 graduation destinations and explain how the information was gathered. (self-study document)  
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2282 7) Provide documentation of the method by which the school or program gathered employer  
2283 feedback. (electronic resource file)  
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2285 4)8) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
2286 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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## 2289 F2. Student Involvement in Community and Professional Service (SPH and PHP)

2290 Community and professional service opportunities, in addition to those used to satisfy  
2291 Criterion D5, are available to all students. Experiences should help students to gain an  
2292 understanding of the contexts in which public health work is performed outside of an academic  
2293 setting and the importance of learning and contributing to professional advancement in the field.

2294 Required documentation:  
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**Commented [A46]:** Doctoral degree graduates intentionally omitted due to the nature of the positions they typically secure. Units may choose to collect information on doctoral graduates but it is not mandatory.

**Commented [A47]:** Provides prompt for units to describe regular feedback structures in the absence of formally-constituted boards.

**Commented [A48]:** Topic is typically covered in same conversations as those relating to assessment of curricular currency. Overlaps with documentation request 2.

- 2296 1) Describe how students are introduced to service, community engagement, and professional  
 2297 development activities and how they are encouraged to participate. (self-study document)  
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 2299 2) Provide examples of professional and community service opportunities in which public health  
 2300 students have participated in the last three years. (self-study document)  
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 2302 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 2303 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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**F3. Assessment of the Community's Professional Development Needs (SPH and PHP)**

~~The school or program periodically assesses the professional development needs of individuals currently serving public health functions in its self-defined priority community or communities. Examples could include periodic meetings with community members and stakeholders, formal or informal needs assessments, focus groups with external constituents, surveys that are administered or co-administered to external constituents and use of existing data sets.~~

~~Required documentation:~~

- ~~1) Define the school or program's professional community or communities of interest and the rationale for this choice. (self-study document)~~  
~~2) Describe how the school or program periodically assesses the professional development needs of its priority community or communities, and provide summary results of these assessments. Describe how often assessment occurs. Include the description and summary results in the self-study document, and provide full documentation of the findings in the electronic resource file.~~  
~~3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for improvement in this area. (self-study document)~~

**F4. Delivery of Professional Development Opportunities for the Workforce (SPH and PHP)**

**The school or program advances public health by addressing the professional development needs of the current public health workforce, broadly defined, based on assessment activities described in Criterion F3. Professional development offerings can be for-credit or not-for-credit and can be one-time or sustained offerings.**

Required documentation:

- ~~1) Describe the school or program's process for developing and implementing professional development activities for the workforce and ensuring that these activities align with needs identified in Criterion F3. (self-study document)~~  
 2) Provide two to three examples of education/training activities offered by the school or program in the last three years in response to community-identified needs. For each activity, include the number of external participants served (i.e., individuals who are not faculty or students at the institution that houses the school or program) and an indication of how the unit identified the educational need. See Template F4-1. (self-study document)  
 3) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for improvement in this area. (self-study document)

**Commented [A49]:** Combined F3 and F4 to emphasize provision of professional development opportunities rather than details of assessment of need.

2349 **G1. Diversity and Cultural Competence (SPH and PHP)**

2350  
2351 The school or program defines systematic, coherent, and long-term efforts to incorporate  
2352 elements of diversity. Diversity considerations relate to faculty, staff, students, curriculum,  
2353 scholarship, and community engagement efforts.

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2355 The school or program also provides a learning environment that prepares students with broad  
2356 competencies regarding diversity and cultural competence, recognizing that graduates may be  
2357 employed anywhere in the world and will work with diverse populations.

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2359 Schools and programs advance diversity and cultural competency through a variety of practices,  
2360 which may include the following:

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2362 • incorporation of diversity and cultural competency considerations in the curriculum  
2363 • recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, staff, and students  
2364 • development and/or implementation of policies that support a climate of equity and inclusion,  
2365 free of harassment and discrimination  
2366 • reflection of diversity and cultural competence in the types of scholarship and/or community  
2367 engagement conducted

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2369 Aspects of diversity may include age, country of birth, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender  
2370 identity, language, national origin, race, historical under-representation, refugee status, religion,  
2371 culture, sexual orientation, health status, community affiliation and socioeconomic status. This  
2372 list is not intended to be exhaustive.<sup>32</sup>

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2374 Cultural competence, in this criterion's context, refers to competencies for working with diverse  
2375 individuals and communities in ways that are appropriate and responsive to relevant cultural  
2376 factors. Requisite competencies include self-awareness, open-minded inquiry and assessment  
2377 and the ability to recognize and adapt to cultural differences, especially as these differences may  
2378 vary from the school or program's dominant culture. Reflecting on the public health context,  
2379 recognizing that cultural differences affect all aspects of health and health systems, cultural  
2380 competence refers to the competencies for recognizing and adapting to cultural differences and  
2381 being conscious of these differences in the school or program's scholarship and/or community  
2382 engagement.

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2384 Required documentation:

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2386 1) List the school or program's self-defined, priority under-represented populations; explain why  
2387 these groups are of particular interest and importance to the school or program; and describe the  
2388 process used to define the priority population(s). These populations must include both faculty and  
2389 students and may include staff, if appropriate. Populations may differ among these groups. (self-  
2390 study document)  
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2392 2) List the school or program's specific goals for increasing the representation and supporting the  
2393 persistence (if applicable) and ongoing success of the specific populations defined in  
2394 documentation request 1. (self-study document)  
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2396 3) List the actions and strategies identified to advance the goals defined in documentation request 2,  
2397 and describe the process used to define the actions and strategies. The process may include

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<sup>32</sup> CEPH understands that the definition of diversity in non-US settings, as well as the ability to track such data, differs greatly from that in the United States. This does not, however, relieve international schools and programs from the obligation to demonstrate efforts and outcomes related to diversity and cultural competency, as defined in appropriate local contexts.

- 2398 collection and/or analysis of school- or program-specific data; convening stakeholder discussions  
 2399 and documenting their results; and other appropriate tools and strategies. (self-study document)  
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- 2401 4) List the actions and strategies identified that create and maintain a culturally competent  
 2402 environment and describe the process used to develop them. The description addresses  
 2403 curricular requirements; assurance that students are exposed to faculty, staff, preceptors, guest  
 2404 lecturers and community agencies reflective of the diversity in their communities; and faculty and  
 2405 student scholarship and/or community engagement activities. (self-study document)  
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- 2407 5) Provide quantitative and qualitative data that document the school or program's approaches,  
 2408 successes and/or challenges in increasing representation and supporting persistence and  
 2409 ongoing success of the priority population(s) defined in documentation request 1. (self-study  
 2410 document)  
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- 2412 6) Provide student and faculty (and staff, if applicable) perceptions of the school or program's  
 2413 climate regarding diversity and cultural competence. (self-study document)  
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- 2415 7) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 2416 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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2419 **H1. Academic Advising (SPH and PHP)**  
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2421 **The school or program provides an accessible and supportive academic advising system for**  
 2422 **students. Each student has access, from the time of enrollment, to advisors who are actively**  
 2423 **engaged and knowledgeable about the school or program's curricula and about specific courses**  
 2424 **and programs of study. Qualified faculty and/or staff serve as advisors in monitoring student**  
 2425 **progress and identifying and supporting those who may experience difficulty in progressing**  
 2426 **through courses or completing other degree requirements. Orientation, including written**  
 2427 **guidance, is provided to all entering students.**  
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2429 Required documentation:  
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- 2431 1) Describe the orientation processes. If these differ by degree and/or concentration, provide a brief  
 2432 overview of each. (self-study document)  
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- 2434 2) Describe the school or program's academic advising services. If services differ by degree and/or  
 2435 concentration, a description should be provided for each public health degree offering. (self-study  
 2436 document)  
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- 2438 3) Explain how advisors are selected and oriented to their roles and responsibilities. (self-study  
 2439 document)  
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- 2441 4) Provide a sample of advising materials and resources, such as student handbooks and plans of  
 2442 study, that provide additional guidance to students. (electronic resource file)  
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- 2444 5) Provide data reflecting the level of student satisfaction with academic advising during each of the  
 2445 last three years. Include survey response rates, if applicable. Schools should present data only  
 2446 on public health degree offerings. (self-study document)  
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- 2448 6) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 2449 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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2452 **H2. Career Advising (SPH and PHP)**

2453  
2454 The school or program provides accessible and supportive career advising services for students.  
2455 Each student, including those who may be currently employed, has access to qualified faculty  
2456 and/or staff who are actively engaged, knowledgeable about the workforce and sensitive to his or  
2457 her professional development needs; these faculty and/or staff ~~and can~~ provide appropriate  
2458 career placement advice, including advice about enrollment in additional education or training  
2459 programs, when applicable.

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2461 Career advising services may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to individualized  
2462 consultations, resume workshops, mock interviews, career fairs, professional panels, networking  
2463 events, employer presentations and online job databases.

2464  
2465 The school or program provides such resources for both currently enrolled students and alumni.  
2466 The school or program may accomplish this through a variety of formal or informal mechanisms  
2467 including connecting graduates with professional associations, making faculty and other alumni  
2468 available for networking and advice, etc.

2469  
2470 Required documentation:

- 2471  
2472 1) Describe the school or program's career advising and services. If services differ by degree and/or  
2473 concentration, a brief description should be provided for each. Include an explanation of efforts to  
2474 tailor services to meet students' specific needs. Schools should present data only on public health  
2475 degree offerings. (self-study document)
- 2476  
2477 2) Explain how individuals providing career advising are selected and oriented to their roles and  
2478 responsibilities. (self-study document)
- 2479  
2480 3) Provide three examples from the last three years of career advising services provided to students  
2481 and one example of career advising provided to an alumnus/a. For each category, indicate the  
2482 number of individuals participating. (self-study document)
- 2483  
2484 4) Provide data reflecting the level of student satisfaction with career advising during each of the last  
2485 three years. Include survey response rates, if applicable. Schools should present data only on  
2486 public health degree offerings. (self-study document)
- 2487  
2488 5) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
2489 improvement in this area. (self-study document)

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2491  
2492 **H3. Student Complaint Procedures (SPH and PHP)**

2493  
2494 The school or program enforces a set of policies and procedures that govern formal student  
2495 complaints/grievances. Such procedures are clearly articulated and communicated to students.  
2496 Depending on the nature and level of each complaint, students are encouraged to voice their  
2497 concerns to school or program officials or other appropriate personnel. Designated  
2498 administrators are charged with reviewing and resolving formal complaints. All complaints are  
2499 processed through appropriate channels.

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2501 Required documentation:

- 2502  
2503 1) Describe the procedures by which students may communicate ~~any formal~~ complaints and/or  
2504 grievances to school or program officials, addressing both informal complaint resolution and  
2505 formal complaints or grievances. Explain ~~and about~~ how these procedures are publicized. (self-  
2506 study document)

**Commented [A50]:** Clarifies intent to include guidance for students who plan to continue studies rather than securing employment.

**Commented [A51]:** Reflects consistent interpretation by schools and programs on how to answer this request

- 2508 2) Briefly summarize the steps for how a [formal](#) complaint or grievance filed through official  
 2509 university processes progresses. Include information on all levels of review/appeal. (self-study  
 2510 document)  
 2511  
 2512 3) List any formal complaints and/or student grievances submitted in the last three years. Briefly  
 2513 describe the general nature or content of each complaint and the current status or progress  
 2514 toward resolution. (self-study document)  
 2515  
 2516 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 2517 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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2520 **H4. Student Recruitment and Admissions (SPH and PHP)**  
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2522 **The school or program implements student recruitment and admissions policies and procedures**  
 2523 **designed to locate and select qualified individuals capable of taking advantage of the school or**  
 2524 **program’s various learning activities, which will enable each of them to develop competence for a**  
 2525 **career in public health.**  
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2527 Required documentation:  
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- 2529 1) Describe the school or program’s recruitment activities. If these differ by degree (e.g., bachelor’s  
 2530 vs. graduate degrees), a description should be provided for each. Schools should discuss only  
 2531 public health degree offerings. (self-study document)  
 2532  
 2533 2) Provide a ~~statement~~[brief summary](#) of admissions policies and procedures. If these differ by  
 2534 degree (e.g., bachelor’s vs. graduate degrees), a description should be provided for each.  
 2535 Schools should discuss only public health degree offerings. (self-study document) [Detailed](#)  
 2536 [admissions policies, if relevant, may be provided in the electronic resource file and referenced](#)  
 2537 [here](#).  
 2538  
 2539 3) Provide quantitative data on the unit’s student body from the last three years, with the unit’s self-  
 2540 defined target level on each measure for reference. In addition to at least one from the list that  
 2541 follows, the school or program may add measures that are significant to its own mission and  
 2542 context. Schools should focus data and descriptions on students associated with the school’s  
 2543 public health degree programs. See Template H4-1.  
 2544  
 2545 • Quantitative scores (e.g., GPA, SAT/ACT/GRE, TOEFL) for newly matriculating students  
 2546 • Percentage of designated group (e.g., undergraduate students, mid-career professionals,  
 2547 multi-lingual individuals) accepting offers of admission  
 2548 • Percentage of priority under-represented students (as defined in Criterion G1) accepting  
 2549 offers of admission  
 2550 • Percentage of newly matriculating students with previous health- or public health-related  
 2551 experience  
 2552 • Number of entering students with distinctions and/or honors from previous degree (e.g.,  
 2553 National Merit Scholar)  
 2554 • Percentage of multilingual students  
 2555  
 2556 (self-study document)  
 2557  
 2558 4) If applicable, assess strengths and weaknesses related to this criterion and plans for  
 2559 improvement in this area. (self-study document)  
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**Commented [A52]:** Clarifies instructions based on how units typically respond.

2563 **H5. Publication of Educational Offerings (SPH and PHP)**

2564  
2565 **Catalogs and bulletins used by the school or program to describe its educational offerings must**  
2566 **be publicly available and must accurately describe its academic calendar, admissions policies,**  
2567 **grading policies, academic integrity standards and degree completion requirements. Advertising,**  
2568 **promotional materials, recruitment literature and other supporting material, in whatever medium it**  
2569 **is presented, must contain accurate information.**

2570  
2571 Required documentation:

- 2572  
2573 1) Provide direct links to information and descriptions of all degree programs and concentrations in  
2574 the unit of accreditation. The information must describe all of the following: academic calendar,  
2575 admissions policies, grading policies, academic integrity standards and degree completion  
2576 requirements. (self-study document)  
2577

2578 **Definitions**

2579  
2580 The following definitions apply throughout this document, regardless of the specific terminology used by  
2581 the school or program:

2582  
2583 **School and program** refer to categories of accreditation (SPH and PHP) defined in CEPH's Accreditation  
2584 Procedures.

2585  
2586 **Degree level** refers to one of three options: 1) bachelor's, 2) master's, or 3) doctoral.

2587  
2588 **Degree** refers to BA, BS, MS, MSPH, MPH, PhD, ScD, DrPH, etc. Degrees may include one  
2589 concentration, or a degree may include multiple concentrations.

2590  
2591 **Concentration** refers to any area of study that the school or program advertises as available to students,  
2592 via its catalog and/or website.

2593  
2594 For example, an MPH in epidemiology is a concentration. An MPH in epidemiology with focus areas in  
2595 chronic disease and infectious disease would be two concentrations (chronic epidemiology and infectious  
2596 epidemiology).

2597  
2598 In these criteria, "concentration" is synonymous with terms such as "specialization," "emphasis area,"  
2599 "track" and "focus area," and, in some cases, "certificate." A certificate is equivalent to a concentration  
2600 when completion of a certificate is universally required to fulfill degree requirements.

2601  
2602 **Generalist** is considered a concentration for these criteria's purposes, and an MPH with no concentration  
2603 listed is considered "generalist" by default. Schools and programs are free to name all concentrations as  
2604 they wish to provide clarity to students and the public.

2605  
2606 Plans of study that are clearly presented to students as **minors** are not considered to be concentrations.  
2607 **Certificates** that are optional additions to students' programs of study are not considered to be  
2608 concentrations.

2609  
2610 **Combined (joint, dual, concurrent, [accelerated](#)) degree programs**, such as the MD/MPH, may require  
2611 students to either

- 2612  
2613 1) complete one of the school or program's existing concentrations, or  
2614 2) complete a curriculum structured around competencies developed specifically for the combined  
2615 degree.

2616  
2617 Schools and programs that choose the first option must define a specific assessment opportunity for all  
2618 concentration-specific competencies, whether the assessment occurs in the MPH or the external degree  
2619 program. Schools or programs that choose the second option must list the combined degree as a distinct  
2620 MPH concentration in Template Intro-1 and elsewhere in the document and must comply with all  
2621 requirements associated with an MPH concentration, including the faculty resource requirements.

2622  
2623 **Public health degrees** include the following:  
2624 • Bachelor's degrees in public health disciplines  
2625 • Professional and academic public health graduate degrees

2626  
2627 Bachelor's degrees in public health include BSPH, BS, BA, etc. when they are offered in public health  
2628 disciplines. SPH may offer BS or BA degrees in non-public health disciplines (e.g., exercise science), and  
2629 these are classified as "other" degrees, as discussed below. In SPH, specialized bachelor's degrees in  
2630 fields closely related to public health that have their own disciplinary orientation and definitions (e.g., BS  
2631 in environmental science, BS in health administration) may be excluded from the category of public health  
2632 bachelor's degrees if they are not intended to function as public health degrees. See definition of "other"  
2633 degrees.

2634  
2635 **Professional public health degrees** are offered at the graduate level and include the MPH and DrPH,  
2636 as well as any graduate degrees that ~~are intended to~~ prepare individuals for public health practice in a  
2637 manner equivalent to the MPH or DrPH degree.

2638  
2639 In a PHP, the MHA or MHSA is only part of the accreditation unit in exceptional circumstances, as defined  
2640 below.

2641  
2642 In an SPH, the MHA or MHSA is classified in the category of "all remaining degrees" (Criterion D19)  
2643 except under special circumstances, as defined below.

2644  
2645 If specifically designated as such by the school or program, MHA or MHSA degrees may be classified as  
2646 professional public health degrees. In these cases, MHA and MHSA degrees must comply with  
2647 Criteria D1, D2, D4, D5, D7 and D14.

2648 **Academic and highly specialized public health master's degrees** (e.g. MS) ~~often include the MS and~~  
2649 ~~PhD. These degrees~~ are offered in public health fields but ~~are do not intended to~~ function as MPH or  
2650 DrPH equivalents. ~~They~~ ~~Some of these degrees~~ prepare students for ~~further doctoral~~ study or ~~for~~  
2651 ~~academic or scholarly positions~~ in public health fields. Other degrees prepare students for highly technical  
2652 and specific job functions (e.g. laboratory technician, data scientist).

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- 2655 • For example, in some institutions, the MSPH ~~is intended to~~ function in a manner equivalent to  
2656 the MPH degree. In these institutions, the MSPH is a professional degree.
- 2657 • In some institutions, the MSPH ~~is intended to~~ prepare students for doctoral study and/or  
2658 ~~research-based~~ highly technical and specific job functions careers. In these institutions, the MSPH  
2659 is an academic and highly specialized degree.

2660  
2661 The MS in industrial hygiene is classified in the category of "academic and highly specialized public  
2662 health degrees" (Criterion D17).

2663  
2664 Regardless of the nature of the training and intended career paths for graduates, the MPH is always  
2665 classified as a professional degree and would not be addressed in Criterion D17.

2666  
2667 **Other degrees** include 1) bachelor's degrees or concentrations in fields other than public health and  
2668 2) all graduate degrees and concentrations that do not meet the definition of a professional or academic  
2669 public health degree as noted above. MHA and MHSA degrees are classified as "all remaining degrees"  
2670 unless specifically designated as professional public health degrees by the school.

2671  
2672 For ease of reference, any criteria that refer to the "MPH degree" also apply to any other professional  
2673 public health master's degrees through which the program intends to prepare public health practitioners in  
2674 a manner equivalent to the MPH. Such degrees may include the MSPH and other degrees when they are  
2675 intended to function as professional degrees equivalent to the MPH. These degrees were referred to in  
2676 previous versions of CEPH criteria as "equivalent professional degrees."  
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**Commented [A53]:** Clarifies the Council's recent interpretation of how to categorize MS degrees that are highly specialized.

## Appendix 1

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 2682 **\*\*Bold font indicates data that are self-selected or defined by the unit. Definition of desired**  
 2683 **outcomes precedes data collection for these elements.**  
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**Commented [A54]:** New appendix is drawn directly from existing resource: CEPH Data Guide. Strikeouts reflect differences between this draft and data requirements in current criteria.

	<b>Criteria or Template</b>
<b>1. Performance data for all information needed to measure aspects of mission and goals not captured below (typically 5-10 measures)</b>	<i>B5-1</i>
2. Student enrollment	<i>Intro 2</i>
3. Graduation rates	<i>B2-1</i>
4. Doctoral student progression (e.g., # of newly admitted, # of completed coursework)	<i>B2-2</i>
5. Post-graduation outcomes (e.g., employment, enrollment in further education)	<i>B3-1</i>
6. <del>Actionable data (quantitative and/or qualitative) from recent alumni on their perceptions of competency attainment</del>	<del>B4</del>
7. Actionable data (quantitative and/or qualitative) from recent alumni on their self-assessed <del>abilities to apply competencies in their post-graduation destinations</del> <u>preparation for post-graduation destinations</u>	B4
8. <u>At least three specific examples of improvements undertaken in the last three years based on the evaluation plan. At least one of the changes must relate to an area other than the curriculum</u>	<i>B5-2</i>
9. Budget table	<i>C1-1</i>
10. Student perceptions of faculty availability	C2
11. Student perceptions of class size & relationship to learning	C2
12. List of all faculty, which concentrations they support & their FTE allocation to the unit as a whole	<i>C2-1, E1-1, E1-2</i>
13. Ratios for student academic advising (all degree levels)	<i>C2-2</i>
14. Ratios for supervision of MPH ILE	<i>C2-2</i>
15. Ratios for supervision of bachelor's cumulative/experiential activity	<i>C2-2</i>
16. Ratios for DrPH ILE advising	<i>C2-2</i>
17. Ratios for PhD dissertation advising	<i>C2-2</i>
18. Ratios for MS final project advising	<i>C2-2</i>
19. Count, FTE (if applicable), and type/categories of staff resources	<i>C3-1</i>
20. Faculty participation in activities/resources designed to improve instructional effectiveness (maintain ongoing list of exemplars)	E3
<b>21. Performance on at least 3 self-selected indicators for faculty currency, instructional techniques &amp; unit instructional effectiveness outcomes from list in criterion</b>	E3
22. Faculty research/scholarly activities with connections to instruction (maintain ongoing list of exemplars)	E4
<b>23. Data on at least 3 self-selected outcome measures for faculty research and scholarly activities from list in criterion</b>	<i>E4-1</i>
24. Faculty extramural service activities with connections to instruction (maintain ongoing list of exemplars)	E5
<b>25. Performance on at least 3 self-selected indicators for faculty extramural service from list in criterion</b>	E5
26. Actionable data (quantitative and/or qualitative) from employers on graduates' <del>abilities to perform competencies in a practice setting</del> <u>preparation for post-graduation destinations</u>	F1
27. Feedback from external stakeholders on changing practice & research needs that might impact unit priorities and/or curricula	F1
28. Feedback from stakeholders on guiding statements and ongoing self-evaluation data	F1
29. Professional AND community service activities that students participate in (maintain ongoing list of exemplars)	F2
30. Current educational and professional development needs of self-defined communities of public health workers (individuals not currently enrolled in unit's degree programs)	<del>F3</del> F4

	<b>Criteria or Template</b>
31. Continuing education events presented for the external community, with number of non-student, non-faculty attendees per event (maintain ongoing list)	F3
<b>32. Quantitative and qualitative information that demonstrates unit's ongoing efforts to increase representation and support success of self-defined priority underserved populations—among students AND faculty (and staff if applicable)</b>	G1
33. Student AND faculty (staff, if applicable) perceptions of unit's climate regarding diversity & cultural competence	G1
34. Student satisfaction with academic advising	H1
35. Student satisfaction with career advising	H2
36. Events or services provided to assist with career readiness, job search, enrollment in additional education, etc. (maintain ongoing list of exemplars)	H2
37. Number of student complaints filed (and info on disposition or progress)	H3
<b>38. Data on self-selected indicator(s) for success in enrolling a qualified student body from list in criterion</b>	<i>H4-1</i>

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