

Annual Report on Program Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

(Due October 15, 2013: Please answer as many questions below as you can. All programs must submit #1.)

From 2014 on, this form is due annually by November 15 to the Provost's Office.

Program: School of Public Health – MPH, MS, DrPH, and PhD programs

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1. List the learning outcomes for the program (if you are new to program assessment, you might want to begin with 3-5 primary outcomes):

The School of Public Health has clearly defined competencies for each of its degree programs and concentrations:

MASTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

BUSPH graduates bring a well-rounded, evidence-based approach to addressing public health problems. They are aware of the interplay of the biological, social, economic, cultural, political, behavioral, and environmental factors that affect health, and are prepared to work in a wide array of settings to address public health problems. They critically analyze public health literature, create innovative solutions to problems in collaboration with others, evaluate program effectiveness, and present their views clearly in both spoken and written communications. Upon completion of the MPH degree requirements, graduates are able to:

- Identify the determinants of health and disease;
- Estimate the burden and patterns of disease in communities in order to prioritize health needs;
- Use systematic approaches to develop, implement, and evaluate public health policies, programs, or services;
- Communicate effectively to promote the health of all members of our communities, especially the disadvantaged, underserved, and vulnerable;
- Demonstrate the ability to access and use data to identify and solve public health problems;
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and as part of a team, and identify effective leadership qualities and practices;
- Make decisions that reflect ethical frameworks and respect for the values, beliefs, and practices within diverse communities and cultures; and
- Demonstrate professional knowledge and skills for effective practice in a selected field of study.

Additional Competencies for Social and Behavioral Sciences Concentrators:

- Access and analyze archival and other data to assess a public health problem for a specific place and population;
- Apply social and behavioral theories and quantitative and qualitative methods to the development of innovative and effective public health intervention programs;

- Develop rigorous evaluation trials to assess the efficacy of public health interventions;
- Communicate findings to the public and to policy makers; and
- Advocate for the institutionalization of evidence-based public health programs.