Foundational Public Health Knowledge

Profession & Science of Public Health

- 1. Explain public health history, philosophy and values
- 2. Identify the core functions of public health and the 10 Essential Services 11
- 3. Explain the role of quantitative and qualitative methods and sciences in describing and assessing a population's health
- 4. List major causes and trends of morbidity and mortality in the US or other community relevant to the school or program
- 5. Discuss the science of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention in population health, including health promotion, screening, etc.
- 6. Explain the critical importance of evidence in advancing public health knowledge

Factors Related to Human Health

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

Foundational Competencies

Evidence-based Approaches to Public Health

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

Public Health & Health Care Systems

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

Planning & Management to Promote Health

- 7. Assess population needs, assets and capacities that affect communities' health
- **8.** Apply awareness of cultural values and practices to the design or implementation of public health policies or programs
- 9. Design a population-based policy, program, project or intervention
- 10. Explain basic principles and tools of budget and resource management
- 11. Select methods to evaluate public health programs

Policy in Public Health

- **12.** Discuss multiple dimensions of the policy-making process, including the roles of ethics and evidence
- **13.** Propose strategies to identify stakeholders and build coalitions and partnerships for influencing public health outcomes
- **14.** Advocate for political, social or economic policies and programs that will improve health in diverse populations
- 15. Evaluate policies for their impact on public health and health equity

Leadership

- 1. Apply principles of leadership, governance and management, which include creating a vision, empowering others, fostering collaboration and guiding decision making
- 2. Apply negotiation and mediation skills to address organizational or community challenges

Communication

- 3. Select communication strategies for different audiences and sectors
- **4.** Communicate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing and through oral presentation
- 5. Describe the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content

Interprofessional Practice

6. Perform effectively on interprofessional teams

Systems Thinking

7. Apply systems thinking tools to a public health issue

Concentration Competencies

MPH Health Promotion and Community Health Concentration Competencies

- HPCHCC1: Demonstrate a critical understanding of multidisciplinary theories/frameworks utilized in health promotion research and practice
- HPCHCC2: Employ theoretical knowledge and methodological skills in health promotion program planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation
- HPCHCC3: Conduct rigorous quantitative and qualitative research for health promotion
- HPCHCC4: Use participatory approaches in community mobilization to advocate for health
- HPCHCC5: Promote social justice and equity in health promotion research, practice, and policy
- HPCHCC6: Integrate health promotion theory and methods into analyzing emerging public health issues

MPH Health Management and Policy Concentration Competencies

- HMPCC1: Assess how the structure, organization, delivery, and financing of health care systems affect system performance in terms of efficiency, quality, equity, and effectiveness
- HMPCC2: Apply systems thinking approaches to improve healthcare organizations' performance and responsiveness
- HMPCC3: Apply quality tools and concepts to evaluate and improve performance in health care organizations
- HMPCC4: Apply the principles of planning, budgeting, management and evaluation in healthcare related programs and projects
- HMPCC5: Analyze relevant financial data for efficient management of healthcare programs and organizations
- HMPCC7: Utilize health information systems and data analytics to support evidence based decision making at the organizational and system levels
- HMPCC8: Apply public policy principles, frameworks and tools to understand health problems and priorities
- HMPCC9: Evaluate policy options to address health challenges including economic, legal and political implications
- HMPCC10: Utilize knowledge translation strategies and tools to communicate effectively and influence health policy and system decision making

MPH Epidemiology and Biostatistics Concentration Competencies

- EBCC1: Discuss the extent, distribution and determinants of common and emerging communicable and non-communicable diseases, and mental health disorders of local, regional and global importance
- EBCC2: Discuss prevention and control strategies/programs for common and emerging communicable and non-communicable diseases and mental health disorders
- EBCC3: Design epidemiological studies to investigate public health research questions
- EBCC4: Demonstrate ability to write software codes in order to manage and analyze health data through the use of multiple statistical software
- EBCC5: Apply inferential statistics and advanced statistical approaches such as regression modelling to analyze complex health related data
- EBCC6: Interpret and communicate statistical findings in oral and written format
- EBCC7: Review, synthesize and communicate published epidemiological findings in oral and written format
- EBCC8: Appraise the quality of epidemiological evidence by evaluating studies for bias and other sources of systematic errors
- EBCC9: Analyze Health related data using advanced statistical techniques and software packages