

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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■ Annual Reporting Requirements

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is a private non-profit corporation established in 1974 by the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the Association of Schools of Public Health, now known as the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH). The articles of incorporation were adopted by the two associations, which became the original corporate members of the new organization. The articles specified CEPH's purposes as follows:

- (a) Improving the quality of education in public health schools, institutions, and programs through accreditation, certification, approval, and related activities which publicly attest compliance with defined standards; including particularly the accreditation of graduate schools of public health.
- (b) Otherwise encouraging improvement in the quality of education in public health through conduct of research, provision of consultation, distribution of publications, support of demonstrations, definition of standards, development of sanctions, sponsoring of examinations, and other appropriate means related to accreditation, certification, and approval activities.
- (c) Assuring an independent mechanism for the conduct of these accreditation and related activities under joint sponsorship of professional and educational organizations comprising the corporation membership.

The articles of incorporation ascribed broad powers and responsibilities to the governing body of the newly established organization. One of the obligations specified in the charter was a requirement that CEPH annually call a meeting of the corporation membership at which duly designated representatives of those organizations would meet with the Council to receive its annual report. This report, which reviews the activities of calendar year 2021, is submitted in response to that requirement.

■ About CEPH

The Council on Education for Public Health is a private, non-profit corporation chartered under provisions of the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporations Act. It is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization and by the State of Maryland as an organization exempt from local income and sales taxes. No organizational or structural changes took place during 2021 that would affect this status.

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Letter from the President



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Council on Education for Public Health is pleased to share its 2021 annual report, which shows a growing demand for quality education in public health. Throughout the past year, the public health community continued to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council was continuously impressed by the work undertaken by public health faculty, researchers, and students in response to the pandemic throughout 2021.

This was another busy and eventful year for CEPH! The Council continued to conduct virtual site visits in early 2021. With the availability of vaccines, CEPH staff and volunteers were able to begin traveling again and conducted the fall 2021 site visit season in person.

In 2021, the Council conducted its 5-year review and adopted revisions to the *Accreditation Criteria for Schools and Programs of Public Health* and the *Accreditation Procedures*. These revisions were not substantive, but intended to clarify language, make intended requirements implicit, remove unintended duplication, and streamline language, where possible.

CEPH has also continued to focus on providing technical assistance to schools and programs. Priority activities included multiple online offerings of the Accreditation Orientation Workshop, regular technical assistance webinars, and presentations at the meetings of our partner organizations.

We sincerely appreciate the engagement of the academic and practice community alike in our efforts this past year. Achieving our mission of assuring quality education in public health is only possible with the support of our many partners. The Council would also like to thank its dedicated volunteers who contribute countless hours to the accreditation process. This has been a challenging year, but we are very grateful for and proud of the work of our public health colleagues. The future of public health is brighter because of these efforts.

We hope you find this report informative and comprehensive. Questions and comments are always welcome.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Kwon'.

Harry T. Kwon, PhD, MPH, MCHES
President

Board of Councilors

The articles of incorporation establish a 10-member Board of Councilors as the governing body of CEPH. Members of the governing body are appointed either singly or jointly by the two corporate members.

APHA appoints three members to the Council, and those representatives are expected during their tenure as councilors to be "primarily involved in the practice of public health or in the conduct of related health services."

ASPPH appoints three members, and its delegates are to be "drawn from the faculty, administration or student body of schools of public health."

The remaining four councilors are jointly appointed by the corporate members on the recommendation of the CEPH governing body.

Two of these positions represent the interests and concerns of the general public; public members may not be employed by an academic institution that has a school or program of public health. The remaining two positions represent the programs accredited by CEPH. These candidates are nominated after broad solicitation of relevant organizations. During 2021, the Council was composed of the following individuals:

Representing Public Health Practice Term Ending

Eldonna Chesnut, MSN, BSN, RN, CPE 2023
Division Director of Child Care Licensing
Olathe, KS

Harry Kwon, PhD, MPH, MCHES 2022
Director, Division of Research Education
Office of Extramural Research, Education,
and Priority Populations Agency for
Healthcare Research and Quality
*Serving in a personal capacity
Dernwood, MD

Joyce Gaufin 2021
Executive Director (Ret.)
Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute
Dammeron Valley, UT

Representing the Public Term Ending

Elizabeth Altmaier, PhD, MA 2024
Professor Emeritus
University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA

Tiffany Hill, JD 2023
TH Legal Consulting, LLC
Edmond, OK

Representing Public Health Academia Term Ending

Craig Blakely, PhD, MPH, MS 2023
Dean, School of Public Health & Information Sciences
University of Louisville
Louisville, KY

Tricia Penniecook, MD, MPH 2021
Vice Dean for Education, College of Public Health
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL

Philip Williams, PhD, CIH 2021
Dean Emeritus, College of Public Health
University of Georgia
Athens, GA

Stephanie Miles-Richardson, PhD, DVM 2021
Associate Dean, Graduate Education in Public Health
Morehouse School of Medicine
Atlanta, GA

Bethany Rainisch, PhD, MPH 2023
Program Director and Associate Professor,
Public Health Program
California State University, Northridge
Northridge, CA



Committees & Council Meetings

2021 Council Meetings

Regular business meetings engage the councilors in accreditation-related actions—accreditation reviews, interim reports, substantive change notices—and policy-related matters such as the adoption of criteria, policies, procedures, and internal practices. The Council also provides financial oversight for the agency. The Council conducted four business meetings in 2021 via Zoom and in person.

- March 7-8
- June 2-4
- August 26
- November 18-19

In 2021, the major work of the Council focused on the continued implementation of its 2019-2024 strategic plan, adopting revised *Accreditation Criteria for Schools and Programs*, and beginning work on incorporating concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the criteria.

Executive Committee

During 2021, the following councilors served as officers of the corporation and as members of the Executive Committee:

President: Joyce Gaufin

President-elect: Harry Kwon, PhD, MPH

Treasurer: Tiffany Hill, JD

Councilor-at-Large: Philip Williams, PhD, CIH

The Executive Committee met four times in 2021 via Zoom. The committee functions as a finance committee; it performs regular monitoring of CEPH financial matters, adopts annual fee schedules, and initially reviews and assists with budget development. The Executive Committee is also empowered to act for the Council between regular CEPH meetings; it considers substantive change notices and other routine accreditation-related business, freeing the Council meetings for discussion of substantive matters. At its November 2021 meeting, the full Council elected, by secret ballot, the officers who will serve on the Executive Committee in 2022.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work Group

During 2021, a subset of Councilors formed the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work Group. This work group was created with the charge of reviewing the CEPH Accreditation Criteria and proposing recommendations to further

incorporate the concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the accreditation criteria.

Work Group members included:

- Craig Blakely, PhD, MPH, MS
- Eldonna Chesnut, MSN, BSN, RN, CPE
- Stephanie Miles-Richardson, PhD, DVM
- Tricia Penniecook, MD, MPH
- Philip Williams, PhD, CIH

The committee met via Zoom seven times in 2021.

- April 23
- May 28
- August 11
- August 19
- October 4
- November 11
- December 6



Retiring Councilors Joyce Gaufin, Philip Williams, and Stephanie Miles-Richardson (left to right).

Volunteers

CEPH's most valuable asset is the cadre of dedicated individuals who contribute their time, effort, and expertise to serve as Council members and site visitors. Including time devoted to the CEPH Council and related meetings, site visits, and site visitor training, the total estimated value of

contributions of volunteers during 2021 was \$780,000. This is the amount CEPH would have had to pay professionals to carry out similar functions at modest rates of pay. The following individuals served as site visit evaluators during 2021:

PRACTITIONERS	
Nina Alesci, PhD, MPH <i>Analyst</i> Blue Cross of Minnesota Medicare STARS Program	Jacqueline Andula, RN, MPH <i>Medical Care Administrator</i> Erie County Department of Health
Angela Ankoma, MPH, MS <i>Vice President, Executive Director</i> Rhode Island Foundation	Ekua Ansah-Samuels, MPH <i>Residency Education Program Manager</i> Montefiore Medical Center
Laura Biesiadecki, MSPH <i>Senior Director, Preparedness, Recovery & Response</i> National Association of County & City Health Officials	Amanda Cash, DrPH MPH <i>Senior Advisor</i> US Department of Health and Human Services
Ralph Clegg, EHS, MPA <i>Executive Director / Local Health Officer (ret.)</i> Utah County Health Department	Darrlyn Cornelius-Averhart, DrPH, MPH <i>Team Lead, Control and Prevention University Division</i> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Michael Dohn, MD, MSc <i>Medical Director</i> Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County	David Dyjack, DrPH, CIH <i>Executive Director & CEO</i> National Environmental Health Association
Mighty Fine, MPH, CHES <i>Acting Director, Center for Professional Development & Partnerships</i> American Public Health Association	Christina Floyd, MPH <i>Health Director</i> Fort Mojave Indian Health Center
Justin Frederick, MPH, CPH <i>Supervisor, Communicable Disease Epidemiology</i> Douglas County Health Department	Adriane Griffen, DrPH, MPH, MCHES, CNED <i>Executive Director</i> American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists
Veronica Halloway, MA, MAS <i>Chief, Center for Minority Health Services</i> Illinois Department of Public Health	Kristin Hill, MSHSA, RN <i>Evaluation Consultant</i>
Dalana Johnson, MPH <i>Senior Public Health Analyst</i> Health Resources & Services Administration	Lois Kollmeyer, BSN <i>Clinical Nursing Instructor</i>

Volunteers (cont.)

PRACTITIONERS (cont.)

Daniel McDonald, PhD
Chief, Leadership Development Activity
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

William Pilkington, DPA, MPA, MA
CEO & Public Health Officer
Cabarrus Health Alliance

Sara Plaspohl, DrPH, CHES
Associate Dean, Waters College of Health Professions
Georgia Southern University

Robert Schmidt, MPH
County Director
Blount County Health Department

Michael Stauffer, MA, MCHES
Director, Health Management
Emory University

Matthew Stefanak, MPH
Former Health Commissioner
Mahoning County Health District

ACADEMICS

Muge Akpınar-Elci, MD, MPH
Dean, School of Public Health
University of Nevada, Reno

Stephen Alder, PhD
TSH Morton Endowed Professor
Public Health Program
University of Utah

Erika (Ela) Austin, PhD, MPH
Associate Dean
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Kathy Baumgartner, PhD
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs
University of Louisville

Kari Brisolaro, ScD, MSPH, QEP
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Jason Coleman, PhD, MSPH
Director, School of Health and Kinesiology
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Eleanor Feingold, PhD
Senior Associate Dean
Graduate School of Public Health
University of Pittsburgh

David Gregorio, PhD, MS
Director
Graduate Program in Public Health
University of Connecticut

Carl Hanson, PhD, MS, MCHES
Chair, Department of Health Sciences
Public Health Program
Brigham Young University

Bonni Hodges, PhD
Chair, Health Department
Community Health Program
SUNY—Cortland

Helen Hopp Marshak, PhD, MS, MCHES
Dean, School of Public Health
Loma Linda University

Robyn Housemann, PhD, MPH
Former Chair, Department of Health Promotion & Exercise Science
Western Connecticut State University

Volunteers (cont.)

ACADEMICS (cont.)

Jennifer Ibrahim, PhD, MPH, MA
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
 College of Public Health
 Temple University

Susan Klitzman, DrPH, MPH
Senior Associate Dean for Administration
 CUNY School of Public Health

Richard Kurz, PhD
Dean Emeritus
 School of Public Health
 University of North Texas Health Science Center

Jacqueline Lanier, DrPH, MCHES
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Amy Lee, MD, MPH, MBA, CPH
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 Consortium of Eastern Ohio

Marian Levy, DrPH, RD
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 School of Public Health
 University of Memphis

Laura Liang, DrPH, CHES
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
 School of Public Health
 Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

James Mancuso, MD, DrPH, MPH
Chair, Department of Preventive Medicine & Biostatistics
 Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

Shan Mohammed, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Chair, Department of Health Sciences
 Public Health Program
 Northeastern University

Leah Neubauer, EdD, MA
Director of Accreditation & Assessment
 Public Health Program
 Northwestern University

Wendy Parker, PhD, MPA
Director, Public Health Program
 Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Cindy Prins, PhD, MPH, CIC, CPH
Assistant Dean for Educational Affairs
 College of Public Health & Health Professions
 University of Florida

Beth Resnick, DrPH, MPH
Assistant Dean for Public Health Practice
 Bloomberg School of Public Health
 Johns Hopkins University

Jill Rush-Kolodzey, MD, DrPH, MPH
Director, MPH Program
 Louisiana State University-Shreveport/Louisiana State University HSC-Shreveport

Darcell Scharff, PhD
Associate Professor
 College for Public Health and Social Justice
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Community Engagement & Health Equity
 University of North Texas Health Science Center

Lisa Sullivan, PhD
Associate Dean for Education
 School of Public Health
 Boston University

Daniel Tisch, PhD, MPH
Director, MPH Program
 Case Western Reserve University

Volunteers (cont.)

ACADEMICS (cont.)

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Director, Graduate Education Programs
Master of Public Health Program
University of New Mexico

Susan Tortolero Emery, PhD
Senior Associate Dean
School of Public Health
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Nannette Turner, PhD, MPH
Chair, Department of Public Health
Public Health Program
Mercer University

Patrick Vivier, MD, PhD
*Director, Interdisciplinary Education Programs &
Director, MPH Program*
School of Public Health
Brown University

Site Visitor Training Activities

Graduate Level Site Visitor Training

In 2021, a cohort of 28 graduate-level site visitors completed their training with a two-hour live session in March, following completion of an extensive set of online training modules. CEPH staff hosted the training, which focused on application of skills and knowledge of the criteria. CEPH staff provided trainees an exercise workbook and provided time during the training to work through scenarios and examples.

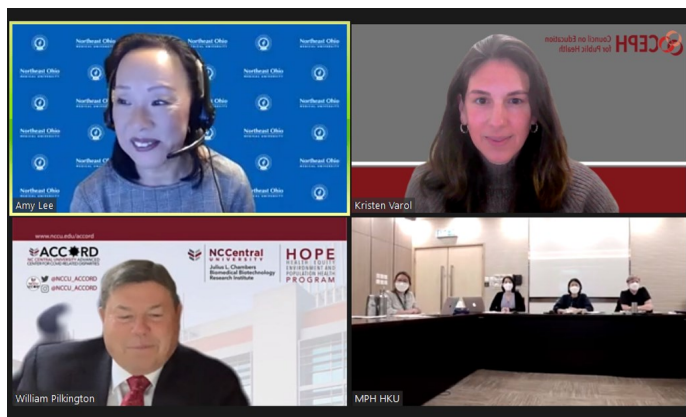
Attendees were sent an evaluation at the end of the training. When asked to rank confidence in understanding of accreditation processes, 100% agreed or strongly agreed. When asked to rank confidence in understanding of the CEPH accreditation criteria, 96% agreed or strongly agreed, and 4% (n=1) were neutral.

SBP Site Visitor Training

CEPH also trained eight new SBP site visitors. Trainees attended a live webinar session that focused on the site visit process, criteria expectations, and report writing.

New Chair Training

In addition to training new site visitors, CEPH trained two existing site visitors to be site visit chairs. CEPH began engaging new site visitors and newly trained chairs immediately, all of whom have completed site visits successfully.



CEPH site visitors during the virtual site visit at the University of Hong Kong in November 2021

Management & Administration

Staff

Laura Rasar King, EdD, MPH, MCHES serves as the Executive Director of CEPH. Dr. King is a frequent speaker on higher education, accreditation, academic public health, and public health workforce issues. She represents CEPH at national and international public health and accreditation meetings.

Mollie Mulvanity, MPH, CAE, serves as the Deputy Director of CEPH. During her years at CEPH, she has visited more than 100 public health schools and programs while providing consultation or staffing accreditation reviews. Ms. Mulvanity serves on the board of the Association of Specialized & Professional Accreditors. She is also a frequent presenter at professional meetings on the evolution of quality assurance in public health higher education, particularly in relation to MPH curricula.

Kristen Varol, MPH, PMP, CHES, serves as the Director, Accreditation Services. Ms. Varol has provided consultation to and staffed accreditation reviews for schools and programs across the US and internationally. She is a member of ASPPH's Data Committee and supports efforts to streamline data collection and sharing between the two organizations.

Nicole Williams, MPH, PMP, serves as the Director, Accreditation Operations. During her years at CEPH, Ms. Williams has assisted in the development and implementation of standalone baccalaureate program accreditation. In 2019, she managed the development and implementation of the Accreditation & Education Forum.



Alexandra DiOrio, MPH, CHES serves as a Senior Accreditation Specialist. Her duties include leading CEPH data collection initiatives in addition to managing the accreditation review process and serving as the coordinator for accreditation visits.

Accreditation Specialists Emily Albers, MPH, CPH, Zeinab Bazzi, MPH, and Julia Konner, MPH, CHES, and Accreditation Coordinators Cheyenne Barger, MPH, Galvin Jack, MPH, and Cara Damico Smith, MPH carry out tasks to ensure that the accreditation review process for schools and programs proceeds smoothly. Their duties include managing the accreditation review process, serving as coordinators for accreditation site visits, editing and preparing sections of site visit team reports, developing training materials, conducting training sessions, and responding to stakeholder inquiries.

Accreditation Program Assistant Jaquis Williams, BSPH, manages administrative and financial support. Her duties include supporting the organization's financial operations, drafting and sending accreditation correspondence, supporting senior staff in data collection and maintenance, maintaining contact information for school and program stakeholders, and supporting staff with logistics and registration for online trainings and webinars.

Management & Administration (cont.)

Sources of Financial Support

The Council's income derives from a combination of contributions and fees. During FY 2021 (July 1– June 30), APHA contributed \$108,900 in unrestricted funds to CEPH. Accredited schools of public health, public health programs, and standalone baccalaureate programs paid approximately \$1,373,778 in annual fees. Additional fees are charged when a school or program undergoes its periodic reevaluation, begins the applicant process, or seeks consultation. Total revenues during 2021 from contributions, fees for specific services, interest, and miscellaneous sources amounted to \$1,735,873 (including reimbursement for travel expenses of site visitors and consultants).

Budgeting and Financial Planning

The Council adopted a budget for calendar year 2021 in the amount of \$1,845,360. Budget planning takes into account anticipated review workloads and expected inflation, as well as the organization's policy about maintaining reserves. Actual income for the year was slightly lower than projected at \$1,735,873, due to the lower level of reimbursable travel. Actual expenditures for the year

were significantly lower than budgeted, approximately \$1,642,698 due to the pause on travel necessitated by the pandemic for a portion of the year. CEPH ended the year with approximately \$1,400,000 in cash reserves amounting to approximately 71% of the operating expenses for the year. The Council follows a policy of maintaining reserves equal to at least six months of operating expenses.

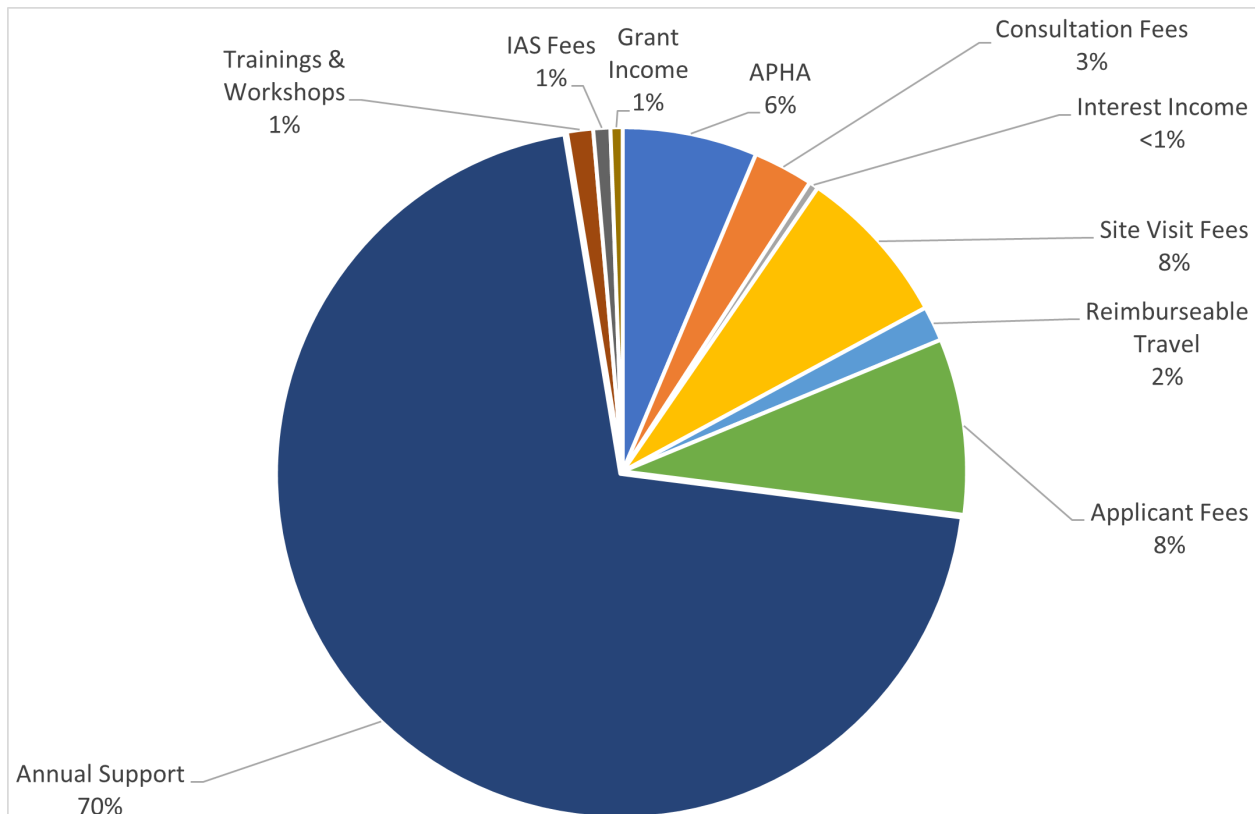
The APHA Executive Board approved a new funding agreement for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 of \$110,510.

Each summer, the CEPH Executive Committee establishes a fee schedule that will be applicable for the following year. The annual support fees for accredited schools and programs increased slightly for 2022. Applicant, accreditation, and consultation fees remained the same as the previous year.

Audit of CEPH Accounts

The accounting firm of Neuman, Pollack and Associates, P.A. was retained to conduct an independent audit of CEPH's financial records for 2021. A copy of the audited financial statement is a part of this annual report to the corporate members.

Source of Funds



Training and Technical Assistance

In 2021, CEPH offered a range of live, synchronous training and technical assistance events. Most offerings are also available in perpetuity for viewing as asynchronous webcasts. Due to pandemic-related restrictions, all 2021 trainings were delivered online.

Total attendees:
>1,200

Distinct attendees:
828

As of December 31, CEPH accredited a total of 228 units: 68 schools of public health, 140 public health programs, and 20 standalone baccalaureate programs. CEPH's 2021 training and technical assistance events reached the following units:

99% of schools of public health

84% of public health programs

55% of standalone baccalaureate programs

Technical Assistance (TA)

TA webinars are an important tool for educating schools and programs about the accreditation criteria.

All TA webinars are free, recorded, and made available on the CEPH website.

Evaluation Strategies
March 2021

Proposed Criteria Revisions
April 2021

Engaging Students Online
July 2021

Annual Report How To
September 2021

Revised Criteria
October 2021

Exemplars of Assessment
November 2021

Pre-Application Orientation Webinar (P-AOW)

The P-AOW is compulsory for units prior to sending an Initial Application Submission (IAS) to begin the accreditation process. CEPH offers two versions (one for SBP and one for PHP units) given that the application requirements differ. Units pursuing accreditation in the SPH category work one-on-one with CEPH staff given their individualized needs.

The P-AOW includes three parts:

1. Pre-recorded CEPH introduction (the same for all units)
2. Pre-recorded walk through of the IAS (SBP and PHP versions)
3. Live session with Q&A opportunity (SBP and PHP versions) offered quarterly

In 2021, a total of 72 representatives from 46 prospective applicant units attended the four live sessions (February, May, August, and November).

Accreditation Orientation Workshop (AOW)

In 2021, CEPH hosted seven online AOW sessions for accredited and applicant units in March, April, June, July, and August. These events were comprehensive sessions on the accreditation criteria.



136 attendees



74 units attended

The seven sessions were offered virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sessions covered CEPH procedures, focusing on the procedures most relevant to each group of stakeholders, but devoted a majority of the two-day agenda to a detailed examination of the expectations associated with the accreditation criteria. The workshop also included breakout sessions to review sample competencies from each participant and opportunities for participants to share challenges and insights with one another.

Site visitor refresher webinars

The site visitor refresher is a one-hour webinar that provides an update on site visit processes and protocols. The webinar is held twice a year, at the beginning of each site visit season. Site visitors scheduled for the upcoming season are required to attend, either by participating in the live webinar or by listening to the recording on their own.

Site visitors attending: 56

2021 Site Visits

Evaluation visits by teams of qualified reviewers are the primary basis by which the CEPH governing body is informed about the schools and programs it accredits. Typically, teams arrive on site the evening before the visit and spend two or three days interviewing university officials, administrators, school and program faculty, students, alumni, and community partners. Teams also review documents and view facilities and resources. The last component of the visit is an exit briefing.

On March 13, 2020, CEPH began a period of social distancing and compliance with stay-at-home orders at the local, state, and federal levels due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CEPH adopted a Virtual Site Visit Policy and Disclosure Statement on April 23, 2020. From June 2020 through June 2021, all site visits took place virtually via Zoom. During 2021, CEPH conducted visits with the following 41 schools and programs:

Date	Institution	Unit*	Chair
Jan 22-21	Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	SBP	Matthew Stefanak, MPH
Feb 15-16	University of North Florida	PHP	David Gregorio, PhD, MS
Feb 22-24	Georgia State University	SPH	Dennis Thombs, PhD, FAAHB
Mar 4-5	University of Nebraska at Omaha	SBP	Bonni Hodges, PhD
Mar 8-10	Brown University	SPH	Susan Klitzman, DrPH, MPH
Mar 11-12	Creighton University	PHP	Leah Neubauer, EdD, MA
Mar 15-17	University of Florida	SPH	David Dyjack, DrPH, CIH
Mar 22-23	Chamberlain University	PHP	Kristin Hill, MSHSA, RN
Mar 25-26	Nova Southeastern University	PHP	Amy Lee, MD, MPH, MBA, CPH
Apr 8-9	University of Tennessee, Chattanooga	PHP	Sara Plaspohl, DrPH, CHES
Apr 12-13	Rutgers, The State University of	SBP	Carl Hanson, PhD, MS, MCHES
Apr 15-16	Stony Brook University- SUNY	PHP	Nannette Turner, PhD, MPH
May 17-19	University of California, Los Angeles	SPH	Kim Marie Thorburn, MD, MPH
May 20-21	University of North Dakota	PHP	Leah Neubauer, EdD, MA

2021 Site Visits (cont.)

Date	Institution	Unit*	Chair
Jun 14-15	University of North Carolina, Wilmington	SBP	Matthew Stefanak, MPH
Sep 13-14	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse	SBP	Justin Frederick, MPH, CPH
Sep 16-17	Clemson University	SBP	Jason Coleman, PhD, MSPH
Sep 23-24	Yale University	SPH	David Trump, MD, MPH, MPA, FACPM
Sep 27-28	University of North Carolina, Charlotte	PHP	Amy Lee, MD, MPH, MBA, CPH
Sep 30-Oct 1	Ball State University	SBP	Matthew Stefanak, MPH
Oct 4-5	University of Wisconsin, Madison	PHP	Nannette Turner, PhD, MPH
Oct 7-8	University of Miami	PHP	Kristine Tollestrup, PhD, MPH
Oct 14-15	University of Minnesota, Duluth	SBP	Carl Hanson, PhD, MS, MCHES
Oct 18-19	Medical University of South Carolina	PHP	Leah Neubauer, EdD, MA
Oct 21-22	William Patterson University	SBP	Bonni Hodges, PhD
Oct 28-29	Utah Valley University	SBP	Robyn Housemann, PhD, MPH
Nov 1-2	University of Georgia	SPH	Richard Kurz, PhD
Nov 2-5	University of Hong Kong	PHP	Amy Lee, MD, MPH, MBA, CPH
Nov 4-5	Syracuse University	PHP	Nina Alesci, PhD, MPH
Nov 8-9	Adelphi University	PHP	Sara Plaspoli, DrPH, CHES
Nov 11-12	Michigan State University	PHP	Kristin Hill, MSHSA, RN
Nov 11-12	University of Utah	PHP	Shan Mohammed, MD, MPH, FSSFP

2021 Site Visits (cont.)

Date	Institution	Unit*	Chair
Nov 15-16	Carroll University	SBP	Jason Coleman, PhD, MSPH
Nov 15-16	University of West Florida	PHP	William Pilkington, DPA, MPA, MA
Nov 18-19	University of Puerto Rico	SPH	Darcell Scharff, PhD
Dec 2-3	Drexel University	SPH	Kristin Hill, MSHSA, RN
Dec 2-3	Tuskegee University	PHP	Stephen Alder, PhD
Dec 6-7	St. Ambrose University	PHP	Nannette Turner, PhD, MPH
Dec 6-7	University of Rochester	PHP	David Gregorio, PhD, MS
Dec 9-10	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	SPH	Kim Marie Thorburn, MD, MPH
Dec 13-14	SUNY- Cortland	SBP	Justin Frederick, MPH, CPH

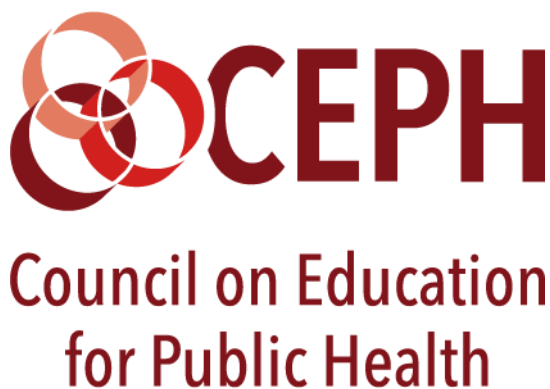
*The unit refers to the unit of accreditation:

- **PHP:** Public Health Program
- **SBP:** Standalone Baccalaureate Program
- **SPH:** School of Public Health

CEPH Trademark

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) has registered its name and acronym with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The federal registration symbol (®) or the phrase “Registered in U.S. Patent and Trademark Office” will now appear at least once on 1) all advertising and printed materials bearing the CEPH name; 2) in packaging in which any goods are sold or shipped; 3) any tags or labels applied or affixed to the goods upon which the mark is used; and 4) all website pages featuring the mark. Failure to use any of these notices may preclude a monetary recovery in an infringement suit. The registration is valid until September 24, 2029.



Follow-up Visits for Virtual Site Visits

Date	Institution	Unit*	Staff Member
Apr 27	Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences	PHP	Laura Rasar King
Apr 28	West Virginia University	SPH	Laura Rasar King
May 14	University of Toledo	PHP	Kristen Varol
May 17	University of Louisville	SPH	Laura Rasar King
May 18	Indiana University Bloomington	SPH	Laura Rasar King
May 25	University of Nevada, Reno	SPH	Mollie Mulvanity
May 26	Old Dominion University	PHP	Laura Rasar King
Jun 7	Loyola University Chicago	PHP	Kristen Varol
Jun 7	Florida A&M University	PHP	Olivia Luzzi
Jun 10	Creighton University	PHP	Kristen Varol
Jun 11	University of Nebraska, Omaha	SBP	Kristen Varol
Jun 14	University of South Dakota/ South Dakota State University	PHP	Alisha O'Connell
Jun 15	Montclair State University	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Jun 16	Eastern Kentucky University	PHP	Nicole Williams
Jun 17	Louisiana State University- Shreveport/LSUHSC-Shreveport	PHP	Olivia Luzzi
Jun 25	California State University, San Marcos	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Jun 29	University of Memphis	SPH	Laura Rasar King

Follow-up Visits for Virtual Site Visits

Date	Institution	Unit*	Staff Member
Jul 16	University of North Carolina, Wilmington	SBP	Kristen Varol
Jul 19	Georgia State University	SPH	Laura Rasar King
Jul 20	AT Still University	PHP	Nicole Williams
Jul 21	Tennessee State University	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Aug 10	University of Florida	SPH	Nicole Williams
Aug 11	University of North Florida	PHP	Nicole Williams
Aug 13	Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	SBP	Laura Rasar King
Aug 19	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	PHP	Laura Rasar King
Aug 24	East Stroudsburg University	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Sep 2	University of Vermont	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Sep 3	University of North Dakota	PHP	Laura Rasar King
Sep 9	California State University, Fresno	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Sep 10	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	SBP	Kristen Varol
Sep 20	Nova Southeastern University	PHP	Laura Rasar King
Sep 21	Simmons University	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Sep 23	University of Michigan, Flint	PHP	Nicole Williams
Oct 1	Brown University	SPH	Kristen Varol

Follow-up Visits for Virtual Site Visits

Date	Institution	Unit*	Staff Member
Oct 6	National University	PHP	Mollie Mulvanity
Oct 7	University of Washington	SPH	Nicole Williams
Oct 7	University of California, Los Angeles	SPH	Mollie Mulvanity
Oct 8	Western Washington University	SBP	Nicole Williams
Oct 15	Kent State University	SPH	Mollie Mulvanity
Oct 15	Stony Brook University - SUNY	PHP	Alisha O'Connell
Oct 20	Chamberlain University	PHP	Kristen Varol
Nov 3	California State University, Fullerton	PHP	Nicole Williams

*The unit refers to the unit of accreditation:

- PHP: Public Health Program
- SBP: Standalone Baccalaureate Program
- SPH: School of Public Health



CEPH site visit team at the Michigan State University site visit in November 2021

Accreditation Decisions

During 2021, the Council took final actions on the following 36 accreditation reviews, of which 10 were new applicants and two transitioned from a collaborative PHP to a standalone PHP. Each review followed an evaluation site visit and the preparation of a written report.

Initial Accreditation

Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Public Health Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

California State University, San Marcos

MPH Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

Chamberlain University

MPH Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

Creighton University

Master of Public Health Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

University of Michigan – Flint

Public Health Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

University of Nevada, Reno

School of Community Health Sciences
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

University of South Dakota/ South Dakota State University

MPH Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

MPH Program
Initial Accreditation to December 31, 2026

University of Toledo

Public Health Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

University of Vermont

Public Health Program
Initial Accreditation to July 1, 2026

Continued Accreditation

AT Still University

MPH Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

Brown University

School of Public Health
Continued Accreditation to December 31, 2028

California State University, Fresno

MPH Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

California State University, Fullerton

Master of Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

Eastern Kentucky University

Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

East Stroudsburg University

Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2026

Florida A&M University

Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

Georgia State University

School of Public Health
Continued Accreditation to December 31, 2028

Kent State University

College of Public Health
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

Accreditation Decisions (cont.)

Continued Accreditation

**Louisiana State University-Shreveport/
Louisiana State University HSC-Shreveport**
MPH Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

Loyola University
Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

National University
MPH Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

Nova Southeastern University
Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to December 31,
2028

**Rutgers, The State University of New
Jersey**
Undergraduate Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to December 31,
2028

Stony Brook University – SUNY
Program in Public Health
Continued Accreditation to December 31,
2028

Tennessee State University
BS and MPH Programs
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

**Uniformed Services University of the
Health Sciences**
Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

University of California, Los Angeles
Jonathan & Karin Fielding School of Public
Health
Continued Accreditation to December 31,
2028

University of Florida
Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

University of Louisville
School of Public Health & Information
Sciences
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

University of Memphis
School of Public Health
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028

University of Nebraska – Omaha
Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Continued Accreditation to December 31, 2028

University of North Carolina, Wilmington
BS in Public Health
Continued Accreditation to December 31, 2028

University of North Florida
BS and MPH Programs
Continued Accreditation to December 31, 2028

University of North Dakota
MPH Program
Continued Accreditation to December 31, 2028

University of Washington
Public Health Program
Continued Accreditation to July 1, 2028



CEPH site visit team at the University of Wisconsin,
Madison site visit in October 2021

Applications

The Council reviewed seven requests from educational institutions desiring to begin the accreditation evaluation process in 2021.

These schools and programs do not appear on the published CEPH list until after a site visit and a favorable decision is made about accreditation. Applicants have up to two years to undertake a self-

study process and submit the document; the site visit is conducted about five months later. However, applicants may be ready to proceed more quickly and may negotiate earlier site visit dates.

Newly approved applicants include the following units:

University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (SPH) School of Public & Population Health Self-study due by January 2, 2023	Slippery Rock University (PHP) Public Health Program Self-study due by February 24, 2023
Ensign College of Public Health in Ghana (PHP) MPH Program Self-study due by April 9, 2023	Rowan University (SBP) Public Health & Wellness Program Self-study due by April 9, 2023
York College – CUNY (SBP) Public Health Program Self-study due by April 9, 2023	University of Arkansas (PHP) Public Health Program Self-study due by May 19, 2023
University of North Carolina, Asheville/ University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (PHP) Self-study due by August 18, 2023	

The status of applicants, including the due date of the preliminary self study, the scheduled site visit dates, and the anticipated decision date, is regularly updated on the CEPH website.



CEPH site visit team at Ball State University in September 2021

Accreditation Matters

US Department of Education Recognition

CEPH is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE). Recognition by USDE is essential to establishing eligibility of accredited schools and programs for certain federal funds. Recognition requires that an accrediting agency meet specific criteria and guidelines and that there be a periodic review and recertification of the qualifications of an accrediting body.

Recognition is conferred for periods up to five years. CEPH was reviewed in July 2019 and, following this review, the Secretary of Education notified CEPH that its recognition had been extended for a five-year period with no required interim reporting.



Participation in ASPA

CEPH was a founding member and continues as an active participant in the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), a national organization of approximately 60 specialized accrediting agencies that provides membership services, including professional development for staff, and advocates on behalf of the specialized accrediting community.

CEPH's executive director, Dr. Laura Rasar King, participates actively in ASPA and has served on several committees and task forces in past years. She served as chair of ASPA's Board of Directors from May 2014 through May 2017. She served as ASPA's treasurer in 2017-2019. In 2018, she became the chair of the Education Policy Committee, which closely monitors policy developments related to the US Department of Education as well as the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.

As chair of the Education Policy Committee, Dr. King serves as a liaison for programmatic accreditation with the US Department of Education and congressional staff to ensure that the perspectives

of specialized and professional accreditors are considered in national policy discussions.



CEPH's deputy director, Ms. Mollie Mulvanity, currently serves as ASPA's treasurer. ASPA is the primary source for professional development among the staff of programmatic accreditors, and CEPH encourages participation in these educational opportunities for all staff.

CEPH is proud to be a national leader in specialized and professional accreditation.

Collaboration with partner organizations

CEPH staff regularly collaborate with partner organizations to advance the field of public health education.

CEPH's executive director serves on a number of committees and task forces, including as chair of the Governance 2.0 Task Force for the Society of Public Health Education, as the primary CEPH representative on the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice, and as a representative of specialized accreditation on the Student's Right To Know Task Force for the Higher Learning Commission.

CEPH staff also presented at national and international meetings on accreditation-related topics and matters. Dr. King and Ms. Mulvanity presented at several sessions of the ASPPH annual meeting, including one on professionalization of public health. They also presented at webinars for AAPHP and APTR.

CEPH's director of accreditation services, Ms. Kristen Varol, presented at ASPA's spring conference. Ms. Varol presented on staff support during the accreditation application process.

CEPH staff also attended meetings of APHA, ASPPH, AAPHP, The Mid Atlantic Partnership, and APTR's Council of Graduate Programs.

Looking Ahead to 2022

2022 promises to be a busy and exciting year for CEPH. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and transition our site visit teams back on the road. CEPH will continue to implement in-person follow-up visits for all virtual site visits. The Council will add four new members in 2022, including our first representative from a standalone baccalaureate program. Additionally, the Council will begin discussions related to revising the *Accreditation Criteria for Standalone Baccalaureate Programs*.

CEPH will continue to focus on providing technical assistance to schools and programs. Training activities will include the first in-person offering of the Accreditation Orientation Workshop since 2019, the Pre-Application Orientation Webinar, and regular technical assistance webinars. Given that the Council revised the SPH and PHP accreditation criteria in 2021, we will provide updated training to volunteer site visitors via a fully online training platform. Additionally, CEPH will submit its petition for continued recognition to the US Department of Education.



CEPH site visitors at Utah Valley University
in October 2021

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