

Core Public Health Competencies

Twelve key competencies that all MPH students are expected to achieve as a result of foundation and professional skill building field practices) components of the curriculum are listed by skill domain below:

Analytic Assessment Skills

- 1.) Defines a health problem in a population
- 2.) Makes relevant inferences about patterns of health and potential causes from quantitative and qualitative data

Policy Development/Program Planning Skills

- 3.) Collects, summarizes, and interprets information relevant to an issue
- 4.) Utilizes current techniques in direction analysis and health planning

Communication Skills

- 5.) Leads and participates in groups to address specific issues

Cultural Competency Skills

- 6.) Appraises the role of cultural, economic, social, and behavioral factors in determining the delivery of public health services

Community Dimensions of Practice Skills

- 7.) Collaborates with community partners to promote the health of the population.
- 8.) Identifies community assets and available resources

Basic Public Health Sciences Skills

- 9.) Identifies and applies basic research methods used in public health

Financial Planning and Management Skills

- 10.) Manages programs within budget constraints

Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills

- 11.) Evaluates internal and external issues that may impact delivery of essential public health services
- 12.) Facilitates collaboration with internal and external groups to ensure participation of key stakeholders

These indicator competencies are based on the Public Health Faculty/Agency Forum Final Report, and the work of the Council of Linkages between Academia and Public Health Practice, which defined competencies in terms of the widely-accepted Ten Essential Public Health Services.