

MPH Memos

Department of Public Health

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TN Public Health Association Annual Conference

The **2015 Tennessee Public Health Association** annual conference was held in Franklin, TN on September 9-11. This year, five MPH students and one doctoral student from the Department of Public Health attended the annual conference. TPHA accepted a total of four posters from the University of Tennessee—the most posters from any single entity! Remember, it's not too late to start thinking about attending or presenting next year. Abstracts are due in June!



Jessica Waddell and Lisa Acuff (pictured left to right) working UTK's Department of Public Health Booth.



Sanya Sharma, Elena Stewart, and Jen Russomanno (pictured left to right) presented a poster on their work in prevalence of tobacco use among adolescents in East Tennessee. Other contributors included Dr. Laurie L Meschke and Aisha Eitaher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome new MPH students! Hopefully your first semester is off to a successful start!

The **Public Health Graduate Student Association (PHGSA)** would like to welcome new members and say thanks to returning members! In order to prepare for MPH Comps, PHGSA is throwing a comps study party October 22nd after seminar. Please contact Elizabeth Connor at econner@vols.utk.edu if you have any questions!

The **MPH Comprehensive Exam** will take place Friday, October 30th, 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m. in room 390 HPER. Good luck to all students taking it!

Graduate Student Dates for **Fall 2015 Graduation:**

Oct. 30 MPH Comprehensive Exam

Nov. 20 Submit Report of Final Examination (Pass/Fail) form by 5:00 p.m. to the Graduate School, 111 SSB. Original signatures and copy are required.

For further information, please contact the Dr. Kathy Brown at kbrown@utk.edu or the Office of the University Registrar at registrar@utk.edu

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 30
Career Workshop

October 5
CEPHA Meeting with
MPH Students

October 15-16
Fall Break

October 19-23
National Health
Education Week

October 30
MPH Comps Exam

October 31-Nov 4
APHA (Chicago, IL)

November 26-27
Thanksgiving Break

December 1
Classes End

December 2
Study Day

December 3, 4, 7-10
Exams

December 10
Graduate Hooding

December 11
Commencement

Accreditation

The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) is reviewing the MPH Program for continued accreditation. After preparing for almost two years, a first draft of the Self-Study Report was submitted for a preliminary review in May; the final Self-Study Report was submitted September 3 to the review team. The team will conduct a site visit and has requested to meet with the students on Monday, October 5th from 12:15 – 1:15 in HPER 393 and lunch will be provided.

A copy of the self study is available for you to review in the department conference room, or you may visit the following link:
http://publichealth.utk.edu/documents/2015_MPH_Self_Study.pdf

Please take time to review this important document!

NEW DrPH DEGREE PROGRAM!

We are excited to announce that the Doctor of Public Health was approved as a new degree program effective August 1, 2015. The DrPH program is a terminal degree in public health, designed for students who have already earned the MPH degree; however, students without an MPH may be admitted. At the end of the DrPH program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a higher level of thinking in addressing health problems
- Demonstrate competence in the five core areas of public health, and
- Demonstrate and provide leadership in the public health practice.

If interested, send inquiries to Dr. Paul C. Erwin via email at perwin@utk.edu



MPH Students!

Our first **Career Workshop** will be on **September 30th** in the Student Union Rm 225 from 12:30-2:30. This is the first in our four part Career Guidance series that our Internship Coordinator Julie Grubaugh and Dr. Jabson have put together to give our department additional skill development opportunities for entering the workforce. Each session will have a different theme. Our first one will be focused on understanding your MPH career options. Be on the look out for the save the date! And don't forget the free lunch! See you there!



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-Career Guidance Workshop Committee