



Council Member Organization Workforce Development Updates

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Overview

Representatives will provide brief updates on their organization's workforce development priorities during [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) meetings throughout 2025. In the February meeting, updates will be shared by The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists and the Council on Education for Public Health.

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)

Erica Smith will provide an update from CSTE. At the [2025 CSTE Annual Conference](#) they will be hosting a workshop titled, *Pathways to Partnership: Enhancing Collaborations between Health Departments and Academia*, on Sunday June 8, 2025 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to (1) Identify existing opportunities for enhancing the epidemiology workforce pipeline, including CSTE training programs and fellowships, to address workforce challenges; (2) Describe how to initiate a partnership between a health department and academic institutions to support applied epidemiology workforce needs; (3) Discuss opportunities for health departments and academic institutions to collaborate; and (4) Discuss strategies to support the adoption of the Applied Epidemiology Competencies (AECs) through academic practice partnerships. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for academic partners to learn about successful partnerships, hear from the governmental workforce, and contribute to the conversation on enhancing collaboration. The early bird deadline for [conference registration](#) is April 17, 2025.

Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

Laura Rasar King will provide an update from CEPH. CEPH is the independent agency recognized by the United States Department of Education to accredit schools of public health and public health programs outside schools of public health at the undergraduate and graduate levels. CEPH's work assures quality and encourages improvement in public health education and training programs across the United States and abroad. Currently, CEPH accredits 259 public health schools and programs. To ensure that CEPH's accreditation process aligns with workforce needs, the accreditation criteria are opened for revision at least every five years. The next scheduled revision is in 2026, and CEPH already has begun the process of reviewing and collecting data to inform this process. Over the next year to 18 months, there will be multiple opportunities for interested parties, including students, alumni, employers, and faculty to provide input on potential revisions to accreditation criteria.