



Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals Report

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Overview

The [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) (Core Competencies) reflect foundational skills desirable for professionals engaged in the practice, education, and research of public health and are used in education, training, and other workforce development activities across the country. The [current version of the Core Competencies](#) was released by the [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council) in June 2014.

Update on Discipline-Specific Competencies Discussion

During the [April 2017 Council meeting](#), a discussion about Council involvement in recognition of discipline-specific competency sets based on the Core Competencies prompted the Council to engage the [Core Competencies Workgroup](#) in exploring this topic. The Workgroup met in [July 2017](#), and began discussing the value and feasibility of recognizing competency sets in this way. Further discussions will be held during the next Workgroup meeting this fall. In addition, the Workgroup continues to focus on resources and tools to support use of the Core Competencies, including enhancing collections of [job descriptions](#) and [workforce development plans](#) that incorporate the Core Competencies. Examples that can be added to either of these collections, as well as other examples of how the Core Competencies are being used, are welcome by email to Janelle Nichols at jnichols@phf.org.

APHA Annual Meeting Session to Feature New Prioritization Tool

The new tool, [Determining Essential Core Competencies for Public Health Jobs: A Prioritization Process](#), will be featured during [Session 3271.0](#) at the [2017 American Public Health Association \(APHA\) Annual Meeting](#). This presentation will include an overview of the tool, as well as the modified version of the Core Competencies on which the tool is based. Additional tools to assist with workforce development, such as the collection of [competency-based job descriptions](#), will also be highlighted. Tools related to the Core Competencies are freely available online and can be found at <http://www.phf.org/corecompetenciestools>.

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