

Midwest Center for Life-Long-Learning in Public Health University of Minnesota

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Overview

Midwest Center for Life-Long-Learning in Public Health (MCLPH) adopted the HRSA Mission statement to strengthen the technical, scientific, managerial and leadership competence of the current and future workforce through closing gaps in access, capacity and supply by:

- Coordinating a system-wide approach to assure access to public health training and education
- Creating opportunities for public health workers who lack formal training in public health to provide them with knowledge, skills and attitudes to address core public health issues using culturally responsive public health practices
- Recruiting qualified individuals into public health

MCLPH serves Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota.

We provide training for the current and future public health workforce including disciplines ranging from nursing to sanitarians to public health policy leaders.

Key Activities

Public health professionals in our service area are very cognizant of the need for culturally responsive public health practices. MCLPH responds to this need with a multi-faceted approach including a/an:

- Culturally Responsive Advisory Board that provides program insights and ideas
- Culturally responsive concentration area in our annual Public Health Institute (PHI) which in 2011 provided nine courses with a total of 1,845 education hours
- Annual health disparities forum on cutting edge research and policy and practice implications (309 face-to-face participants - archived version available online)
- Faculty and Board members from underserved/underrepresented communities

With an expected shortage of 250,000 public health workers by 2020 the MCLPH Pathways focus on “kids into public health” is an important initiative. It informs high school students and others about public health careers using a variety of mechanisms including the online interactive game “Outbreak at Watersedge” (2,304 CD users & 22,302 online visitors) and presentations at AHEC summer camps & Science Museum Fusion Days for African Americans and American Indian students (five programs, 1,029 Participants).

MCLPH develops relevant and accessible online, face-to-face, and blended learning programs to assist in workforce development and maintenance of core and cross-cutting public health competencies (33,510 education hours – online core courses).

Public Health in Action



Since inception, interprofessional workforce training provided in 50 states, 1,054 counties, 66 international sites Course Title: “Promoting Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Among Youth of Color: Engaging Communities Through Multi-Level Strategies”

Impact on Public Health Workforce

E-learning allows us to respond to needs at a local level while reaching both the urban and rural workforce with quality training products developed through needs assessments, and recommendations from our Advisory Board, Culturally Responsive Advisory Committee, and practicing public health professionals (41 modules, roundtables, online recorded sessions, 9,865 participants in this period).

Worked with Public Health Accreditation Board Beta Site to provide Quality Improvement Training for managers & supervisors. This will be available online August 31, 2011.

- Number of trainings: 556 (first ten years)
- Number of workers trained: 120,652 (first ten years)

Key Partners

MCLPH has ongoing relationships with over 476 academic partners and 1,765 practice partners including:

- ND Department of Health
- WI Department of Health and Family Services
- MN and ND Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)
- Academic Health Center, U of M
- Chisago County
- Hennepin Co. (PHAB Beta Site)
- Emerging Leaders Network/North Central Public Health Leadership Institute (ELN/NCPHLI)

Leadership

Principal Investigator: Debra Olson DNP, MPH, FAAOHN

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HRSA Public Health Training Centers



The Health Resources and Services Administration funded Public Health Training Centers (PHTC) are partnerships between accredited schools of public health, related academic institutions, and public health agencies and organizations. The PHTC Network improves the Nation's public health system by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competence of current and future public health professionals. Public Health Training Centers assess the learning needs of the public health workforce, provide accessible training, and work with organizations to meet other strategic planning, education, and resource needs.

<http://www.publichealthtrainingcenters.org>



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