

South Central Public Health Training Center Tulane, UAB



Overview

The specific purpose of the SCPHTC is to strengthen the technical, managerial, and leadership competence of the current public health workforce and to advance the knowledge and skills of the future public health workforce. The target audience consists of practicing public health professionals in state/local health agencies in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. The Center also addresses the training needs of public health practitioners nationwide.

Training topic areas center on competency-based, practice-focused courses addressing core functions and essential services; all trainings are based on formal training needs assessments in the south central region. Key activities of the Center include development and delivery of courses on-site or through a variety of distance delivery modalities; needs assessments that inform the choices of training topics; and an extensive evaluation program for both curricula and the Center as a whole. An Advisory Board of leaders from the agencies and participating universities (Tulane and UAB SPH) supports the Center's programs.

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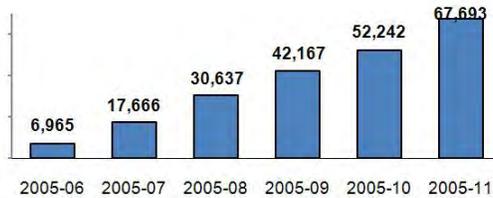


Above photo illustrates one of the courses offered in the SCPHTC Learning Management System.

Impact on Public Health Workforce

- The training programs developed by the South Central PHTC reflect current topics and changing needs within the region and nation. For example, due to the impact of the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill on state and local partners, the Center provided just-in-time training to public health workers in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. The Center is currently developing additional trainings related to the environmental and public health impact of the oil spill.
- In 2010, the SCPHTC initiated new collaborations with three other HRSA funded programs: the Maternal and Child Health Leadership and Education Training Programs (MCHLETP) at Tulane and UAB to identify course bundles in management, leadership, and communications; the Louisiana Primary Care Association to create courses on population-based training for primary care clinicians; and the Preventive Medicine Residency Program for Tulane medical residents.
- The SCPHTC has worked closely with state and local partners to provide field placement (internships) opportunities in Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) for graduate level public health students.

- The South Central PHTC utilizes a Learning Management System for web-based course delivery and a state-of-the-art satellite broadcast system to reach both urban and rural public health workers. Courses are delivered in short segments, allowing participants to make regular progress with little time invested each day. Evaluations have demonstrated consistently high marks from participants with respect to content, instructor effectiveness, and the distant learning format.
- Number of Trainings: 72 (All accessible via online learning)
- Number of People Trained: 67,693



Key Partners

- Alabama Department of Public Health
- Jefferson County Department of Health
- Louisiana Office of Public Health
- LSU Health Sciences Center
- Mississippi State Department of Health
- Mobile County Health Department
- City of New Orleans Health Department
- Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine
- University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health

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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.

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