

Texas Public Health Training Center

UTexas, Texas A&M, North Texas



Overview

The Texas Public Health Training Center (TPHTC) is a workforce development consortium of the University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH), Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health (SRPH), and the University of North Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health (UNT).

The mission of the TPHTC is to provide high quality learning experiences to the present and future public health workforce of Texas. Training center goals include: 1. Raising public health workforce competencies and capacities; 2. Improving performance of the public health system; 3. Transforming and strengthening the public health infrastructure and 4. Providing policy makers with timely, evidence-based information on which to base health-related policy decisions.

Key Activities

- Monthly Grand Rounds provide timely information to keep practitioners abreast of the latest developments in public health research & policy. Grand Rounds facilitate field placement of public health students and strengthen governmental/academic partnerships.
- Rural Public Health Offerings build capacity and expand networks to remote locations across Texas. TPHTC activities ensure that public health professionals, particularly school nurses, practicing in predominantly rural areas are provided with relevant, up-to-date continuing education opportunities.
- Healthy Homes Training Center is a recognized partner of the Healthy Homes Initiative (HHI) of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that focuses on the relationship between housing and health. The Healthy Homes program complements hazard-specific training, identifies root causes of health problems in a home and links them to seven principles of healthy housing. Trainings take a holistic approach to housing-related health and safety issues including asthma, allergens, indoor air quality and integrated pest management. TPHTC also provides technical assistance to public housing authorities and property managers to improve housing conditions for low income families and seniors.
- Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification & Continuing Education prepares CHWs and Promotoras to improve access and provide health services to minorities and underserved communities. Offerings include 160 hours of core curriculum leading to state certification and ongoing continuing education for CHWs and CHW Instructors.
- Regional Practice Institutes provide intensive skill based training to the public health workforce at a location in close proximity to their community.
- Governmental Public Health Practice Award initiated in 2011, exposes students to career opportunities in governmental public health and provides a stipend to those who choose a practicum in the Texas public health system.

Public Health in Action



Break out session at Health Homes Practitioner Class

Impact on Public Health Workforce

TPHTC provides in-person and distance-accessible training programs and technical assistance that build capacity and increase the skills and ability of the public health workforce to provide the ten essential public health services to all Texans. TPHTC has been in existence and funded by HRSA since 2000. Over 90% of trainees are from city, county and state health departments; public health agencies, community-based organizations; and other non-governmental organizations.

- Number of Trainings: 357 (2005-2011)
- Number of People Trained: 19,199 (2005-2011)
- Number of Contact Hours: 59,703 (2005-2011)

Key Partners

- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Houston Department of Health & Human Services
- Tarrant County Public Health
- Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services
- San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
- Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas
- EPA Region VI
- Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- Texas Education Service Center Regions
- School Nurses
- Texas Office of Border Health Region 11
- Borderland Area Health Education Center (AHEC), El Paso
- Texas DSHS Community Health Worker Training and Certification Program
- CHW & Promotora Associations
- Promotoras/Community Health Workers
- Gulf Coast Community Services Head Start
- National Center for Healthy Housing
- Texas Public Health Association
- Texas Association of Local Health Officials

Leadership

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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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