

MPH MEMOS

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Fall 2007

Issue 1

Dates To Remember:

Sept. 24 Graduation fee due for Fall graduation

Oct. 8th: Last day to register for Fall MPH Comprehensive Exam

Oct. 11-12 : Fall Break

Oct. 25: Last day to register for Fall Hooding Ceremony

Oct. 29-30: Council on Education for Public Health Campus Visit

Nov. 9: MPH Comprehensive Exam

Nov. 22-23: Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 4: Last day of Classes

Dec. 4: "Admission to Candidacy" forms for Spring graduation due

Dec. 6, 7, 10-13: Final Exams

Dec. 14: Graduate Hooding Ceremony

Welcome New Students

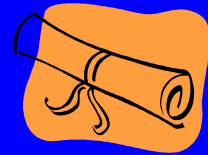
The MPH program welcomes 28 new students to the program who began this summer or fall. Eleven of the new students are in the CHE concentration, seven are in the HPA concentration and ten are in the VPH concentration. Currently, 70 students are enrolled in the MPH program.

Welcome to Dr. Denise Bates

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Denise Bates as an assistant professor to the ITHCS department. Dr. Bates accepted the position after an exhaustive search by the Health Education Search committee, chaired by Dr. June Gorski, last year. Her previous faculty position was with the Department of Health Studies at Texas Woman's University.

Dr. Bates is teaching Women's Health (Health 425) and Seminar in Nation's Health (Health/Public Health 655) this semester. She is scheduled to instruct Health and Society (Public Health 555) during the Spring Semester.

Congratulations to Spring and Summer MPH Graduates:



Spring 2007

Garnet Angelos - HPA
Julie Best - HPA (MS-MPH)
Sonja Cooke - CHE (MS-MPH)
Amy Cox - HPA
Julie Hall - CHE
Ashley Reeder - CHE
Karrin Reinheimer - CHE

Summer 2007

Jeannine De La Torre Ugarte - CHE
Heather DePuy - CHE (MS-MPH)
Todd Duenckel - VPH
Heather Lodari - CHE
Onezean Otey, II - HPA
Lesli Rowan - Gerontology
Emily Smith - CHE - (MS-MPH)
Clay Stalcup - HPA

Share your news in MPH Memos! Let us know about your internship, presentations, conferences attended and projects.

The next issue of MPH Memos is already in progress so contact me with your information at mfosters@utk.edu.

Mary Foster-Smith, Graduate Teaching Associate, Editor, MPH Memos

Accreditation Update

During the 2006-07 academic year, the Public Health Academic Program Committee (PHAPC) prepared a preliminary self-study report as one requirement for seeking an extension of accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). In addition to faculty participants, student representatives from each MPH concentration serving on the PHAPC and the public health graduate teaching associate contributed to writing and editing sections of the report and elicited information from other MPH students. On May 18, the preliminary self-study report and a set of appendices were transmitted to three CEPH-designated reviewers, who in late July recommended changes for the final document which is due in late September.

Students are encouraged to be involved in the accreditation process. Copies of the preliminary self-study are available in HPER 390 for review and comment. In the near future, additional information will be provided regarding the October 29 and 30 campus visit by three members of the CEPH site visit team. Over the two days, the team will discuss the MPH program with its various constituents and will develop a report of findings. During a late spring 2008 meeting of CEPH, the team's report plus a response from the UT program will be considered by the Board of Councilors in making a decision on an extension of accreditation. The maximum term of accreditation is seven years.

Farewell To Dr. Siddiqi

Dr. Arjumand Siddiqi has accepted a position at the University of North Carolina this fall. When asked about her time with us Dr. Siddiqi replied that she would characterize her time here as wonderful and that she had felt very welcomed and supported by both students and faculty. Dr. Siddiqi enjoyed the opportunity to work both with the students and faculty in our department and believes these experiences have contributed to a different perspective on public health issues for her. Regarding the contributions she made to the MPH program, Dr. Siddiqi indicated that she hopes she helped enable students to think critically about public health and to engage in these issues of importance to public health.

Public Health Credentialing Exam

The National Board of Public Health Examiners has scheduled the first exam during August 11-30, 2008. Anyone who graduated or will graduate on or before July 31, 2008 from a CEPH-accredited school or program will be eligible to take the credentialing exam.

The exam is designed to test knowledge of the five areas basic to public health and cross-cutting areas relevant to contemporary public health. Questions are based on the core competencies developed by the Association of Schools of Public Health and available on their website (<http://www.asph.org/userfiles/version2.3.pdf>).

The exam will be offered at more than 300 testing centers distributed nationally. Fees for the exam are based on a sliding scale related to the registration date starting at \$300. Those that successfully pass the exam will be Certified in Public Health, and can add the initials "CPH" to their name and degree. Exam registration and exam related news are available at www.publichealthexam.org.

Special Notice

The Master of Public Health Program in the Department of Instructional Technology, Health, and Cultural Studies at The University of Tennessee Knoxville has applied for an extension of accreditation of the MPH degree. The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) invites written input from students, alumni, faculty and the practice community regarding the UTK Public Health Program. Comments will be considered in the accreditation review deliberations of a CEPH site visit team, scheduled to be on campus October 29-30, 2007. Written third-party comments will be accepted by CEPH until September 28. The address is: Council on Education for Public Health; 800 Eye Street, NW, Suite 202; Washington, DC 20001-3710.