Major Competencies for the DrPH Degree

Community Health Practice

DrPH-C1: Applies community based participatory research approaches with the community.

DrPH-C2: Shifts frame of reference and adapts behavior to cultural context in the community: demonstrates empathy, adaptability, expandability, and flexibility of one’s frame of reference/filter.

DrPH-C3: Create a funding application with community partners to support community-based public health initiatives.

DrPH-C4: Design a community-based public health initiative using leadership strategies.

DrPH-C5: Synthesizes the strengths and weaknesses of various public health methods for community-based study design.

Health Promotion/Health Education

DrPH-H1: Recognizing the role of stakeholder involvement, synthesize and apply evidence and theories and models from social and behavioral sciences to understand and measure determinants of health from multiple levels of the socioecological model.

DrPH-H2: Use qualitative methods to conduct formative work with community stakeholders to inform health promotion programs, practices, or policies.

DrPH-H3: Develop a research proposal for engaging community stakeholders in the development of a community health assessment and/or a community health improvement plan for a selected health topic.

DrPH-H4: Develop and implement a research and data analysis plan for health education/promotion studies.

DrPH-H5: Select and apply relevant theoretical change methods (e.g., coalition building; technical assistance) and community health practice-based processes (e.g., gallery walk; community-facilitated logic models) aimed at creating environmental level changes for individual and community health promotion.

DrPH-H6: Recognizing the role of stakeholder involvement, use dissemination and implementation theories and models to inform and develop implementation and dissemination plans.