

# Lynn N. Ibekwe, MPH

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## Profile

Highly motivated public health professional with a strong background in social and behavioral health, community-based participatory research, and evidence-based research. **Broad field interests:** the sociocultural context of health; and the design, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of culturally tailored interventions, using mixed-method and participatory approaches. **Specific research interests:** health disparities by race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status; and the impact of social, cultural, and environmental factors on minority health behaviors/outcomes associated with cancer and other chronic diseases and conditions.

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## Education

**University of Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health, Houston, TX** *Expected, May 2023*  
Doctor of Public Health in Health Promotion and Health Education

**Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA** Jan 2013  
Master of Public Health in Social and Behavioral Sciences

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN** May 2011  
Bachelor of Arts in Medicine, Health, and Society; Sociology

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## Research Experience

**University of Texas Health Science Center School of Public Health, Houston, TX** Aug 2017 – Present  
*Graduate Research Assistant, Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research*

- Assist with day-to-day activities on multiple grant funded projects
- Collect, manage, and analyze quantitative and qualitative data
- Develop and manage data collection tools, administer surveys, lead interviews, and facilitate focus groups
- Support the development of manuscripts, presentations, and grant applications

**National Health Promotion Associates, White Plains, NY** Jul 2015 – Dec 2017  
*Research Coordinator*

- Manage six funded research projects and research based-randomized control/field trials including site and participant recruitment, data collection, management, and evaluation
- Prepare federal research grant applications, scientific/project reports and presentations, and manuscripts
- Develop and efficacy test adaptations of an evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention program with adolescents and young adults
- Conduct offsite fieldwork including program observations, program planning, and focus group facilitation
- Serve as a liaison with project partners such as schools, worksites, and community agencies
- Collect, manage, and analyze quantitative and qualitative data
- Supervise student interns, research assistants, and senior research assistants on project tasks

**Institute for Community Health, Cambridge, MA** Mar 2013 – Jun 2015  
*Research Associate I*

- Monitored and evaluated public health initiatives in a variety of domains, ranging from community health center and hospital quality improvement projects to youth substance abuse prevention efforts, using participatory and mixed-method approaches
- Supported development of project strategy, logic models, evaluation plans, quality improvement plans, and other project planning documents
- Designed data collection tools and collected data, including administering surveys, leading interviews, and facilitating focus groups
- Performed qualitative and quantitative analysis and developed summary reports, including identifying relevant themes and concepts based on project needs
- Prepared tailored reports and other dissemination materials for needs assessments, quality improvement

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- initiatives, and multi-site evaluations, ensuring the information was relevant to individual clients' needs
  - Provided training and technical assistance for community organizations seeking to build evaluation capacity
  - Supervised consultants and student interns on project tasks

### **Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA**

Oct 2011 – Jan 2013

*Research Assistant, Medical Information Systems Unit*

- Recruited 170+ hypertensive patients to participate in a culturally tailored physical activity intervention
- Designed data collection tools used to assess knowledge and satisfaction among primary care providers
- Developed a data management plan and data analysis plan for multiple research studies, resulting in improved efficiencies

### **Labekson Evaluation and Management Services, Little Rock, AR**

Jan 2007 – Oct 2012

*Research Assistant (Per Diem)*

- Designed data collection tools used to obtain and analyze data for multiple evaluation studies
- Performed basic quantitative analysis and contributed to the development of evaluation reports
- Designed presentations and other dissemination materials to present research and evaluation findings

### **Vanderbilt Center for Community Health Solutions, Nashville, TN**

Aug 2010 – May 2011

*Health Educator (CASTLES Intern)*

- Implemented a nutrition curriculum with elementary-aged youth
- Organized activities to encourage physical activity among elementary-aged youth
- Collected data from youth to assess increases in knowledge and physical activity, and decreases in BMI
- Conducted *Teaching Kitchens* for Nashville community residents to learn how to prepare nutritious, yet affordable meals for their families

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## **Publications and Presentations**

- Sintes-Yallen AR, McGauhey KG, **Ibekwe LN**, Cuccaro PM, Savas LS, Foxhall LE, Fernandez ME. Alliance for Colorectal Cancer Testing (ACT) Program: Providers' Screening Knowledge, Practices, and Barriers to Recommendation. Poster Session Presented at Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas' 2017 Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference; 2017 Nov 14; Austin, TX.
- Zallman L, **Ibekwe L**, Thompson J, Ross-Degnan D, Oken E. Development of a mapped community program guide for a safety net population. *Diabetes Educator*. 2014;40(4):453-461. PMID: PMC4205222
- **Ibekwe L**, Bhuiya N, Hyde J. Assessing stakeholder engagement: An evaluation of the Health and Medical Coordinating Coalitions Planning and Facilitation project. Poster Session Presented at 142<sup>nd</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo; 2014 Nov; New Orleans, LA. Poster Session Presented at 2015 Cambridge Health Alliance Academic Poster Session; 2015 Apr; Cambridge, MA.

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## **Honors and Awards**

- Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, National Cancer Institute 2017 – Present
- Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, Vanderbilt University 2011 – Present
- Chancellor Scholarship, Vanderbilt University 2007 – 2008

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## **Skills**

- Curriculum Development
- Data Analysis
- Data Collection
- Data Management
- Data Visualization
- Evaluation Planning
- Focus Group Facilitation
- Site and Participant Recruitment
- Structured Interviewing
- Survey Design
- Microsoft Office
- REDCap
- SAS 9.1, SPSS 25, Stata-64
- SurveyMonkey