

MPH Program Update – October 2012

Welcome to the new and returning students! We begin our tenth academic year at Kansas State University, and for Fall 2012, we had 10 new admissions to our MPH degree program. There are currently a total of 84 students enrolled in classes this semester (78 MPH students and six graduate certificate students). This compares to 26 total students in Fall 2008, 38 students in Fall 2009, 67 in Fall 2010, and 87 in Fall 2011.

Congratulations to our new Graduates! In August, the university conferred the MPH Degree to three more individuals: Ms. Karin Moser, Mr. Clinton Roof, and Dr. Shankar Yadav. This brings our total number of K-State MPH Graduates to 68.

MPH Faculty: We currently have 54 MPH faculty at K-State, with 33 serving as major professors (2 in Agriculture, 5 in Arts and Sciences, 6 in Human Ecology, and 19 in Veterinary Medicine).

MPH Students: In addition to the 84 students enrolled this semester, there are 18 others (12 MPH and 6 Certificate students) who are still making progress in their educational programs. That brings our total of program students to 102.

Accreditation Status: After the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) Consultant's visit in March 2011, she validated several deficiencies in the program, the most major being adequate resourcing. The faculty and staff have made multiple corrections, and the Provost has now committed \$100,000 additional funds to the academic home of the program each year, in addition to funding for the part-time program assistant. We also have established the first-ever Kansas State University MPH support agreement, with the signatures of the Provost, five deans and all eight supporting department heads. We are currently in the process of editing our self-study document, and it is due to the CEPH reviewers on May 24, 2013. The CEPH site visit is scheduled October 28-29, 2013.

New Website Design: We have worked with the university's office of Communications and Marketing to update our website— www.k-state.edu/mphealth/

Assistance: Please call (785-532-2042), email (mphealth@ksu.edu), or visit us during our office hours (311 Trotter Hall), if you want or need assistance in any matters. It is a pleasure to work with all of you. Thanks for all the hard work!