

MPH Program Update – January 2010

Welcome to the new and returning students! For Spring 2010, we have 8 new admissions to our MPH Degree Program, with another 6 taking classes prior to degree admission.

Our current enrollment is 42 MPH students. [As a comparison, our official 2008 enrollment figures which the university keeps, was 26.] Of the 42 students, 71% of them are in the Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses area of emphasis.

Congratulations to our new Graduates! In December, the university conferred the MPH Degree to four individuals: Dr. Jennifer Akers, Joan Buchholz, Kiran Dhakal, and Valerie Stull. This brings our total number of K-State MPH Graduates to 32. Great work!!

Change in Curriculum: At their January 2010 meeting, the K-State Faculty Senate approved the changes in the Epidemiology courses and our degree/certificate requirements. This will provide a new alternative for completing our epidemiology “core” requirements.

The new requirement is a minimum of 3 semester credit hours of Epidemiology—either DMP 754 (Introduction to Epidemiology; 3 hours) OR the traditional combination of DMP 708 and DMP 854 (5 hours total). DMP 754 will be offered for the first time this fall in an on-line format.

Since the overall degree requirements (42 hours) are not affected, those students taking DMP 754 may take 2 additional hours of electives in their area of emphasis.

The requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Core Concepts will now be either 14 or 16 semester credit hours, depending on which epidemiology courses the student chooses.

Accreditation Status: We continue to collect information during our self-study period in the accreditation process. The Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) has notified us of our official timeline. Our Preliminary Self-Study Document will be due to CEPH on June 8, 2011. Their on-site visit will occur November 8-9, 2011 with a decision on our accreditation to be determined in Spring 2012.

Assistance: Please call, email, or visit us any time, and especially 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!