



## Core Competencies Workgroup Report

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### **Overview**

The [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) (Core Competencies) reflect foundational skills desirable for professionals engaged in the practice, education, and research of public health and are used in education, training, and other workforce development activities across the country. The [most recent version of the Core Competencies](#) was released on the [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice \(Council\) website](#) in June 2014.

### **Usage of the Core Competencies and Related Resources**

Since the release of the 2014 version of the Core Competencies, the [Core Competencies Workgroup](#) has focused on developing resources and tools to support public health professionals and organizations in using the Core Competencies. The most recent resource completed, a [crosswalk of the 2014 Core Competencies and the Essential Public Health Services](#), updated an [existing crosswalk](#) based on the 2010 Core Competencies and was made available in October 2015. Work also continues to enhance collections of [job descriptions](#), [workforce development plans](#), and other [examples of how public health organizations have used the Core Competencies](#). Additional resources and tools currently available include [webinars introducing the 2014 Core Competencies](#), videos highlighting the [Core Competencies](#) and the [eight Core Competencies domains](#), a set of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the Core Competencies, and a [crosswalk of the 2014 and 2010 versions of the Core Competencies](#). Many of these resources and tools were featured in a [presentation](#) at the [American Public Health Association 2015 Annual Meeting](#) last fall.

The Core Competencies and related resources and tools are widely used within health departments, academic institutions, and other public health organizations across the country, and this usage is highlighted by the frequency with which these resources are accessed through the Council website. Since the June 2014 release of the most recent version of the Core Competencies, the Core Competencies have been accessed nearly 71,000 times, and resources and tools have been accessed more than 130,000 times. Ongoing promotion by Council members and others of the Core Competencies and related resources and tools will help to ensure that these resources continue to reach the widest audience possible. Council staff will keep Council members informed about new tools and resources through the monthly [Council on Linkages Update](#), and members are encouraged to share these new developments through their organizations' newsletters and other communications channels.

### **Healthy People 2020 Data Collection**

Within [Healthy People 2020](#), the Core Competencies are incorporated into three objectives in the [Public Health Infrastructure \(PHI\) topic area](#). The Council serves as the data source for the third of these objectives, PHI-3: *Increase the proportion of Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited schools of public health, CEPH accredited academic programs, and schools of nursing (with a public health or community health component) that integrate Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals into curricula*, and has been asked to provide data related to this objective. Data were previously collected for an equivalent objective in *Healthy People 2010*. The [data collection instrument](#) that will be used for this effort has been

finalized and is included in the meeting materials. Activities to request assistance from several Council member organizations with engaging the relevant academic institutions are underway.

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