

**SURVEY ON PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE ACTIVITIES
CONDUCTED AT ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN OHIO
2001**

Respondent Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Academic Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Academic Institution Web Site: _____

A. Are you the individual within your academic institution to coordinate work with the public health practice community?

1. Yes
2. No

B. If not, has someone else been designated for that role?

1. Yes
2. No

If Yes, who is that person?

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

** Please forward this survey for completion to this person.*

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C. Please use the following chart to characterize the health professions programs at your academic institution.

Program	Offered		Bachelor's Level	Master's Level	Other	Number of Students		
	Yes	No				Bachelor's	Master's	Other
Health Services Administration	1	2	1	2	3			
Epidemiology	1	2	1	2	3			
Health Education	1	2	1	2	3			
Statistics	1	2	1	2	3			
Nursing	1	2	1	2	3			
Medicine	1	2	1	2	3			
Social Work	1	2	1	2	3			
Nutrition	1	2	1	2	3			
Environmental Health	1	2	1	2	3			
Counseling	1	2	1	2	3			
Other: _____ _____	1	2	1	2	3			

Survey

Q1. A. Does your academic institution have an entity or committee that is responsible for promotion and development of public health practice activities?

1. Yes
2. No

If Yes, what is that entity's name? _____

(If you have answered No to A, please continue to Q2. If you have answered Yes to A, please respond to the following questions as appropriate to your school's committee or other entity.)

C. How long has your committee been established?

1. Less than 1 year
2. 1-3 years
3. More than 3 years

D. Does your committee have members officially representing:

(Please fill in appropriate boxes.)

Source	Yes	No	Number
Faculty	1	2	
Federal Public Health Agencies ¹	1	2	
State Public Health Agencies	1	2	
Local Public Health Agencies	1	2	
Health Care Systems ²	1	2	
Community Organizations	1	2	
Other Higher Educational Institutions	1	2	
Public Health Organizations ³	1	2	
Other Professional Organizations ⁴	1	2	
Other: _____	1	2	

¹ "Public health agencies" refer to health departments, mental health agencies, substance abuse agencies, and environmental agencies.

² "Health care systems" refer to hospitals, managed care organizations, etc.

³ "Public health organizations" refer to state or local chapters of the Society for Public Health Education or the National Environmental Health Association, etc.

⁴ "Other professional organizations" refer to state or local business-related organizations.

E. How often does your committee meet?

1. Monthly
2. Quarterly
3. Bi-Annually
4. Annually
5. Other: _____

F. What functions does your committee serve? (Please respond to each statement below.)

		Yes	No
1.	Promotes general cooperation and collaboration between the academic institution and governmental public health agencies	1	2
2.	Advises academic institution/Dean on matters of public health practice	1	2
3.	Advises on curriculum review/development for academic institutions	1	2
4.	Advises on curriculum/program development for staff of governmental public health agencies	1	2
5.	Advises on student practica programs for placements in governmental public health agencies		
	a. Design of practica program	1	2
	b. Placement of students	1	2
	c. Evaluation of practica program	1	2
6.	Other functions: _____	1	2

Q2. Which of the following facilities does your academic institution offer the use of to governmental public health or public health-related agencies⁵? (Circle all that apply.)

1. Library
2. Computer lab
3. Survey lab
4. Meeting rooms
5. Laboratory services
6. Other: _____
7. None

⁵ “Governmental public health-related agencies,” refer to departments of human services, rehabilitative services, transportation, etc.

Q3. Does your academic institution have easy and frequent access to local governmental public health agency data?

1. Yes
2. No

Q4. A. Academic institutions conduct a variety of “practice activities” with governmental public health agencies (health, mental health, substance abuse, and environmental agencies). Think about the practice activities at your academic institution. Please indicate in the following chart:

- whether your academic institution engages in the activity listed with a governmental public health agency
- the kind of governmental public health agency your academic institution is involved with (federal, state, or local)
- whether the activities specified are conducted with or without a formal written agreement
- whether the activities specified are conducted with or without fiscal support

(Please circle appropriate responses. For “**Level of governmental public health agency,**” **F** = Federal, **S** = State, **L** = Local. For “**Fiscal support provided by,**” **A** = Academic Institution, **P** = Public Health Agency, **O** = Other. If no fiscal support is available, leave this section blank.)

	Activities		Level of Governmental Public Health Agency				Covered by a Formal Written Agreement		Fiscal Support Provided by		
	Yes	No	F	S		L	Yes	No	A	P	O
				Ohio	Other State						
Practica placements for students	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Joint research (investigators from academic institution and agency)	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Non-degree training programs for current workforce	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Office space for agency staff at academic institution	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Office space for faculty at agency	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Placement or exchange of academic institution faculty to work in agency	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Placement or exchange of agency staff to work in academic institution	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Technical assistance and consultation from academic institution for agency	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Technical assistance and consultation from agency for academic institution	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3
Other: _____ _____	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3

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B. If your academic institution participates in practice activities with governmental public health agencies by means other than a formal written agreement, please describe the relationship that permits this collaboration. Be specific about the type(s) of collaboration arrangement(s).

Q5. Does your academic institution engage in any of the activities listed below with governmental public health-related agencies?

(If Yes, please fill in agency name(s) by relevant activity.)

Activity	Yes	No	Type(s) of Governmental Public Health-Related Agencies
Practica placements for students	1	2	
Joint research (investigators from academic institution and agency)	1	2	
Non-degree training programs for current workforce	1	2	
Office space for agency staff at academic institution	1	2	
Office space for faculty at agency	1	2	
Placement or exchange of academic institution faculty to work in public health-related agency	1	2	
Placement or exchange of agency staff to work in academic institutions	1	2	
Technical assistance and consultation from academic institution for agency	1	2	
Technical assistance and consultation from agency for academic institutions	1	2	
Other: _____ _____ _____	1	2	

Q6. Which of the following professional rewards does your academic institution offer to faculty who participate in practice activities with public health agencies and/or public health-related agencies? (Circle all that apply.)

1. Part of tenure/promotion evaluation criteria
 - a. On a scale of 1 – 3, how much importance is placed on this criterion in the decision making process? *(With one being much importance and 3 being little or no importance.)*

2. Public recognition (published activities in journals or local newspaper, press releases, etc.)
3. Supplements to salary
4. Annual awards
5. Other: _____
6. None

B. Which of the following professional rewards does your academic institution offer to faculty who provide non-degree training (continuing education, skill building, etc.) for the current public health workforce? (Circle all that apply.)

1. Part of tenure/promotion evaluation criteria
2. Public recognition (published activities in journals or local newspaper, press releases, etc.)
3. Supplements to salary
4. Annual awards
5. Other: _____
6. None

Q7. A. Has your academic institution implemented strategies to promote the appointment of experienced public health practitioners to faculty positions?

1. Yes
2. No *(Skip to # Q8)*

B. Do you use the following mechanisms to achieve this?

Mechanism	Yes	No
1. Adjunct non-salaried or “courtesy” appointments	1	2
2. Joint appointments with a governmental public health or public health-related agency	1	2
• If Yes , do joint appointments have:		
Salary support from academic institution	1	2
Salary support from agency	1	2
Salary support from both	1	2
3. Full-time appointment of practitioners into regular academic titles at the academic institution	1	2
4. Full-time appointment of practitioners into special titles (e.g., clinical titles) at the academic institution	1	2
5. Other mechanisms: _____ _____	1	2

Q8. A. Is a practicum in public health required of all health professions students (e.g., Master’s and Bachelor’s level, nursing, medical, social work, health education, epidemiology, environmental, dental, nutrition, health services administration, etc.) at your academic institution?

1. Yes
2. No

Even if your academic institution does not require practica of health professions students, please respond to the following questions to provide information on those practica in which your students do participate.

B. How many health professions students at your academic institution participate in public health practica on an average annual basis?

- Specify total number _____
- Bachelor’s level _____
 - Master’s level _____
 - Other _____

C. How long is the public health practicum period for health professions students? Please specify length (e.g., 10 weeks, 3 months, 1 year, etc.) and hours per week.

D. How many health professions students at your academic institution participate in public health practica in:

	Governmental public health agencies		Governmental public health-related agencies	
Total number				
Certificate level				
Bachelor's level				
Master's level				
Doctoral level				
Other: _____				
Are practica part-time, concurrent with course work?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Are practica full-time block placements?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Other time frame: _____	Yes	No	Yes	No
Is there a formal system of regularly available practica?	Yes	No	Yes	No

E. Are the following components available to support health professions students practica?

	Yes	No
A practica coordinator has been identified within your academic institution	1	2
A practica coordinator has been identified within participating governmental public health agencies at the following levels:		
Ohio	1	2
Other state	1	2
Local	1	2
A practica coordinator has been identified within participating governmental public health-related agencies at the following levels:		
Ohio	1	2
Other state	1	2
Local	1	2

Q9. A. Consider the following statements about public health practica. (Circle all that apply.)

	The academic institution	The governmental public health/public health-related agencies
Students in public health practica positions receive financial support from:	1	2
Agency Preceptors are prepared for their supervisory role by:	1	2

B. Do governmental public health/public health-related agencies share in joint planning of practica programs?

1. Yes
2. No

C. Do governmental public health/public health-related agencies share in joint evaluation of practica programs?

1. Yes
2. No

Q10. A. How much value does your academic institution place on collaborative activities with governmental public health/public health-related agencies?

1. Much value
2. Some value
3. Little or no value

B. How is this value demonstrated?

1. Promotion/tenure
2. Reflected in salary raise
3. Bonuses
4. Other: _____

C. How much value does your academic institution place on academic/practice linkages?

1. Much value
2. Some value
3. Little or no value

D. How is this value demonstrated?

1. Promotion/tenure
2. Reflected in salary raise
3. Bonuses
4. Other: _____

Q11. The Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice wants to learn about innovations in collaboration between academic institutions and governmental public health and public health-related agencies in Ohio. Please describe any new initiative(s) you may have undertaken in the past year or are planning to undertake in collaboration with these agencies. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Q12. How would you, or do you, judge the success of a collaboration between academic institutions and practice agencies?

Q13. Documentation on the inception and implementation of your academic institution's practice activities can be of significant benefit to other academic institutions as they develop their own programming. May we contact you for any of the following information? (Please check below to indicate those activities for which you are willing to provide information.)

_____ **Public health practice steering or advisory committee** (Types of documentation requested: committee charge, job description, committee profile, etc.)

_____ **Formal written agreements between the academic institution and governmental public health or public health-related agencies** (Types of information requested: agreement protocol such as memorandum of understanding, letter of agreement, written statement of intent, etc.)

_____ **Joint academic institution/agency research agendas** (Types of information requested: policy, guidelines or agreements for such agendas)

_____ **Faculty appointments, placements or exchanges for public health practitioners or agency staff** (Types of information requested: policy guidelines or agreements for such positions)

_____ **Agency appointments, placements or exchanges for academic institution's faculty** (Types of information requested: policy, guidelines or agreements for such positions)

_____ **Technical assistance and consultation between academic institution and agencies** (Types of information requested: policy, guidelines or agreements for such services)

_____ **Students practica program** (Types of information requested: information on overall practica program as well as information specific to practica within governmental public health or public health-related agencies, such as program requirements, agreements with participating agencies, evaluation instruments, etc.)

_____ **Other:** _____

Q14. Would your academic institution be interested in receiving assistance and/or consultation in the development of public health practice programming?

1. Yes
2. No

If Yes, in what areas would assistance/consultation be useful to your academic institution?

1. Curriculum development
2. Practica program development
3. Relations with practice agencies
 1. Establishment of joint committees
 2. Development of formal written agreements
 3. Guidelines for clinical track appointments
 4. Faculty/agency staff exchange programs
4. Evaluation
5. Other: _____

Q15. Would members of your faculty be interested in providing assistance or consultation to other academic institutions in development of their public health practice activities?

1. Yes
2. No

If Yes, please provide information on individuals you suggest for this purpose. Please suggest yourself if you are interested. A response form is provided on the following page (please reproduce if necessary).

**Response Form for
SUGGESTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS
ON PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE
ASSISTANCE/CONSULTATION TEAMS
(Please reproduce this form if necessary.)**

Name: _____

Degrees: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Academic Institution/Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Area of Expertise: _____

Suggested by: _____

Name

Institution

Date

Thank you for your time and participation.

**Please return your completed survey in the enclosed postage paid envelope or fax to
Dianna Conrad at the Public Health Foundation – (202) 898-5609.**