

Mission of Public Health:

To “Fulfill society’s interest in assuring conditions in which people can be healthy.”

(Institute of Medicine, Committee for the Study of the Future of Public Health, Division of Health Care Services. 1988. *The Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press, Washington, DC)

In order to fulfill this mission of public health, we need a workforce that is competent and ready to act effectively at a moment’s notice, which means a workforce that is well trained. The Pennsylvania & Ohio Public Health Training Center (POPHTC) is here to help develop and maintain a workforce on the cutting edge.

Mission of POPHTC:

POPHTC is guided by the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (adopted by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice, 2001). This is a set of skills necessary for providing the functions of assessment, assurance, and policy that are the core of public health. A complete list of the Core Competencies can be found at www.TrainingFinder.org.

The mission of the Pennsylvania & Ohio Public Health Training Center (POPHTC) is to engage academic and organizational partnerships in both states to provide timely and relevant training. There is a special emphasis on underserved areas.



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Training the public health workforce

POPHTC is one of fourteen regional Public Health Training Centers based in universities across the nation. Funding for the project is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to "improve the nation's public health systems by strengthening the technical, scientific, managerial, and leadership competencies and capabilities of the current and future public health workforce." Nationally, the Training Centers disseminate information, experiences, and products needed for leadership in the public health sector.

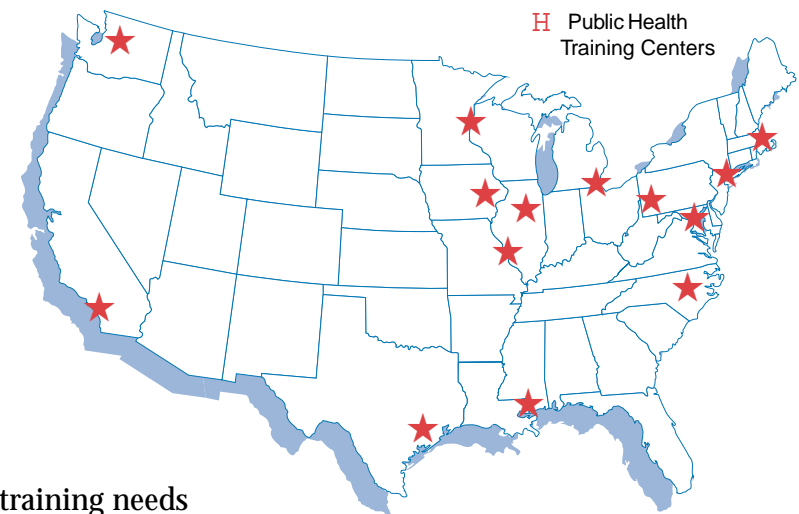
A goal of POPHTC is to enhance the ability of public health agencies to provide training programs that focus on a continuous quality improvement model.

Who are the participants in POPHTC?

Anyone whose job involves improving the public's health.

What does POPHTC offer?

- A customized training plan that reflects the needs of *your* workforce
- Development and delivery of a customized training program
- Consultation
- Assistance in identifying resources, materials, and courses to meet your training needs
- Assistance in accessing programs via satellite, I-TV, internet, and other distance training methods
- Timely information on public health topics and available training through *POPHTC Press*, a periodic e-mail newsletter
- Through POPHTC's website, www.cphp.pitt.edu/training, a calendar of training events and description of curricula



What are the benefits to you?

- Enhanced public health skills
- A staff that works better as a team
- Improved communication skills
- More effective service to internal and external customers
- Improved efficiency
- Increased familiarity with popular distance learning modalities
- A public health staff that is prepared for the healthcare challenges of the 21st century