# School of Health Sciences and Practice and INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

# MPH Program - Core Competencies

#### Behavioral and Social Sciences (Behavioral Sciences & Health Promotion)

- BSHP C1 -Identify basic theories, concepts and models from a range of social and behavioral disciplines that are used in public health research and practice.
- BSHP C2 -Identify social and behavioral factors that affect the health of individuals and populations.
- BSHP C3 -Describe the process for the planning, implementation and evaluation of public health programs, policies and interventions.
- BSHP C4 -Apply evidence-based approaches in the development and evaluation of social and behavioral science interventions

#### **Biostatistics**

- BIOST C1 Describe the roles biostatistics serves in the discipline of public health
- BIOST C2 Describe basic concepts of probability, random variation and commonly used statistical probability distributions
- BIOST C3 Distinguish among the different measurement scales and the implications for selection of statistical methods to be used based on these distinctions
- BIOST C4 Apply descriptive techniques commonly used to summarize public health data
- BIOST C5 Apply common statistical methods for inference
- BIOST C6 Apply descriptive and inferential methodologies according to the type of study design for answering a particular research question
- BIOST C7 Apply appropriate computer technology to characterize and analyze public health data
- BIOST C8 Interpret results of statistical analyses found in public health studies

### **Environmental Health Science**

- ENV C1 Describe the direct and indirect human ecological and safety effects of major environmental and occupational agents
- ENV C2 Describe federal and state regulatory guidelines and authorities that control environmental health issues
- ENV C3 Specify current environmental risk assessment methods

ENV C4 - Specify approaches for assessing, preventing, and controlling environmental hazards that pose risks to human health and safety

## **Epidemiology**

- EPI C1 Identify key sources of data for epidemiologic purposes
- EPI C2 Identify the principles and limitations of public health screening programs
- EPI C3 Describe a public health problem in terms of magnitude, person, time and place
- EPI C4 Explain the importance of epidemiology for informing scientific, ethical, economic and political discussion of health issues
- EPI C5 Comprehend basic ethical and legal principles pertaining to the collection, maintenance, use and dissemination of epidemiologic data
- EPI C6 Apply the basic terminology and definitions of epidemiology
- EPI C7 Draw appropriate inferences from epidemiologic data
- EPI C8 Evaluate the strengths and limitations of epidemiologic reports

## **Health Services Administration (Health Policy and Management)**

- HPM C1 Identify the main components of the development, organization, and financing of healthcare services and public health systems in the United States
- HPM C2 Recognize the legal and ethical bases for public health and healthcare policies and procedures
- HPM C3 Identify planning methods for public health emergencies
- HPM C4 Outline the policy process for improving the health status of populations
- HPM C5 Describe the principles of community-based needs assessment and the development of programs to address those needs
- HPM C6 Outline quality and performance improvement concepts to address organizational performance issues