



Be a Public Health Professional. Be CPH.

In 2005, the National Board of Public Health Examiners developed the Certified in Public Health (CPH) credential to professionalize the diverse field of public health. The CPH credential not only assesses baseline knowledge of public health, but also requires maintenance of certification through continuing education. NBPHE has worked closely with partner organizations including APHA, APTR, ASPH, ASTHO and NACCHO to develop the CPH process. Join the growing number of public health students and alumni who are certified in public health.

I'm already earning a graduate degree in public health, why do I need to get certified?

Earning the CPH demonstrates your expertise in all areas of public health, not just your departmental or track requirements. The CPH picks up where school leaves off. The certification requires you to continuously earn continuing education credits throughout your career. This maintenance of certification shows how you stay ahead of the new developments, and ensures your readiness and professionalism as a member of the public health workforce.

By earning a graduate degree haven't I shown my understanding of the public health field?

The CPH is not meant to replace your degree, but rather enhance it. Through a two-part process (the initial CPH exam and maintenance of certification program), the CPH lauds not only your current understanding of public health knowledge, but also your commitment to staying current on the science and ever-changing advancements in the field of public health.

What do I need to do to become certified?

You will need to register for and take the CPH exam, which is designed to test knowledge of the five areas basic to public health and seven cross-cutting areas relevant to contemporary public health. The testing period for the next exam is February 3-27, 2012 and fees are based on registration date (starting at \$400 for early bird registrants). Those that successfully pass the exam can add "CPH" to their name and degree.

However, the exam is just the entry point. The core component of the CPH is your maintenance of certification through continuing education. In earning and maintaining the CPH you are demonstrating your commitment to and distinguishing yourself in the field.

Exam registration, the maintenance of certification and related news is available at www.publichealthexam.org.