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INTRODUCTION

California State University, Fullerton (CSU Fullerton) was founded in 1957 as a comprehensive state university in Orange County, California. The university has eight colleges: Arts; Business and Economics; Communications; Education; Engineering and Computer Science; Health and Human Development; Humanities and Social Sciences; and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. As of fall 2019, CSU Fullerton offered 55 bachelor's majors and 55 graduate programs, including doctorates in education and nursing practice. In fall 2019, CSU Fullerton had 39,868 students and employed over 4,000 full- and part-time faculty and staff.

The university holds institutional accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and responds to 21 specialized accreditors, including the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and Council on Social Work Education. The university was recently ranked second in the nation in the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to minority students by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* (2019). CSU Fullerton is a designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI).

The MPH program is housed within the Department of Public Health (known as the Department of Health Sciences until 2019) in the College of Health and Human Development. The department seeks to meet the rising need for professionals trained in public health and allied health through its degree offerings, which also include an undergraduate major in public health that is not included in the unit of accreditation and minors in health sciences and pre-health professions. The three MPH concentrations offered, health promotion and disease prevention; environmental and occupational health and safety; and gerontological health, were established to align with faculty expertise and research. As of fall 2020, there are 60 students enrolled in the MPH program: 53 students in health promotion and disease prevention, six in environmental and occupational health and safety, and one in gerontological health.

The program's initial accreditation took place in 2008, and the program's subsequent re-accreditation in 2013 resulted in a seven-year accreditation term. Due to COVID-19-related restrictions on travel and gatherings, this site visit was conducted via distance technology, with all attendees participating via the Zoom platform with video. The distance-based visit will be followed by an on-campus visit when it is safe to do so, within one year of the accreditation decision resulting from this visit.

Instructional Matrix - Degrees and Concentrations					
Master's Degrees	Academic	Professional	Campus- based		
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP)		MPH	х		
Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety (EOHS)		MPH	х		
Gerontological Health		MPH	Х		

A1. ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
 Designates appropriate committees or individuals for decision making, implementation Faculty have opportunities for input in all of the following: degree requirements curriculum design student assessment policies & processes admissions policies & decisions faculty recruitment & promotion research & service activities 		The program has adequate organizational and administrative processes to fulfill its mission and goals. It is led by a faculty member referred to as the "program advisor," who reports to the chair of the Department of Public Health. The chair reports to the dean of the College of Health and Human Development. Each of the three MPH concentrations is led by a track advisor. There are four standing committees involved in program decision making, and membership is determined by appointment or invitation. Each standing committee's composition, responsibilities and meeting frequency are clearly outlined.	Click here to enter text.	
Ensures all faculty regularly interact with colleagues & are engaged in ways that benefit the instructional program		The MPH Program Committee is chaired by the program advisor and comprises the department chair, instructional faculty, the MPH Admissions Committee chair, the MPH ILE coordinator, student representatives, and other department faculty. The committee is responsible for systematic review and revision of the program, including curricula, policies, admissions requirements, and program evaluation. The MPH Assessment Committee leads most of the program's data collection and long-range planning efforts related to student enrollment, faculty recruitment, and financial planning. It meets approximately once per month and solicits feedback from the program's Community		

Advisory Board, faculty, and students to inform decision	
making processes. Input is presented to the MPH Program	
Committee for discussion during program meetings.	
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The Admissions Committee meets twice per year to	
develop recruitment strategies and review program	
applications. This committee includes several faculty	
members and one MPH student. Admissions	
recommendations are brought to the program advisor and	
department chair, who make the final decision.	
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MPH students can elect to take a comprehensive exam as	
the integrative learning experience. The MPH	
Comprehensive Exam Committee meets twice per year to	
plan the implementation of the exam, develop questions	
and format, and proctor and score the exam.	
Faculty recruitment and promotion follow the policies and	
processes of CSU Fullerton. New positions are introduced	
based on enrollment growth and require approval from	
the vice president for academic affairs. An ad hoc Faculty	
Search Committee is elected to conduct the faculty search	
and initial review. CSU Fullerton's Diversity, Inclusion $\&$	
Equity Programs (DIEP) Office reviews all potential faculty	
job announcements and process to ensure representation,	
fairness, and adherence to federal guidelines. Faculty	
promotion follows the University's policies and	
procedures.	
procedures.	
Faculty research and service expectations are outlined in	
the personnel standards document for professional	
growth and teaching effectives. Evaluation methods for	
these activities are described in detail and provide	
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direction to faculty at all levels, including expectations for tenure and promotion.	
There is MPH faculty representation on several university committees such as the Student Health Advisory Committee, Academic Senate, and Health Campus Initiative Wellness Council.	
Full-time and part-time faculty collaborate within the program and department at meetings, annual College and bi-annual department retreats, and formal and informal social events. Important information is also shared on websites or through occasional virtual meetings. Program leaders make efforts to increase interactions between the two part-time faculty and part-time faculty have been invited to participate in meetings and annual retreats in- person, virtually or watch the videos posted online.	

A2. MULTI-PARTNER SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable			

A3. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Students have formal methods to participate in policy making & decision making		Students participate in policy and decision-making process through representation on standing and ad hoc program committees and other activities. Two to three students (at least one from each cohort) are elected annually to serve on the MPH Program Committee and one student is		
Students engaged as members on decision-making bodies, where appropriate		appointed each year to the Admissions Committee. Student representatives interact with committee members and serve as information conduits between students and faculty.		
		Students also provide formal and informal feedback to identify areas of program improvement through methods such as the MPH current student survey, MPH exit survey, and feedback on prospective faculty candidates.		
		The honorary student organization, Eta Sigma Gamma, is open to all students in the department and offers leadership, research experience, fundraising, community service, and networking opportunities with faculty and other public health related agencies. Eta Sigma Gamma is responsible for organizing the MPH Meet and Greet and the MPH Spring Symposium events.		
		Faculty, students, and alumni confirmed the strong relationships between student representatives and fellow students, faculty, the program advisor, and the		

be strong throughout the current online period necessitated by COVID-19.		
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A4. AUTONOMY FOR SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Not Applicable			

A5. DEGREE OFFERINGS IN SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	9		

B1. GUIDING STATEMENTS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Defines a vision, mission statement, goals, statement of values		The program defines a complete set of guiding statements to guide program efforts to promote student success and advance the field of public health. Taken as a whole, the		
Taken as a whole, guiding statements address instruction, scholarship, service		guiding statements address scholarship, instruction, and service.		

Taken as a whole, guidingThe mission of the program is to "develop knowledgeable, statements define plans to 1)advance the field of public health & advance the field of public health & 2) promote student successskillful health professionals who are proficient in disseminating and applying knowledge to prevent disease and promote health in the human population. Students with diverse backgrounds are brought together to receive advanced education in disease prevention and health promotion topics, with specialized emphasis on research	
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intended service area(s) and practice that improves the lives of diverse groups,	
ergenizations and communities in a global society"	
Guiding statements sunciently	
specific to rationally allocate The vision is to <i>"improve the health of Orange County and</i>	
resources & guide evaluation of	
outcomes practice and research."	
In addition to the mission and vision statements, the	
program developed three goals and five core values to	
guide their activities:	
1. Provide a high-quality public health education that	
meets the evolving needs of our students and	
community.	
2. Support an environment of collaborative inquiry	
and discovery to advance public health.	
3. Maintain a diverse and inclusive learning	
environment.	
The core values outlined are an engaged learning	
environment, high degree of professionalism and	
integrity, compassion and community responsibility,	
discovery, and respect for diversity.	
The guiding statements ensure that students are prepared	
to be problem solvers with inquisitive minds and	
contributing members of their immediate and global	
communities. Professionalism, respect for diversity are	

integrity are central concepts in the program. As the first	
MPH program in Orange County, the program has	
partnered with the Orange County Health Care Agency to	
help address the community's needs.	
Although "service" is not explicitly mentioned in the	
program's three goals, program faculty and students	
shared countless service opportunities they have been	
involved with and how this service benefits the	
community, students, and program. Reviewers recognized	
that service is central to the program's relationship with	
its stakeholders and its aspirations.	

B2. GRADUATION RATES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Collects, analyzes & accurately presents graduation rate data for each public health degree offered Achieves graduation rates of at least 70% for bachelor's & master's degrees, 60% for doctoral degrees		The program exceeds the CEPH-defined graduation rate threshold of 70%. Graduate students have five years to complete the MPH degree. The program achieved graduation rates between 90% and 96% for its 2015, 2016, and 2017 cohorts. These rates represent starting cohorts between 21 to 29 students. The 2016 and 2017 cohorts both have one student who remains actively enrolled in the program, according to the self-study document. Based on additional data provided during the site visit, the 2018-19 cohort has achieved a 54% graduation rate and has nine students who remain actively enrolled in the program. The 2019-20 cohort started with 23 students and none had graduated or withdrawn at the time of the site visit. Attrition is		

sufficiently low, so these cohorts are also poised to meet this criterion's expectations.	
Most of the students enrolled in the MPH program are also employed, so the program has made a conscious effort to schedule most courses at 4pm or later and offer electives in an online format. The program considers this a strength that aids in its high graduation rates.	

B3. POST-GRADUATION OUTCOMES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met with Com	nmentary		
Collects, analyzes & presents data on graduates' employment or enrollment in further education post-graduation for each public health degree offered		The program achieves high rates of positive post- graduation outcomes among its MPH graduates. Among 2017 to 2019 graduates, 91%, 93%, and 89% reported being employed, enrolled in continuing education, or not seeking employment/education by choice. Only two graduates during this period were still actively seeking	Since the site visit, the Assessment Committee has drafted an Alumni Survey (Attachment B4_2) and is currently working on an Employer Survey. We will be pilot testing the surveys in May 2021. See	
Chooses methods explicitly designed to minimize number of students with unknown outcomes		employment or enrollment in further education, and the program reports only five unknown outcomes among 79 students across the three years	Attachment B4_3 for a tree diagram of evaluation data collection and assessment.	
Achieves rates of at least 80% employment or enrollment in further education for each public health degree		The commentary relates to how the program collects these data. The program relies on information collected by the program advisor through LinkedIn searches and updates provided by faculty. While current unknown outcomes are low, the program acknowledges that this may not always be the most efficient method of collecting the information. The program discussed the need to revise the previous MPH Alumni Employer Survey as a possible		

means to obtain this information but were still considering this possibility at the time of the site visit.	

B4. ALUMNI PERCEPTIONS OF CURRICULAR EFFECTIVENESS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Partially Met			
Defines qualitative &/or quantitative methods designed to provide meaningful, useful information on alumni perceptions Documents & regularly examines its methodology & outcomes to ensure useful data Data address alumni perceptions of success in achieving competencies Data address alumni perceptions of usefulness of defined competencies in post-graduation placements	Partially Met	The program collects alumni perceptions of curricular effectiveness through an exit survey administered at the end of students' integrative learning experience (ILE). Completing this survey is required to receive a grade for the course. The exit survey asks students to rate their mastery/competency in seven core curriculum areas such as epidemiology, statistics, health administration, and health promotion using a Likert scale of strong mastery of content to weak mastery. The exit surveys indicated high levels of confidence in most of the seven core curriculum areas. The program has seen noteworthy increases in student confidence in areas such as environmental health, epidemiology, and program planning and evaluation from 2016 to 2020. Ninety-one to 100% of respondents in the 2020 cohort indicated strong or very strong mastery in areas of epidemiology, program	Reviewers commented "there is a considerable level of variation [of self-reported mastery] among cohorts." Thus, we revised our Exit Survey (Attachment B4_1) by expanding on our original, more broad, set of questions to reflect on the competencies mastered within each of the core areas. Additionally, students are asked for feedback on competencies where they rated themselves as "weak". We believe this approach will allow us to identify areas in need of improvement and address issues in a timely manner.	The Council appreciates the program's updates and looks forward to reviewing the results of these revised data collection processes. The planned data collection timeline provided to the Council, however, suggests that initial data from the revised instrument would not be available until summer or fall of 2023. The program must either implement this survey or use other data collection methods to produce evidence that the program can collect useful data for the Council's review in 2022.
		planning and evaluation, and health promotion, compared to 58-83% in 2019. While more than half of respondents indicated a strong to very strong mastery in these areas, there is a considerable level of variation among cohorts. For example, 71% of students in the 2019 cohort indicated mastery in health promotion compared to 100% of	Reviewers also commented on the lack of "opportunity to accurately assess perceptions of competency usefulness in post-graduation placements." In response, we have drafted an Alumni Survey	

students in 2020. The program may find attempts to better	(Attachment B4_2) to measure how	
understand these variations as meaningful to foster future	useful each competency is in	
curricular improvements.	students' post-graduation	
	placements. It will be sent out	
The concern relates to the program's timing of collecting	annually at the end of the Spring	
the data, which does not allow alumni to provide	semester (usually late May,	
information on the usefulness of competencies in their	approximately 1 year post	
post-graduation pursuits. The program's rationale for	graduation).	
collecting information solely through the required survey		
is past difficulties in securing responses in a survey	The MPH Assessment Committee	
administered one year after graduation. While this is a		
valid concern, it does not offer the program the		
opportunity to accurately assess perceptions of		
competency usefulness in post-graduation placements.	_	
The program acknowledged these issues during the site		
visit and expressed the need to be more intentional about	-	
asking the right questions at the right time while still	-	
achieving a higher response rate. Program faculty stated		
that they are considering the merits of an MPH Alumni		
Survey and/or altering the timing of the current survey by		
six months.		
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B5. DEFINING EVALUATION PRACTICES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Partially Met			
Defines sufficiently specific &		The program has outlined an evaluation plan and data	•	••
appropriate evaluation measures.		collection measures. For the goal that relates to	concerns, we have thoroughly	program's response and notes the
Measures & data allow reviewers to		instruction, the program advisor, Assessment Committee,	revamped our assessment and	progress made in developing an
track progress in achieving goals &		and Program Committee review curricular learning	evaluation plan. The department	assessment calendar and plan. The
to assess progress in advancing the		objectives, MPH exit survey and Student Representative	chair has provided a course buy-out	Council did not, however, see
field of public health & promoting		comments, and MPH current student surveys. For the	for Department of Public Health	sufficient evidence to fully address
student success		scholarship goal, the Assessment Committee and program	faculty, Dr. Jennifer Piazza, to lead	the two concerns raised by the site

Defines plan that is ongoing,	advisor review faculty CVs for evidence of peer-reviewed	assessment. Dr. Piazza has received	visit team. Because the program did
systematic & well-documented.	research, and student applied practice experience	campus intramural funding for	not submit an updated version of
Plan defines sufficiently specific &	proposals for evidence of student-faculty collaboration	innovative assessment activities and	Template B5-1, the Council could
appropriate methods, from data	and independent projects that align with students'	her prior work for assessing our	not validate that the program has
collection through review.	professional goals.	undergraduate program has been	defined measures or indicators for
Processes have clearly defined		showcased across campus as a	all of its goals. Additionally, the
responsible parties & cycles for	There is also a goal that focuses on diversity and inclusivity,	model assessment effort.	assessment plan document does not
review	which is monitored by the Admissions Committee,		clearly indicate which tools the
	program advisor, and faculty and is discussed further in	Since the site visit, the MPH Program	program intends to use to monitor
	Criterion G.	Advisor and members of the	extramural service.
		Assessment Committee met with	
	The program's selected indicators align with its mission	CSUF's Office of Assessment and	
	and goals and the indicators have the potential to show	Institutional Effectiveness to	
	progress towards the mission. The program provided	develop a sound assessment and	
	department meeting minutes, Community Advisory Board	evaluation plan. Dr. Piazza also	
	minutes, and MPH Program Committee minutes as	attended the CEPH Webinar on	
	evidence of its process.	March 16 th , 2021, "Evaluation,	
		Strategies, Insights and Tips." We	
	The first concern relates to the degree of demonstrated	have drafted a systematic, well-	
	alignment of the chosen indicators with the assessment	documented plan with clearly	
	tools. The indicators, while laudable, lack precise	defined cycles for review. See	
	measures to assess progress. For example, the program	Attachment B4_3 for a diagram of	
	indicated departmental minutes, CAB minutes, and MPH	evalution data collection and	
	Program Committee minutes as assessment tools. The	assessment.	
	review of the self-study and electronic resource file did not		
	identify where and how progress is tracked or results from		
	the limited data discussed. The program has identified a		
	desire to optimize its process for data collection. It has		
	plans to improve evaluation tools and implement a more		
	robust data collection strategy.		
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	The second concern relates to the lack of evidence that the		
	program's aspirations related to service are systematically		
	monitored or evaluated, as required by this criterion. It is		

clear that the program is committed to service, but there is no evidence of this commitment in any of the listed evaluation plan measures that would provide the program with a way to capture the work they do in this area.	

B6. USE OF EVALUATION DATA

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met with Com	imentary		
Engages in regular, substantive review of all evaluation findings, including strategic discussions. Translates evaluation findings into programmatic plans & changes. Provides specific examples of changes based on evaluation findings (including those in B2-B5, E3-E5, F1, G1, H1-H2, etc.)		The program advisor and Program Committee review evaluation data. The program has made changes to its curriculum and internship timing based on findings from MPH Exit Survey data. While the Exit Survey is regularly administered, there is minimal evidence that the faculty participate in a review of evaluation data or use data for planning. The program reported making changes to the time courses were scheduled and the semester the internship course was offered to address feedback gathered from the Exit Survey.	B5. See Attachment B4_3 for a diagram of evaluation data collection and assessment.	
		The commentary relates to the alignment with programmatic changes with evaluation measures listed in Criterion B5. Results of the MPH exit survey are clearly useful to the program, but outside of the class scheduling changes presented there is little evidence of additional clear links between the programs evaluation processes and the meaningful improvements that faculty have made in recent years. The program confirmed the gaps in their data collection processes and plans to revisit existing tools		

to ensure the alignment with the assessment indicators. Data collection will be done periodically.	

C1. FISCAL RESOURCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Financial resources currently adequate to fulfill stated mission & goals & sustain degree offerings Financial support appears sufficiently stable at time of site visit		The program has sufficient and stable fiscal resources to support its operations and degree offerings. The program's major sources of funding include general funds from the university, external grants and contracts, intramural grants, gifts, and open university fees from non-matriculated students.	Click here to enter text.	
		The university's general fund allocation comprises student tuition and fees and state appropriations. The allocation to each college is based on past and projected student enrollment. Within the college, each department receives a portion of the general fund allocation based on enrollment and student-faculty ratios. After the department subtracts full-time faculty positions from the FTE allocation, the remainder of position allocations can be used to fund part-time faculty, graduate assistants, and assigned time for major department service.		
		When additional faculty are needed, the department chair submits requests to the dean. Based on departmental growth projections, the dean forwards new position requests to the provost/vice president for academic affairs. The dean also submits requests for additional support staff and large items such as major equipment		

purchases and space renovation to the university's	
Planning, Resource, and Budget Committee. This	
committee reviews all requests and makes	
recommendations to the president.	
The program uses general funds to pay for faculty and staff	
salaries and benefits; operational costs (which include	
office supplies and equipment, telephone and postage,	
and other incidental expenses); and student activity and	
student travel funds. Donations and gifts support student	
scholarships, which are managed and distributed by the	
Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation.	
The program identified that faculty workload is an ongoing	
challenge, and fiscal resources for reducing the teaching	
load are not readily available. Through careful course	
scheduling and fiscal management, the department is able	
to provide release time for the MPH program advisor and	
others in leadership roles. The MPH program advisor gets	
one course release per semester (25% of total effort) for	
this role. The department is establishing an assessment	
coordinator position dedicated to the graduate programs.	
The faculty member in that role will also receive one	
course release per semester. Faculty serving as advisors on	
students' ILE projects also earn credit toward course	
releases.	
Each tenure-track faculty member receives \$1,000 for	
travel annually. Faculty can also apply for additional travel	
grants for professional development opportunities from	
other units in the university. Faculty bringing in indirect	
cost from a grant or contract receive 10% directly and an	
additional 3% from the college.	

C2. FACULTY RESOURCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
School employs at least 21 PIF; or program employs at least 3 PIF 3 faculty members per concentration area for all concentrations; at least 2 are PIF; double-counting of PIF is		The program has adequate faculty resources to sustain its core functions and support the fulfillment of its mission and goals. The ratios for general advising and career advising are appropriate for the MPH degree, as are the overall MPH ILE ratios. The program has 22 PIF ranging from 0.50 to 0.80 FTE each. The program calculates FTE	Click here to enter text.	
appropriate, if applicable Additional PIF for each additional degree level in concentration; double-counting of PIF is appropriate, if applicable	N/A	based on the number of MPH core and concentration courses taught, in addition to independent studies and integrative learning experiences.All faculty in the department have undergraduate teaching		
Ratios for general advising & career counseling are appropriate for degree level & type		responsibilities so no faculty member has a 1.0 FTE allocation to the program. Thirteen PIF are allocated to the health promotion/disease prevention concentration, three are allocated to the EOHS concentration, and two		
Ratios for MPH ILE are appropriate for degree level & nature of assignment		are allocated to the gerontological concentration, with a non-PIF also supporting this concentration. The MPH program advisor provides general advising and		
Ratios for bachelor's cumulative or experiential activity are appropriate, if applicable	N/A	career counseling to all students in the program, which at the time of the self-study submission was 60 students. There are 19 tenure-track faculty eligible to advise students in the ILE projects, and faculty advise on average		
Ratios for mentoring on doctoral students' integrative project are appropriate, if applicable	N/A	one, with a maximum of two, students per year. If a student has a particular area of interest that aligns with expertise of lecturer faculty, the lecturer is paired with a tenure-track faculty member to co-advise the student. The		

Students' perceptions of class size & its relation to quality of learning are positive (note: evidence may be collected intentionally or received as a byproduct of other activities) Students are satisfied with faculty availability (note: evidence may be collected intentionally or received as a byproduct of other activities) program advisor noted that not all students can be matched with their first choice of advisor for the ILE. However, if students are willing to be flexible with the project topic and choice of advisor, all students who want to complete a project (as opposed to the thesis or comprehensive exam) can do so. Site visitors did not find this issue to be at a level to warrant concern, particularly because so many students are involved in independent study projects with faculty and students said that they felt satisfied with the opportunities available to them.

The program uses an MPH Exit Survey to assess student's satisfaction with class size and faculty availability. Students are asked to use a Likert scale to rate their level of agreement that class sizes are conducive and beneficial to their learning. One hundred percent (n=11) of respondents in the 2019-20 cohort indicated that they strongly or somewhat agreed that class size was conducive and beneficial. Students were asked to rate their satisfaction with the availability of public health faculty in a similar way and 91% of students in the 2019-20 cohort indicated they were extremely or somewhat satisfied. Students are also offered the ability to provide narrative responses but only two students in the most recent iteration of the survey did so. Both were satisfied in both areas but one stated that more faculty were needed to teach the core curriculum classes.

During the site visit, students discussed the breadth of interaction they have with faculty, including their satisfaction with faculty availability. There was a consensus from the students who met with site visitors that faculty accommodate students' work schedules and other commitments by making themselves available for

	meetings and office hours outside of regular business hours.	
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C3. STAFF AND OTHER PERSONNEL RESOURCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Staff & other personnel are currently adequate to fulfill the stated mission & goals Staff & other personnel resources appear sufficiently stable		The program has a small but sufficient staff complement that supports the program's mission and goals. The Department of Public Health and the Department of Kinesiology share four staff members with the following allocations to the MPH program: administrative support coordinator II (0.10 FTE); two administrative analysts (0.15 FTE and 0.10 FTE); and an IT support staff member (0.10 FTE). These staff members provide course and classroom scheduling, process add/drop paperwork and change of grade forms, process travel authorizations and reimbursement requests, and provide administrative support for new faculty hires. One of the administrative analysts also supports the program's admission process and committee. Given that the Department of Public Health and the Department of Kinesiology share physical office space, the program states that sharing staff support is beneficial and efficient. Although the program has a vacant office receptionist position and the university has implemented a hiring "chill," the need for this position has been		
		eliminated while the campus is under a mandatory work- from-home order through May 2021. The administrative		

support coordinator II has absorbed the minimal duties of the receptionist position that still exist; this work replaces the responsibilities that have been reduced due to the cancellation of events and travel.	
During the site visit, program leaders and faculty reported that staff support is adequate and felt confident that resources would be sufficient when faculty and students return to campus.	

C4. PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Physical resources adequate to fulfill mission & goals & support degree programs Physical resources appear sufficiently stable		The program's physical spaces are maintained and periodically upgraded by the college. The Kinesiology and Health Science building includes individual office space for each tenure-track faculty member, shared office space for lecturers, and a shared front office space with three offices for four staff members, one student assistant, and two department chairs. While office space currently is adequate, the college has provided funding to renovate	Click here to enter text.	
		existing space that will be used for additional faculty offices. The program has access to smart classrooms (six maintained by the departments and eight maintained by the university) that contain LCD projectors, computers, and wireless internet connections. The Department of Public Health has first scheduling rights to three classrooms. During the site visit, MPH program leaders reported ready access to the best classrooms because the		

program's courses are in the evening when classroom demand is much lower.

MPH students have an exclusive lounge and study area that provides space for group projects, research activities, and independent work. The space, renovated in 2012, includes three computer workstations, three desktop printers, one networked printer, one large table to facilitate group interaction and teamwork, a whiteboard with markers, and a microwave.

The program maintains a research suite with six offices and a large storage area that houses the Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Center, the Center for Healthy Lifestyles and Obesity Prevention, and the Center for Cancer Disparities Research.

A second research suite contains nine small offices and one common area that houses research project staff. The HRSA-funded Health Careers Opportunity Program partially occupies this suite; it was previously managed by the Department of Public Health and is now managed by the Department of Social Work. The university transferred project leadership when the principal investigator left the university. Although the self-study states that this use of the program's research space is not ideal, it does present opportunities for MPH student involvement, and the space is expected to be returned in August 2023.

In 2019-20, the college provided funds to renovate and upgrade the program's conference room, which now provides space for large group events, such as retreats, and is equipped for hosting video conferences.

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C5. INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Adequate library resources, including personnel, for students & faculty Adequate IT resources, including tech assistance for students &		The program's information and technology resources are sufficient, as was demonstrated when the program had to rapidly transition to fully online operations and instruction in March 2020 due to COVID-19.	Click here to enter text.	
faculty		The CSU libraries' consortium purchasing model allows for a collection of digital resources that can be accessed by all		
Library & IT resources appear sufficiently stable		23 campuses. These resources and full-text titles support the curricula in arts and humanities, life and physical sciences, social sciences, engineering, computer sciences, nursing, education, business administration, and public administration.		
		CSU Fullerton's Pollak Library is located on the university's main campus, and public health students and faculty can contact the designated public health librarian via email, phone, and instant messaging. This librarian typically teaches instructional sessions in the PUBH 500 course, which MPH students take during their first semester. The library has full-text access to more than 7,700 public health journals and more than 3,500 eBooks related to health.		
		The Pollak Library has more than 500 computers with Microsoft Office suite available for student use; many of these computers also have more advanced software applications such as SPSS. The self-study states that the university will be purchasing a campus NVivo Enterprise license for qualitative data analysis in 2021. MPH students		

can also access computer resources in the Kinesiology and	
Health Science Computer Lab and the MPH student lounge.	
All MPH faculty and staff have computer workstations and	
desktop printers that are connected to the university's	
network server and portals. Faculty and staff also have	
access to a fax machine, a laser printer, two copiers, and	
mobile equipment carts for instructional support. The	
Technology Support Center provides faculty with 24/7	
access to high-capacity scantron scanning, document	
scanning, VHS/DVD recorders, a flat screen TV, and a color	
laser printer.	
Students and faculty have ready access to technical	
assistance from the university's IT staff; the college's	
Information Technology team, which offers web-hosting	
facilities and website design support; and the Faculty	
Development Center, which promotes incorporation of	
technology into instruction. During the site visit, faculty	
reported that they have received appropriate support as	
the campus' learning management system was switched	
from Moodle to Canvas.	
In response to COVID-19, the university allows all full- and	
part-time faculty to request laptops, web cameras,	
headphones, additional software, and MiFi (a wireless	
router that acts as mobile WiFi hotspot). The campus IT	
Department has provided additional information to facilitate virtual instruction and increased the number of	
appointments available in the virtual computing lab to	
assist students who may not have sufficient space on	
personal computers to download larger software packages	
such as SPSS.	
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Students who met with site visitors acknowledged the	
challenges with switching to virtual instruction in response	
to COVID-19 but felt that faculty and the university worked	
effectively through those challenges. One student reported	
having problems with her laptop: campus IT loaned her a	
replacement within hours so that she could participate in	
class on schedule.	

D1. MPH & DRPH FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Ensures grounding in foundational public health knowledge through appropriate methods (see worksheet for detail)		The program covers the 12 foundational public health learning objectives through eight required courses addressing epidemiological methods; research methods; environmental health; public health administration; biostatistics; program planning and evaluation; issues in public health; and health promotion and disease prevention. Reviewers validated coverage of all 12 defined learning objectives, as noted in the D1 worksheet.		

D1 Worksheet

Foundational Knowledge	Yes/CNV
1. Explain public health history, philosophy & values	Yes
2. Identify the core functions of public health & the 10 Essential Services	Yes
3. Explain the role of quantitative & qualitative methods & sciences in describing & assessing a population's health	Yes
4. List major causes & trends of morbidity & mortality in the US or other community relevant to the school or program	Yes
5. Discuss the science of primary, secondary & tertiary prevention in population health, including health promotion, screening, etc.	Yes
6. Explain the critical importance of evidence in advancing public health knowledge	Yes
7. Explain effects of environmental factors on a population's health	Yes
8. Explain biological & genetic factors that affect a population's health	Yes
9. Explain behavioral & psychological factors that affect a population's health	Yes
10. Explain the social, political & economic determinants of health & how they contribute to population health & health inequities	Yes
11. Explain how globalization affects global burdens of disease	Yes
12. Explain an ecological perspective on the connections among human health, animal health & ecosystem health (eg, One Health)	Yes

D2. MPH FOUNDATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Partially Met			
Assesses all MPH students, at least once, on their abilities to demonstrate each foundational competency (see worksheet for detail)		The program ensures coverage and assessment of foundational competencies through a set of seven core courses that all students take, which include Advanced Methods in Epidemiology; Program Planning and Evaluation; Statistical Methods in Health Science; Research Methods in Health Science; Public Health Administration; Advanced Study in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; and Issues in Public Health. Reviewers were able to verify didactic coverage and assessment opportunities for all but two of the competencies. The concern relates to reviewers' inability to validate evidence of didactic coverage for foundational competencies 18 and 21 and an assessment opportunity for competency 21. Reviewers learned that the program is in the process of re-envisioning how it will provide interprofessional education to its students, but these strategies had not yet been implemented.	regarding assessment of competency 21, Department of Public Health faculty, Dr. Diana Tisnado currently serves as chair the CSUF College of Health and Human Development Interprofessional Education	program's response and looks forward to reviewing updated documentation demonstrating compliance with this criterion.

college level and within the program, we expect to implement a systematic IPE experience during the 2021-22 academic year.	
In response to comments regarding didactic coverage of competency 18, the program is working on implementing the competency in PUBH 535 and/or 524; both courses will have new instructors next academic year.	

D2 Worksheet

MPH Foundational Competencies	Yes/CNV
1. Apply epidemiological methods to the breadth of settings & situations in public health practice	Yes
2. Select quantitative & qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context	Yes
3. Analyze quantitative & qualitative data using biostatistics, informatics, computer-based programming & software, as appropriate	Yes
4. Interpret results of data analysis for public health research, policy or practice	Yes
5. Compare the organization, structure & function of health care, public health & regulatory systems across national & international settings	Yes
6. Discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities & racism undermine health & create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community &	Yes
societal levels	
7. Assess population needs, assets & capacities that affect communities' health	Yes
8. Apply awareness of cultural values & practices to the design or implementation of public health policies or programs	Yes
9. Design a population-based policy, program, project or intervention	Yes
10. Explain basic principles & tools of budget & resource management	Yes
11. Select methods to evaluate public health programs	Yes
12. Discuss multiple dimensions of the policy-making process, including the roles of ethics & evidence	Yes
13. Propose strategies to identify stakeholders & build coalitions & partnerships for influencing public health outcomes	Yes
14. Advocate for political, social or economic policies & programs that will improve health in diverse populations	Yes
15. Evaluate policies for their impact on public health & health equity	Yes
16. Apply principles of leadership, governance & management, which include creating a vision, empowering others, fostering collaboration & guiding decision making	Yes
17. Apply negotiation & mediation skills to address organizational or community challenges	Yes
18. Select communication strategies for different audiences & sectors	CNV
19. Communicate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing & through oral presentation	Yes
20. Describe the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content	Yes
21. Perform effectively on interprofessional teams	CNV
22. Apply systems thinking tools to a public health issue	Yes

D3. DRPH FOUNDATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Not Applicable			

D4. MPH & DRPH CONCENTRATION COMPETENCIES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Partially Met			
Defines at least five distinct competencies for each concentration or generalist degree in MPH & DrPH. Competencies articulate an appropriate depth or enhancement beyond foundational competencies Assesses all students at least once on their ability to demonstrate each		The program takes an individualized approach to its concentration course structure. One course in two of the three MPH concentrations is prescribed, but the two other courses required for each concentration are chosen by students in consultation with their advisors. Students in the gerontological health concentration must take Applied Health Promotion in Aging Populations, and students in the HPDP concentration must take Advanced	In response to comment 2, re: EOHS competency 3 CNV, we would like to clarify information that may not have been effectively communicated during the site visit. Please see the syllabus for PUBH 466, course objectives 3 &5 in and student learning outcome 5 (Attachment D4_1). We believe	The Council reviewed the team's report, program's response, and attachments. Based on the updated information provided, the Council concluded that the program has addressed the team's first concern. The Council wishes to clarify its interpretation, however, regarding
concentration competency If applicable, covers & assesses defined competencies for a specific credential (eg, CHES, MCHES)	N/A	Community Health. Students in the EOHS concentration have one "semi- prescribed" course: they must take either Occupational Health and Safety or Hazardous Materials, Regulations, and Emergency Response. The program defines five competencies for each concentration. The self-study indicates that the one prescribed course addresses all five competencies for the	assignments 1 & 2 (Attachment D4_2) in conjunction with exam questions (Attachment D4_3) link PUBH 466 course content with competency 3. Specifically, in Assignment 2, students must address the causal factors that led to a hazardous materials incident and the risk mitigation efforts that may have prevented the incident. Each of	depth in concentration areas. Even if a single class addresses identified competencies, a single three-credit class would not provide sufficient depth to warrant offering students the ability to concentrate in this area. The Council has consistently held that at least nine semester- credits in a 42-credit curriculum would be the minimum appropriate

gerontological health and HPDP concentrations. Both of	these components will assess the	level to justify a concentration. The
the options for the semi-prescribed course in the EOHS	ability of students to communicate	Council understands the program's
concentration address four of the five concentration	their understanding of a health and	individualized approach. The
competencies.	safety professional's role within a	program must continue to track the
	management structure of an	plans of study for each individual
For the other two classes associated with students'	organization.	student to ensure that each student
concentrations, the student and advisor work together to		builds an appropriate depth in the
select classes from a prescribed list that will address	Furthermore, graduate students	concentration area through the
and/or reinforce concentration competencies, ensuring	must complete a research	courses chosen with an advisor. The
that all students complete coursework that thoroughly	assignment and oral presentation	program must ensure that such
addresses the concentration competencies. The program	(Attachment D4_1). In this	documentation is available for all
provided sample plans of study for the HPDP and EOHS	presentation, graduate students	accreditation review activities.
concentrations that outlines the coursework and maps it	must include emergency response	
to competencies. Site visitors verified appropriate	planning efforts and address the	Additionally, the Council was not
coverage of concentration competencies.	educational, guidance and	able to verify minimal compliance
	leadership roles of health and safety	with the team's second concern,
When choosing the two additional classes, students refer	professionals within an	relating to the assessment of EOHS
to two distinct "elective groups" defined by the program	organization's management	competency three. This
for each concentration. Students in the EOHS	structure.	determination was based on some
concentration must choose two courses in either the		of the short answer questions
occupational health and safety cluster or the chemical	In response to comment 1, re: GERO	provided on the sample exam. The
hazards cluster. HPDP students must choose two courses	competency study plans, we are	two assignments do not appear to
in the policy cluster or two in the program development	attaching the study plan for the one	relate to assess the competency as
cluster. Students in the gerontological concentration must	incoming GERO concentration	written.
choose to take either 1) Applied Gerontology and 2) Public	student in this year's cohort	
Policy and Aging, or to take 1) Biopsychosocial	(Attachment D4 4). Furthermore,	
Perspectives in Aging and 2) Physical Dimensions of Aging.	the faculty continue to believe that	
	the five gerontological health	
The program considers the individualized nature of the	competencies are well-supported in	
concentration coursework to be a strength, as it allows	PUBH 450. The program evaluation	
students to tailor plans of study to align with their	assignment in particular integrates	
professional interests.	discussion of theory, population	
	needs, and program critique and	
	recommendations, synthesizing	

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Reviewers were able to validate assessment opportunities	lessons learned in the course.	
for each of the three concentrations. Reviewers were also	Starting this year, this assignment is	
able to verify didactic coverage for all five competencies	also requiring periodic one-on-one	
for the HPDP and gerontological health concentrations.	meetings with the instructor to	
	select an appropriate topic and	
The first concern relates to the reviewers' inability to verify	program, to plan, and to check in	
an appropriate depth of knowledge and skills for the		
gerontological health concentration. The one required		
class minimally addresses the concentration		
competencies, but due to the low enrollment and no		
available plans of study, reviewers could not verify		
additional coverage.		
The second concern relates to the lack of evidence of		
assessment of competency three in the EOHS		
concentration. Reviewers could only verify its coverage		
and assessment in one of the two semi-prescribed courses		
for this concentration. Reviewers could not verify that		
students who choose to complete PUBH 466: Hazardous		
Materials, Regulations, and Emergency Response receive		
instruction and are assessed on this competency.		
The D4 worksheet summarizes these findings.		

D4 Worksheet

MPH Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Concentration Competencies	Comp statement acceptable as written? Yes/No	Comp taught and assessed? Yes/CNV
1. Synthesize empirical evidence within a conceptual framework in assessing the determinants of population health.	Yes	Yes
2. Select the appropriate policy tools to effectively influence population health.	Yes	Yes
3. Describe how a health in all policies approach can improve the health of a community.	Yes	Yes
4. Tailor a public health intervention to characteristics of a specific population.	Yes	Yes
5. Integrate historical determinants of health into health interventions	Yes	Yes

MPH Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety Concentration Competencies	Comp statement acceptable as written? Yes/No	Comp taught and assessed? Yes/CNV
1. Evaluate health and safety hazards in the workplace.	Yes	Yes
2. Characterize chemical and biological hazards in environmental and occupational settings.	Yes	Yes
3. Analyze the roles of health and safety professionals within a management structure.	Yes	CNV
4. Recommend personal protective equipment, engineering controls, and management controls for health and safety hazards.	Yes	Yes
5. Evaluate federal and state environmental and occupational health and safety regulations for the protection of public health.	Yes	Yes

MPH Gerontological Health Concentration Competencies	Comp statement	Comp taught and
	acceptable as written? Yes/No	assessed? Yes/CNV
1. Explain how life-course experiences influence later life health in multiple domains, including cognitive, emotional, physical, psychological and	Yes	Yes
social.	Tes	Tes l
2. Analyze theory and research as it relates to the public health needs of older adults, their families and their broader communities.	Yes	Yes
3. Evaluate community programs for older adults.	Yes	Yes
4. Assess the unique legal and ethical challenges facing current and future cohorts of older adults.	Yes	Yes
5. Identify end-of-life socioemotional, health, and service needs.	Yes	Yes

D5. MPH APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Partially Met			
All MPH students produce at least 2 work products that are meaningful to an organization in appropriate applied practice settings Qualified individuals assess each work product & determine whether it demonstrates attainment of competencies All students demonstrate at least 5 competencies, at least 3 of which are foundational		MPH students complete an internship that requires 240 hours of contact time in the spring and summer semesters of the first year. The applied practice experience is structured through PUBH 595: MPH Student Internship. The course instructor is the MPH internship coordinator. In PUBH 595 students identify their internship sites and develop a learning contract with the site supervisor that identifies five foundational competencies to be applied during the experience. Students may identify additional competencies, including concentration competencies, if appropriate. At the completion of the internship, a student submits a portfolio of deliverables (minimum of two work products), a reflection on how the products they developed represent the application of selected competencies, and the site supervisor's assessment of the student's performance, including demonstration of identified competencies. The course instructor assesses the portfolio to ensure completion of appropriate work products and that the competencies identified in the learning contract were applied during the internship. The program identifies previous organizations that provided internship experiences, but students may also identify new internship locations. The new internship coordinator, who assumed the role in spring 2020, has		The Council appreciates the program's response and looks forward to reviewing updated documentation demonstrating compliance with this criterion.

extensive contacts at community-based organizations in	
and around Orange County that have provided new	
internship opportunities. The program plans to build on	
these connections to identify core organizations with	
which to establish a reliable and mutually beneficial flow	
of students. In addition, the new internship coordinator	
has engaged with the campus' Career Planning and	
Placement Center to broaden students' exposure to	
potential internship sites. One student reported that she	
found her internship site through the career center.	
For students in the EOHS concentration, the concentration	
track advisor works with students to identify an	
appropriate internship placement with the student's	
current employer or another organization, but the MPH	
internship coordinator oversees the internship and	
assesses the student's performance. The university's	
Center for Internships and Community Engagement	
primarily ensures that contractual agreements are in place	
with all internship sites.	
In the last year, students have completed internships at	
sites such as the following: Orange County Mosquito and	
Vector Control District; TitanWell; St. Jude Medical Center;	
Latino Health Access; Community Action Partnership of	
Orange County; and the Orange County Asian and Pacific	
Islander Community Alliance.	
During the site visit, internship preceptors confirmed that	
program expectations were very clear and that projects	
completed by students were beneficial to their	
organizations. One preceptor acknowledged that his	
organization did not have the staff time and expertise for	

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program evaluation and highly valued students' ability to		
provide that service through their internships.		
Site visitors reviewed 13 student portfolios and found that		
students developed at least two work products that		
demonstrated learning objectives or competencies and		
were useful to the practice site. Examples of work		
products included the following: quantitative and		
qualitative data analysis reports; health education		
materials related to diabetes self-management		
infographics; questionnaires; maps of epidemiological		
distributions; and an evaluation of quality control		
operations of a clinical laboratory.		
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Reviewers had access to five samples each from the HPDP		
and EOHS concentrations and three from the		
gerontological health concentration.		
The concern relates to the lack of evidence of appropriate		
applied practice experiences that align with this criterion.		
The program provided reviewers with two competency-		
based examples. The program acknowledged that it was		
slow to incorporate competencies in the practice		
experience due to a misunderstanding of the expectations		
and instead required students to develop at least five		
learning objectives based on their career goals and the		
needs of the internship site. With a new internship		
coordinator in place, the program revised the student		
handbook and the PUBH 595 syllabus in spring 2020 to		
reflect the requirement that at least five foundational		
competencies must be addressed.		
competencies must be addressed.		

D6. DRPH APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D7. MPH INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Students complete project explicitly designed to demonstrate synthesis of foundational & concentration		Students have the option to choose from three integrative learning experiences: a comprehensive examination, a project, or a thesis paper to demonstrate the synthesis of		
competencies Project occurs at or near end of		foundational and concentration competencies. For the project or thesis, students work with faculty to		
program of study Students produce a high-quality written product		select foundational and concentration-specific competencies suitable to their educational and career goals. At least one faculty member reviews each student's		
Faculty reviews student project & validates demonstration & synthesis of specific competencies		selected project or thesis to ensure that the selected competencies are addressed. The comprehensive examination option has two parts, a take home literature review and a single-day, in-person examination. Students are provided with five peer-		
		reviewed articles to develop a synthesis overnight. The in- person examination follows the next day and covers concepts in epidemiology, research methods, and statistics and a concentration specific section. Two faculty members per content area (epidemiology, research methods, and statistics) plus two from the concentration		

grade the comprehensive examination; the student's final	
grade is an average of the concentration area and core	
area scores. The electronic resource file included	
comprehensive exams from 2017-20, exam answer keys,	
and the study guides provided to students.	
Students who choose the project option enroll in PUBH	
597 and work on an individual, tailored project with a	
faculty member. Students are encouraged to identify	
multiple areas of interest centered around selected	
competencies and contact faculty with expertise in those	
areas early in the semester before the project begins.	
Faculty work closely with students during the project	
period until completion. A standard rubric is used to grade	
all projects. The thesis option process is similar to the	
project; however, no student has selected that option in	
the past three years.	
The program has a clear strategy for the integrative	
learning experience projects and outlined the assessment	
methods in the self-study. Sample projects provided in the	
electronic resource file document the various projects.	
Selected ILE project topics include the following: The Role	
of Optimism in Physical and Mental Health Outcomes;	
Improving Breast Health and Breast Cancer Knowledge	
Among Chinese in the Orange County, California	
Community; and Reducing Risk Factors for Breast Cancer	
Among Cambodians: The Change Club Program.	
Students confirmed program and faculty support during	
the project period. Program leaders described a strong	
student-faculty relationship during the concept and	
project development period.	
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D8. DRPH INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D9. PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR'S DEGREE GENERAL CURRICULUM

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding Not Applicable	2		

D10. PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOUNDATIONAL DOMAINS

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Not Applicable	2		

D11. PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOUNDATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D12. PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR'S DEGREE CUMULATIVE AND EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D13. PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR'S DEGREE CROSS-CUTTING CONCEPTS AND EXPERIENCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D14. MPH PROGRAM LENGTH

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
MPH requires at least 42 semester credits or equivalent		MPH students must successfully complete 42 semester credits to earn the degree. One credit equals three hours of work per week, which generally translates to one hour in class and two hours of study. MPH courses are typically three credits.		

D15. DRPH PROGRAM LENGTH

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable			

D16. BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM LENGTH

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D17. ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH MASTER'S DEGREES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D18. ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH DOCTORAL DEGREES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D19. ALL REMAINING DEGREES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	2		

D20. DISTANCE EDUCATION

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding Not Applicable	2		

E1. FACULTY ALIGNMENT WITH DEGREES OFFERED

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Faculty teach & supervise students in areas of knowledge with which they are thoroughly familiar & qualified by the totality of their education & experience Faculty education & experience is appropriate for the degree level (eg, bachelor's, master's) & nature of program (eg, research, practice)		The program has 22 primary instructional (PIF) and two non-primary instructional faculty. All 22 PIF have terminal degrees in their fields of expertise. Nineteen PIF hold the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree; the remaining have earned Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degrees. One of the two non-PIF holds a PhD, and the other has an MPH and MBA and is a registered nurse (RN). Among the faculty are 13 tenured and nine tenure-track PIF. There are five full professors, eight associate professors, and nine at the assistant professor rank. Program faculty members' qualifications and expertise are appropriate for the program requirements and the nature of employment. Faculty members in the HPDP have training in community health sciences; preventive medicine; public health planning, policy, and design; applied economics; health behavior research; epidemiology; health education; and health services. Those in the EOHS concentration have degrees in environmental health science and policy; environmental health science; and epidemiology. Faculty in the gerontological health concentration have training in psychology and social behavior and health services.	Click here to enter text.	

Students reported that faculty expertise and experience	
are appropriate for the core and concentration courses	
that they teach.	

E2. INTEGRATION OF FACULTY WITH PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met	•		
Employs faculty who have professional experience in settings outside of academia & have demonstrated competence in public health practice Encourages faculty to maintain ongoing practice links with public health agencies, especially at state & local levels Regularly involves practitioners in instruction through variety of methods & types of affiliation		The program has tenured and tenure-track faculty with professional experience outside of academia, such as director of health education for a student health center, leadership roles with an AIDS education and training center, health programs consultant, positions with the World Bank and World Health Organization, reporter, and psychotherapist. Another faculty member has conducted multiple reviews of legislation under the California Health Benefits Review Program. During the site visit, faculty expressed having strong support from the university and their department to maintain a broad range of public health practice ties as part of the department's commitment to faculty service.		
		The program also integrates perspectives from the current field of practice primarily by using adjunct faculty and guest lecturers and primary faculty members' ongoing links with public health agencies. For example, the regional director of community health investment for a health care system teaches PUBH 524: Public Health Administration. In addition, two part-time lecturers who work in the field of occupational and environmental health teach PUBH 461: Occupational Health and Safety.		

The self-study provides numerous examples of courses	
that include guest lectures by public health practitioners.	
In PUBH 501, an employee of the Orange County Health	
Care Agency shares epidemiology data to examine how	
Orange County residents fare compared with California	
and the United States. A geriatrician provides a guest	
lecture in the Health Promotion and Aging course about	
risky alcohol use in older adults. In PUBH 424, the director	
of behavioral health care for LA Care has lectured about	
the public mental health system in Los Angeles County,	
and students take a field trip to Fullerton City Hall to meet	
with the director of Fullerton Parks and Recreation and	
learn about local city health programs.	
Students also work with practice-based organizations	
through their courses. For example, students work with	
the American Heart Association of Orange County to	
collect data on social determinants of heart health in	
PUBH 411: Promoting Health in Diverse Populations and	
in PUBH 481: Health in a Global Society.	

E3. FACULTY INSTRUCTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Systems in place to document that all faculty are current in areas of instructional responsibility		The program has established systems, policies, and procedures to promote faculty currency and professional development. The program follows the university's policy		
Systems in place to document that all faculty are current in pedagogical methods		on tenure and promotion, and the department's personnel committee reviews the standards annually.		

Establishes & consistently applies	Instructional effectiveness for all faculty is assessed	
procedures for evaluating faculty	through anonymous course evaluations. Students	
competence & performance in	complete course evaluations at the end of each semester.	
instruction	The department chair reviews the evaluations and meets	
	with faculty to discuss. Faculty identified as needing	
Supports professional development		
& advancement in instructional	improvement are mentored and sometimes referred to	
effectiveness for all faculty	the Faculty Development Center for additional assistance.	
	Instructional offectiveness is also menitored through	
	Instructional effectiveness is also monitored through	
	individual faculty teaching performance summaries, peer	
	evaluations, student grade evaluations, instructional	
	material assessments, evidence of professional	
	development, and informal comments from students.	
	The Faculty Development Center supports teaching,	
	research, and service efforts of faculty by providing	
	regular trainings and workshops. The university's	
	information technology services provide equipment and	
	technical assistance to support instruction and research	
	on-campus and remotely. The college supports faculty	
	development through the annual retreat with a session on	
	teaching/instructional effectiveness.	
	Selected indicators for tracking faculty instructional	
	quality include faculty currency in relation to scholarship,	
	participation in professional development activities, and	
	use of grading rubrics. The department chair and the MPH	
	Assessment committee review faculty annual scholarship	
	and conference attendance data. Faculty instructional	
	technique include the participation in professional	
	development activities including retreats. These activities	
	are offered in-person and online. MPH faculty received	
	training to improve on their grading rubrics. The selected	
	indicators are reviewed every two years.	

E4. FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Policies & practices in place to support faculty involvement in scholarly activities Faculty are involved in research & scholarly activity, whether funded or unfunded Type & extent of faculty research aligns with mission & types of degrees offered Faculty integrate their own experiences with scholarly activities into instructional activities Students have opportunities for involvement in faculty research & scholarly activities		The program has policies to support faculty involvement in diverse scholarly activities. Faculty engage with students by incorporating their scholarly activities into coursework and through facilitating independent study projects. For example, faculty have integrated their research projects into courses such as Transdisciplinary Perspectives on HIV/AIDS, Advanced Methods in Epidemiology, Statistical Methods in Health Sciences, and Research Methods in Health Sciences. Research knowledge transferred into instruction include the completion of IRB applications; designing, drafting, and using interview guides and questionaries; and data entry and analysis. Faculty use their own data, proposals, and published articles in their teaching. Support for research and scholarly activities come from the university, college, department, and other entities. Faculty take advantage of university travel support, sabbatical leave, and awards to fund their scholarly endeavors. The Office of Research and Development and the Office of Grants and Contracts provide training, consultation services, and guidance in proposal preparation, including the administration of grants. The Auxiliary Services Corporation and the University Advancement offices also provide grant support services.	Click here to enter text.	
		course release time of three units per semester for the		

first four semesters to new faculty to allow for additional	
course preparation time and promote achievement of	
research and scholarship obligations. The college	
oversees ten research centers and two institutes. These	
units support faculty and student engagement activities.	
Students have access to the CSU Fullerton Titan Research	
Gateway, which compiles a list of student research	
funding opportunities. Students are eligible to apply for	
grants ranging between \$100 and \$400 for research travel	
or other related expenses. Research workshops are also	
provided. Students and faculty participate in Research	
Week and display their projects to the campus community	
and partners.	
During the site visit, faculty and students spoke to the	
strong research opportunities. Students made oral or	
poster presentations at the 2020 Virtual APHA	
Conference. Some projects have resulted in accepted	
manuscripts. Students' involvement in faculty research	
and scholarship activities include literature review, survey	
design, data collection and management, data analysis,	
report writing, and presentation. Students' involvement	
in the California State Health Insurance Report was highly	
praised by faculty.	
The program selected three outcome measures to track	
success in this area. The program aims to have ten articles	
written by faculty published in peer-reviewed journals, 15	
faculty presentations at professional meetings, and 75%	
of faculty instructing a graduate student in independent	
study or ILE each year. The program has met its target	
within the past three years for the first two outcome	
measures and is still working to consistently meet the	

mentorship goal. The MPH Assessment Committee will	
continue to monitor this area.	

E5. FACULTY EXTRAMURAL SERVICE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Defines expectations for faculty extramural service Faculty are actively engaged with		The department's personnel standards require faculty to participate in appropriate professional, university, and community service activities. Faculty members are	Click here to enter text.	
the community through communication, consultation, provision of technical assistance & other means		expected to participate in a broad range of campus activities and in external community activities. During the site visit, the department chair stressed the emphasis placed on faculty service for decisions on faculty promotion and tenure. Faculty specifically cited the specificity of the service requirement in the personnel standards. Faculty who met with site visitors remarked that the program's service requirement reflects its values and that they felt that their service was rewarded and valued, and their success was encouraged by fellow		
		faculty. The program's faculty complement is actively engaged in extramural service and incorporates this work into courses to benefit students. A faculty member works with the Southern California Earthquake Center to evaluate its Great ShakeOut Earthquake drills and has students analyze the resulting data in PUBH 508: Statistics. Another faculty member has been involved in the evaluation of cigarette butt cleanups on the CSU Fullerton campus and		

has discussed this effort in PUBH 500: Issues in Public	
Health. Faculty in environmental health have worked with	
students to support the Inland Empire Waterkeeper,	
which focuses on the health of the Santa Ana river and	
surrounding communities. Another faculty member is	
chair of the City of Fullerton's Community Development	
Citizen's Committee and on the advisory board of the	
Insure the Uninsured Project and incorporates those	
perspectives during instruction and project advising.	
The department has identified three measures for faculty service: percent of faculty participating in extramural service activities; number of faculty-student service collaborations; and number of community-based service projects. For AY 2019-2020, 89% of faculty participated in extramural service; there were 16 faculty-student service collaborations; and there were 13 community-based service projects.	

F1. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL/PROGRAM EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Met			
Engagos with community		The program uses a Community Advisory Board (CAB) for	Place see perretives in P2_P4 and	
Engages with community				
stakeholders, alumni, employers &		formal constituent feedback. Members represent	—	
other relevant community partners.		important sectors such as local non-profits and healthcare	diagram of evalution data collection	
Does not exclusively use data from		agencies. The current board includes eight members, and	and assessment.	
supervisors of student practice		the program faculty stated that they intend to double the		
experiences		size in the near future. The ERF included a copy of the		
Ensures that constituents provide		spring 2020 CAB meeting agenda and presentation slides		
regular feedback on all of these:		used during that meeting. The minutes indicated		

student outcomes	discussion of the program's upcoming accreditation and	
curriculum	new MPH concentrations and courses.	
overall planning processes		
self-study process	The MPH Program Committee reviews and revises the	
Defines methods designed to	mission, vision, and goals each year during CAB meetings.	
provide useful information &	The CAB has also provided input on the evaluation plan,	
regularly examines methods	the development of the self-study document, and the	
Regularly reviews findings from	assessment of changing practice and research needs.	
constituent feedback		
	Internship supervisors have historically been the	
	program's most successful source of input on student	
	performance. Site supervisors submit an evaluation of the	
	intern's leadership abilities, interpersonal skills, and	
	professional character. The program administered an	
	MPH Alumni Employer Survey over three years ago but	
	was unsatisfied with the low response rate. During the site	
	visit, the program reflected on the need to revise this	
	survey and address the low response rate, but they are	
	still in the early stages of this process. It will be important	
	that the program focus on collecting data that is	
	actionable and useful to the evaluation efforts and future	
	success of the MPH program.	
	While the program has not finalized its plans to revise the	
	employer survey, it was clear during the site visit that the	
	program is receiving stakeholder feedback on graduates'	
	abilities through other means. For example, a CAB	
	member and employer of graduates shared that she felt	
	the program was receptive to her recommendation that a	
	greater emphasis be placed on program planning; she was	
	invited to teach an elective course on the topic. Another	
	CAB member suggested the need for more rigor in areas	
	such as budgeting and management and said he felt his	
	feedback was well taken.	

Recent MPH alumni confirmed strong and continuing	
connections with program faculty. For example, an	
alumna said that the program values the perspectives and	
input offered by alumni and that she still feels connected	
to the program despite graduating several years ago.	

F2. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Makes community & professional service opportunities available to all students Opportunities expose students to contexts in which public health work is performed outside of an academic setting &/or the importance of learning & contributing to professional advancement of the field		The program publicizes service opportunities through a variety of means. Faculty post service opportunities on the program's Moodle portal and communicate activities via the MPH student representative. Faculty also encourage students to join Eta Sigma Gamma, the national health education honorary, The program lists several opportunities that public health students have participated in, including presenting at APHA, attending a policy conference, and participating in community service activities. Students have presented at APHA roundtables in 2018 and 2020, assisted in the writing of a manuscript published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health on the correlates of health literacy among farmers in Thailand, and attended the CSU Health Science Policy Conference in 2018 and 2019. Students have also been involved in service activities such as The Great ShakeOut earthquake drills; the ERF presented two posters created by students assessing how the drills have impacted participants.		

Site visitors asked students how well they felt the program	
accommodated their work schedules, since most students	
work full-time during the day, and students felt that they	
were still able to participate in service activities when they	
wanted to. The program has self-identified the challenge	
in identifying service opportunities that match students'	
schedules as an area for future improvement.	

F3. ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Partially Met			
Defines a professional community or communities of interest & the rationale for this choice Periodically assesses the professional development needs of individuals in priority community or communities		The program seeks to provide professional development opportunities to the public health workforce of Orange County. This group was chosen because the program is in Orange County and most students live and ultimately accept full-time positions in the county. The program relies on its Community Advisory Board to assess the needs of the public health workforce. The advisory board meets two times per year, and members are expected to serve for at least two years to promote institutional memory and consistency. The program recently reconstituted the advisory board, and one meeting has taken place since then, in spring 2020. Although the meeting was conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program said it was a productive conversation. The program intended to deploy a new online survey to collect input from the advisory board but was unable due to competing priorities to shift to online learning because of the pandemic.	concerns regarding workforce professional development needs, please see narratives in B3, B4 and B5 regarding the revamped MPH Assessment Committee. The committee will be gathering input from the MPH Alumni (Attachment B4_2) and MPH Employer survey (will be drafted and implemented in May) in addition to the Community Advisory Board to address workforce development needs. Please see Attachment B4_3 for a	

The first concern relates to the program's lack of	
assessment data that truly reflect the needs of the defined	
community of interest, as required by this criterion. The	
program's queries and surveys of stakeholders focused on	
what the program could better do to prepare its students.	
The program has identified eight skills that will benefit	
students in their careers, but these are skills that program	
leaders intend to incorporate into the MPH curriculum,	
rather than areas in which the program can provide	
programming to current community stakeholders.	
The second concern relates to the lack of a process of	
tracking and re-assessing the needs of the identified	
communities. Program faculty maintain strong	
relationships with partner organizations and academic	
institutions; however, there is no method to collect	
insights and record them for use in evaluating needs and	
developing programming in response. While informal data	
collection is acceptable, there must also be methods in	
place to ensure that data are collected and reviewed.	

F4. DELIVERY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WORKFORCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Met with Com	mentary		
Provides activities that address		The program delivers professional development to the	In response to the committee's	
professional development needs &		community through one mechanism. The program has	concerns regarding workforce	
are based on assessment results		provided a public health certificate program in conjunction	development activities, the program	
described in Criterion F3		with the Orange County Health Care Agency to the	now has a better understanding of	
		agency's current employees. Individuals enrolled in this	what the site visit team was looking	
		program complete four public health courses to earn the	for. The program is enthusiastic	

certificate and have the option to count those courses toward earning an MPH degree. In its last administration in 2018, the certificate program enrolled approximately 14	about the prospect of providing seminars/ workshops on topics such as grant writing, program	
students.	evaluation, understanding the intersection of race and public	
The commentary relates to the minimal evidence of workforce development activities based on findings from Criterion F3. The public health certificate program was the only clear example provided, and it has not been offered		
in two years. Additional examples mentioned during the site visit better demonstrate the program's commitment	gathering input from the MPH Alumni (Attachment B4_2) and MPH Employer survey (will be drafted and implemented in May) in addition to	
to service, rather than workforce development. For example, faculty and students led a focus group to assist with the assessment of an existing breast cancer navigation program at a local non-profit organization. The purpase was to identify the strengths of the surrent	—	
purpose was to identify the strengths of the current navigation program and opportunities for improvement.	for a diagram of evaluation data collection and assessment.	

G1. DIVERSITY & CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Met			
Defines appropriate priority		The program has identified underrepresented populations	Click here to enter text.	
population(s)		of interest and outlines goals and strategies related to		
Identifies goals to advance diversity		these groups.		
& cultural competence, as well as				
strategies to achieve goals		The priority populations include historically		
Learning environment prepares		underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities, specifically		
students with broad competencies		African Americans, Pacific Islanders, Southeast Asians, and		

Development Strategic Plan and are to foster an inclusive	
environment; and recruit, support, and retain high quality	
and culturally diverse faculty and staff.	
The self-study lists strategies the program uses to promote	
inclusivity and foster a welcoming environment to enrich	
student learning and promote retention. It hosts social	
events like the MPH Meet and Greet, Holiday Party, Alumni	
Event, and Hooding Event, and encourages participation in	
the College-level peer mentoring program and the use of	
the Student Success Center.	
The program incorporates diversity, equity, and cultural	
competence into its core curriculum and has invited guest	
lecturers from diverse backgrounds to speak in program	
classes. Courses including Advanced Study in Program	
Planning and Evaluation; HPDP; and Advanced Methods in	
Epidemiology contain units on these topics. During the site	
visit, a faculty member discussed a project that centered	
on developing a culturally appropriate survey and	
intervention with a Latinx focus.	
To promote inclusivity in support of its goals concerning	
faculty and staff, the program promotes university-wide	
trainings and workshops on cultural competence offered	
regularly by the Faculty Development Center and the	
Diversity Initiatives and Resources Center. The department	
chair mentors newly hired tenure-track faculty during their	
first year, and the program publicly recognizes and awards	
faculty and staff accomplishments. The program complies	
	 and culturally diverse faculty and staff. The self-study lists strategies the program uses to promote inclusivity and foster a welcoming environment to enrich student learning and promote retention. It hosts social events like the MPH Meet and Greet, Holiday Party, Alumni Event, and Hooding Event, and encourages participation in the College-level peer mentoring program and the use of the Student Success Center. The program incorporates diversity, equity, and cultural competence into its core curriculum and has invited guest lecturers from diverse backgrounds to speak in program Planning and Evaluation; HPDP; and Advanced Methods in Epidemiology contain units on these topics. During the site visit, a faculty member discussed a project that centered on developing a culturally appropriate survey and intervention with a Latinx focus. To promote inclusivity in support of its goals concerning faculty and staff, the program promotes university-wide trainings and workshops on cultural competence offered regularly by the Faculty Development Center and the Diversity Initiatives and Resources Center. The department chair mentors newly hired tenure-track faculty during their first year, and the program publicly recognizes and awards

with the campus Division of Human Resources, Diversity,	
and Inclusion's guidance on recruiting and retaining high-	
qualified and diverse faculty and staff. Department faculty	
serve on the College Diversity and Culture of Inclusion Task	
Force and participate in Community Advisory Board	
meetings.	
Cultural competence and diversity results included in the	
self-study indicate that 100% of students surveyed believe	
that the program values diverse individuals and	
communities. All respondents (n=11) indicated that the	
program teaches students to recognize that cultural	
differences affect all aspects of health and the health	
system. Seventy three percent of respondents reported	
that the MPH program encourages students to reflect on	
their own cultural biases, and 90% indicated that the	
program helps students develop cultural competence.	
During the site visit, students said that they felt that the	
program valued diversity. One student said, "I never found	
myself alone in terms of diversity on a faculty and student	
level." Another student said that CSU Fullerton's status as	
a Hispanic Serving Institution was influential in her decision	
to enroll.	
One hundred percent of faculty respondents (n=13) agreed	
that the program values diverse individuals and	
communities, and 77% agreed that the program teaches	
students to recognize that cultural differences affect all	
aspects of health and the health system. About 60% of	
faculty agreed that the program encourages students to	
reflect on their own cultural biases and 69% agreed that	
the program helps students develop cultural competence.	
the program helps students develop cultural competence.	

The program has concentrated its recruitment efforts on	
enrolling more students from the priority populations and	
participates in several targeted recruitment fairs. The	
program was successful in recruiting 19 Hispanic/Latino	
students and six African American students over a three-	
year period. It recognizes the need to focus its recruitment	
efforts on the other identified racial/ethnic populations	
and cites gaps in data collection as an obstacle that the	
program, college, and university are working to address.	
The program recognizes its impact and capitalizes on the	
community's diversity in its recruitment efforts. Website	
information depicts the program's and university's	
diversity and has been a great draw for new students. The	
program has a very diverse faculty that is representative of	
the local population. Students who met with site visitors	
indicated that they feel very welcome knowing that they	
have classmates and faculty from similar backgrounds.	

H1. ACADEMIC ADVISING

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Met			
Students have ready access to		The MPH program advisor provides academic advising to	Click here to enter text.	
advisors from the time of		all students. Academic advising begins with a welcome		
enrollment		letter to admitted students that provides information		
Advisors are actively engaged &		about registration and preparation for the first semester.		
knowledgeable about the curricula		New students attend an in-person orientation prior to the		
& about specific courses & programs		first week of classes. During the orientation, students		
of study		learn about the program's guiding statements; university		
Qualified individuals monitor		policies governing graduate programs and students; and		
student progress & identify and				

support those who may experience	the MPH curriculum and internship. Students also take a	
difficulty	campus tour.	
Orientation, including written		
guidance, is provided to all entering	A key role of the program advisor is to work with the	
students	student to establish and approve the student's course of	
	study, which serves as the contract between the student	
	and university for meeting degree requirements. The	
	MPH program advisor is responsible for monitoring	
	student progress, with the support of the Graduate	
	Studies Office, and identifying those who may experience	
	difficulty progressing.	
	The MPH program advisor also is the instructor of the	
	introductory course PUBH 500: Issues in Public Health,	
	which all students take during their first semester. The	
	course provides additional opportunities to ensure that	
	expectations are clear, and questions are answered. The	
	program advisor visits a core class every semester to	
	review relevant policies and procedures and to answer	
	questions from students. The program advisor also	
	ensures that all faculty know what is expected of students.	
	Students can meet with the MPH program advisor during	
	posted office hours (three hours per week) to discuss	
	advising issues in a one-on-one setting. During the site	
	visit, students reported easy access by email to the	
	program advisor.	
	Beginning with fall 2020, the program has assigned a	
	faculty mentor to each to incoming student. The mentor's	
	role is to be a more personal contact for the student with	
	a focus on guiding the whole person through the	
	academic environment. During the site visit, students	
	confirmed ready access to the program advisor and many	
	other faculty in the department. They noted that faculty	

reach out to them. One student commented that she feels	
comfortable contacting faculty about any needs or	
questions. Another student mentioned that there is	
connection and communication with faculty and "they are	
listening and encouraging." Another student valued the	
diverse faculty and appreciated that some of them had	
been like her as the first-generation in her family to go to	
college.	
The self-study indicates that students are mostly satisfied	
with the academic advising they receive. When asked	
whether the MPH program advisor was responsive to	
questions and needs, 88%, 75%, and 83% agreed or	
strongly agreed in the last three years. When asked	
whether the MPH program advisor was an accessible and	
knowledgeable resource, 92%, 79%, and 83% agreed or	
strongly agreed. The current MPH program advisor has	
been in the role for two years, and the program explains	
that student satisfaction dropped during his first year as	
he grew familiar with expectations; satisfaction is now	
increasing.	
The self-study acknowledges that the workload for a	
single individual serving as program advisor can be heavy	
and can create bottlenecks when disseminating	
information and processing administrative paperwork. COVID-19 has facilitated the electronic submission of	
administrative paperwork, which the program hopes will	
better streamline the process throughout the university.	
The MPH Program Committee plans to evaluate the	
switch to electronic processing in spring 2021.	
switch to electronic processing in spring 2021.	

H2. CAREER ADVISING

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Students have access to qualified advisors who are actively engaged & knowledgeable about the workforce & can provide career placement advice Variety of resources & services are available to current students		The program provides career advising through courses, the internship, and other extracurricular activities. Students take PUBH 500: Issues in Public Health in the first semester of the program and are introduced to the career services available from the CSU Fullerton Career Planning and Placement Center. The center offers workshops on resume writing, interviewing, social media, and career	Click here to enter text.	
Variety of resources & services are available to alumni		networking, and has a searchable job database. During the site visit, all students who met with site visitors reported taking advantage of workshops and services provided by the career center. COVID-19 has curtailed in-person career activities, but the program had hosted an MPH Meet and Greet each fall to facilitate networking between students and alumni. Each spring, there has been an additional networking event where MPH alumni could share their perspectives and strategies for getting the most out of the graduate program and finding employment as a public health professional.		
		The program considers career advising to be an important element of students' internship placements. The MPH internship coordinator meets with students individually to select an appropriate site that will allow them to develop individualized learning objectives that support the desired career path. The program also encourages students to use		

their internship site supervisors as a resource for career	
guidance.	

All MPH faculty maintain office hours during which students may contact them for advice about coursework, research, community service activities, and career advising. Students reported receiving frequent emails from the program advisor and other faculty about job opportunities.

The self-study gives examples of career advising provided to students and alumni in the last three years. The MPH program advisor has provided career advising to four students during regular office hours. A faculty member offered a student advice about applying to doctoral programs during ILE advising. Another faculty member met with a program graduate at the APHA annual meeting and spoke at length about careers in public health and doctoral programs. Students reported that the program and faculty are very responsive in providing letters of reference when needed.

Based on data presented in the self-study, students have expressed lower satisfaction with career advising compared with academic advising. Only 67%, 58%, and 75% agreed or strongly agreed that the program provided useful information about jobs in public health. The program collects this information when students submit their APE portfolios, which ensures a high response rate. Data for the most recent year are still incomplete because some students were still finishing the APE.

During the site visit, faculty and alumni noted that historically the last semester of the student's experience

had been focused on the APE and ILE. The result was less	
time on campus and less structured contact with students	
in the last semester. The program has moved the APE to	
the end of the first year. One expected outcome of the	
change is that students will have more structured time on	
campus during the last semester for easier access to	
career services and faculty to discuss career options. The	
program plans to expand its career advising efforts during	
students' last semester on campus.	

H3. STUDENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Defined set of policies & procedures govern formal student complaints & grievances		The university has clear policies in place related to student complaints, and students have multiple avenues to seek resolution. Students are encouraged to discuss concerns		
Procedures are clearly articulated & communicated to students		and grievances with the instructor involved as a first step. If the complaint cannot be resolved, then the student meets with the MPH program advisor and the department		
Depending on the nature & level of each complaint, students are encouraged to voice concerns to unit officials or other appropriate personnel		meets with the MPH program advisor and the department chair, if needed. The chair instructs students on how to file a formal complaint beyond the department in accordance with the process described in the university catalog. The university and department websites include links to the university policy statement and the university student		
Designated administrators are charged with reviewing & resolving formal complaints		handbook, which address the policies and procedures for types of grievances and problems that students may encounter.		
All complaints are processed & documented		The formal complaint process involves the assistant dean of student affairs in the College of Health and Human Development. This individual determines next steps, such		

as referring the student to the Title IX coordinator if the complaint relates to discrimination or harassment, or to the dean of students if the complaint relates to an academic issue like unfair grading.	
The self-study states that the program has not had any formal complaints in the last three years. During the site visit, one student reported using the informal process to address and have resolution on an issue related to coursework.	
Students were knowledgeable about the complaint process. Students also discussed the Title IX office and the student body organizations as avenues for seeking help and addressing complaints.	

H4. STUDENT RECRUITMENT & ADMISSIONS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Implements recruitment policies		The program focuses its recruitment efforts on	Click here to enter text.	
designed to locate qualified		underrepresented individuals, local health care agency		
individuals capable of taking		personnel, community health educators, and recent		
advantage of program of study &		bachelor's degree graduates exhibiting strong experience		
developing competence for public		and interest in public health. The program benefits from		
health careers		informal marketing channels such as word-of-mouth and		
Implements admissions policies		outreach from its alumni network. Additional methods for		
designed to select & enroll qualified		increasing program visibility include campus community		
individuals capable of taking		forums and trainings provided by the program and		
advantage of program of study &		department; banners and booths at job fairs, graduate		
developing competence for public		degree fairs, and conferences; program information		
health careers		sessions held twice each fall; and MPH announcement		

boards in a building that houses many undergraduate	
courses and community and sporting events with heavy	
foot traffic. The program also attracts students through a	
certificate program offered to employees of the Orange	
County Health Care Agency. Upon completion, graduates	
have the option to matriculate into the MPH program.	
To apply to the MPH program, prospective students are	
expected to hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited	
institution with at least a 2.5 GPA in the last 60 credits	
attempted and a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher. It is	
expected that applicants have completed six credits of	
statistics and research methods with a grade of B or better.	
Applicants must also submit their GRE scores, two letters	
of recommendation, a statement of purpose and answers	
to supplemental questions, and evidence of educational	
and career, volunteer, or internship experience in the	
applicant's preferred track. Applicants whose native	
language is not English must submit TOEFL scores, and the	
MPH Admissions Committee and a representative from	
the university's American Language Program meets with	
the applicant to determine whether the applicant's career	
interests, oral communication, and writing skills are	
appropriate for admission to the MPH program.	
The MPH Admissions Committee reviews all MPH	
applications and makes recommendations to the MPH	
program advisor and department chair. Applications are	
randomly distributed to committee members and scored	
holistically using a rubric. Undergraduate GPA, work	
experience, and GRE test scores account for 70% of the	
potential score. Each application is independently	
reviewed by two committee members, and the average	
score is used to rank each applicant. The program offers	
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admission to the most highly qualified applicants until the	
target cohort size of 25-30 students is reached.	
To assess its success in enrolling a qualified student body,	
the program tracks GRE writing scores of accepted	
students and the percentage of admitted students with	
previous public health-related experience. The program	
seeks to admit at least 90% of students with GRE writing	
scores of 3.0 or better. In the last three years, the program	
reached 89%, 88%, and 98%. The program also seeks to	
admit at least 70% of students with previous relevant work	
experience. In the last three years, the program achieved	
54%, 61%, and 75%. These measures and target thresholds	
appear appropriate and meaningful to the program.	

H5. PUBLICATION OF EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Catalogs & bulletins used to describe educational offerings are publicly available		The program has clear and publicly available information on MPH educational offerings. Students can access information about admissions guidelines, grading policies,		
Catalogs & bulletins accurately describe the academic calendar, admissions policies, grading policies, academic integrity standards & degree completion requirements		academic integrity standards, financial planning, and academic calendars via dedicated webpages and student handbooks. All information reviewed by site visitors was current and accurate.		
Advertising, promotional & recruitment materials contain accurate information				

AGENDA Council on Education for Public Health Site Visit Agenda CSU Fullerton Master of Public Health Program

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

2:00 pm PDT, 3:00 pm MDT, 4:00 pm CDT, 5:00 pm EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 1

Thursday, November 12, 2020

8:45 am PDT, 9:45 am MDT, 10:45 am CDT, 11:45 am EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 2

9:15 am PDT, 10:15 am MDT, 11:15 am CDT, 12:15 pm EDT		
Program Evaluation		
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions	
Jackur Vang, DhD, Drofessor & MDU Drogram Advisor	Cuiding statements and society 2	
Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor,	Guiding statements – process of development and review?	
Jasmeet Gill, PhD – Associate Professor & MPH Accreditation Chair		
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair		
Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor,	Evaluation processes – how does program collect and use input/data?	
Jasmeet Gill, PhD – Associate Professor & MPH Accreditation Chair		
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair		
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair	Resources (personnel, physical, IT) – who determines sufficiency? Acts when additional resources are needed?	
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair	Budget – who develops and makes decisions?	
Total participants: 3		

10:15 am PDT, 11:15 am MDT, 12:15 pm CDT, 1:15 pm EDT Break

10:30 am PDT 11:30 am MDT, 12:30 pm CDT, 1:30 pm EDT	
Curriculum 1	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor, instructor PUBH 500	Foundational knowledge
and 540	
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair	
Jasmeet Gill, PhD – Associate Professor & MPH Accreditation Chair, instructor	
PUBH 501	
Philip Gedalanga, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 515 & EOHS	
Concentration Lead	
Portia Jackson Preston, PhD –Assistant Professor, future instructor PUBH 535	
Alice Lee, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 510	
Jennifer Piazza, PhD – Associate Professor & GERO Concentration Lead	
Pimbucha Rusmevichientong, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 508	
Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor, instructor PUBH 500	Foundational competencies – didactic coverage and assessment
and 540	
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair	
Philip Gedalanga, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 515 & EOHS	
Concentration Lead	
Jasmeet Gill, PhD – Associate Professor & MPH Accreditation Chair, instructor	
PUBH 501	
Portia Jackson Preston, PhD –Assistant Professor, future instructor PUBH 535	
Alice Lee, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 510	
Jennifer Piazza, PhD – Associate Professor & GERO Concentration Lead	
Pimbucha Rusmevichientong, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 508	
Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor, instructor PUBH 500	Concentration competencies – development, didactic coverage, and assessment
and 540, HP/DP Concentration Lead	
Philip Gedalanga, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 515 & EOHS	
Concentration Lead	
Jennifer Piazza, PhD – Associate Professor & GERO Concentration Lead	
Total participants: 8	

11:45 am PDT, 12:45 pm MDT, 1:45 pm CDT, 2:45 pm EDT Break

Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions	
Current MPH Students	Student engagement in program operations	
(First year)	Curriculum	
Monica Avila	Resources (physical, faculty/staff, IT)	
Catherine Lapointe	Involvement in scholarship and service	
Regina Merrill	Academic and career advising	
Rienne Medina	Diversity and cultural competence	
(Second year)	Complaint procedures	
Afsana Faruqui		
Claudia Pacheco		
Hannah Peterson		
Amy Trinh		
Amy Santos		

1:30 pm PDT, 2:30 pm MDT, 3:30 pm CDT, 4:30 pm EDT Break

1:45 pm PDT, 2:45 pm MDT, 3:45 pm CDT, 4:45 pm EDT	
Curriculum 2	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor	Applied practice experiences
Jasmeet Gill, PhD – Associate Professor & MPH Accreditation Chair	
Mojgan Sami, PhD – Assistant Professor & APE Coordinator	
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair	

Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor	Integrative learning experiences
Jasmeet Gill, PhD – Associate Professor & MPH Accreditation Chair	
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair	
N/A	Public health bachelor's degrees
Joshua Yang, PhD – Professor & MPH Program Advisor	Academic public health degrees
Jasmeet Gill, PhD – Associate Professor & MPH Accreditation Chair	
Michele Wood, PhD – Professor & Department Chair	
N/A	Distance education
Total participants: 4	

2:45 pm PDT, 3:45pm MDT, 4:45pm CDT, 5:45pm EDT **Break**

3:00 pm PDT, 4:00pm MDT, 5:00pm CDT, 6:00pm EDT	
Instructional Effectiveness	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
Maria Koleilat, PhD – Associate Professor, Chair of Department Personnel	Currency in areas of instruction & pedagogical methods
Committee, AY 20-21	Scholarship and integration in instruction
Shana Charles, PhD – Associate Professor	Extramural service and integration in instruction
Lilia Espinoza, PhD – Associate Professor	Integration of practice perspectives
Danny Kim, PhD – Associate Professor	Professional development of community
Alice Lee, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 510	
Archana McEligot, PhD – Professor	
Jennifer Piazza, PhD – Associate Professor & GERO Concentration Lead	
Pimbucha Rusmevichientong, PhD – Assistant Professor, instructor PUBH 508	
Diana Tisnado, PhD – Professor	
Total participants: 9	

4:00 pm PDT, 5:00 pm MDT, 6:00 pm CDT, 7:00 pm EDT Break

4:15 pm PDT, 5:15 pm MDT, 6:15 pm CDT, 7:15 pm EDT		
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions	
Community Advisory Board Members	Involvement in program evaluation & assessment	
Amy Buch, MPH	Perceptions of current students & program graduates	
Contact Tracing Manager, COVID-19 Response Team, University	Perceptions of curricular effectiveness	
of California, Irvine	Applied practice experiences	
Vattana Peong, MPH	Integration of practice perspectives	
Director, The Cambodian Family	Program delivery of professional development opportunities	
Barry Ross, RN, MPH, MBA		
Regional Director, Community Health Investment, Providence		
St. Joseph Health, Southern California		
<u>MPH alumni</u>		
Hannah Montgomery, MPH, CHES		
Blended Health & Blended PE Teacher, Elsinore High School, Lake		
Elsinore, CA & part-time lecturer, Department of Public Health		
Claudia Pinedo, MPH		
Community Engagement Coordinator, St. Mary Medical Center		
Kristopher Pratt, MPH,CHES		
Community Engagement Coordinator, Kaiser Permanente		
Bernard J Tyson School of Medicine		
Krupa Shah, MPH		
Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness, St. Edward's		
University in Austin TX		
Minhxuan Tran, MPH		
Research Associate, UCLA Center for Health Services and Society		
Internship Preceptors		
Vattana Peong, MPH		
Director, The Cambodian Family		
Barry Ross, RN, MPH, MBA		
Regional Director, Community Health Investment, Providence		
St. Joseph Health, Southern California		
Employers of recent graduates		
Genesis Sandoval, MPH		
Public Health Projects Manager, Orange County		

Health Care Agency	
Yolanda Salomon-Lopez,	
Clinical Liaison Supervisor, St. Mary Medical Center	
Total participants: 11	

5:15 pm PDT 6:15pm MDT, 7:15pm CDT, 8:15pm EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 3

5:45 pm PDT 6:45pm MDT, 7:45pm CDT, 8:45pm EDT **Adjourn**

Friday, November 13, 2020

8:30 am PDT, 9:30am MDT, 10:30am CDT, 11:30am EDT	
University Leaders	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
Framroze Virjee, JD - University President	Program's position within larger institution
Laurie Roades, PhD - Dean, College of Health and Human	
Services	
Framroze Virjee, JD - University President	Provision of program-level resources
Laurie Roades, PhD - Dean, College of Health and Human	
Services	
Framroze Virjee, JD - University President	Institutional priorities
Laurie Roades, PhD - Dean, College of Health and Human	
Services	
Total participants: 2	

9:15 am PDT, 10:15am MDT, 11:15am CDT, 12:15pm EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 4

1:00 pm PDT, 2:00pm MDT, 3:00pm CDT, 4:00pm EDT Exit Briefing