ACCREDITATION

CRITERIA

SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

AMENDED JUNE 2005
2.10 Doctoral Degrees. The school shall offer at least three doctoral degree programs that are relevant to any of the five areas of basic public health knowledge.

**Interpretation.** In order to be accredited, a school of public health shall have sufficient faculty expertise, availability of advanced-level courses, and active research, sufficient to support the development and offering of at least three doctoral degree curricula. A school can be preaccredited if one doctoral program has graduated at least one student and the other two are fully functional, with five full-time faculty, and with the programs, curriculum and courses fully approved and at least one doctoral student enrolled in each program. The doctoral programs may be professional or academic degrees. A doctoral degree relevant to public health would be in one of the major disciplines or major areas of practice within public health.

Interdisciplinary degree programs that are based in the school of public health may also satisfy this expectation. If such interdisciplinary degree programs are used to document compliance with this accreditation criterion, these curricula must meet CEPH’s requirements for professional or academic degrees, as appropriate.

**Required Documentation.** The self-study document should include the following:

a. Identification of all doctoral programs offered by the school, by degree and area of specialization. The instructional matrix may be referenced for this purpose. If the school is a new applicant and has graduates from only one doctoral program, a description of plans and a timetable for graduating students from the other two doctoral programs must be presented, with university documentation supporting the school’s projections.

b. Data on the number of active students in each doctoral degree program as well as applications, acceptances, enrollments and graduates for the last three years.

c. Assessment of the extent to which this criterion is met.