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For a chart of core competence skills by course, see page 4.*

Continuous Quality Improvement

Format: Classroom-based
Duration: 6 hours
Description: This course will present key concepts and strategies for continuous quality improvement in public health agencies. Participants learn to apply organizational best practices to enhance agency-wide effectiveness and efficiency in public health operations.
Core Competences: • Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills • Policy Development/Program Planning Skills

Effective Writing for Public Health Practitioners

Format: Classroom-based
Duration: 5.5 hours
Description: Participants will find out how to unclog writer’s block and start writing immediately with confidence and know-how. They will discover how to express personality and style in their writing, how to tap into their natural creativity, and how to present messages in ways that will achieve positive results. They will pick up techniques for breaking big ideas into smaller, more manageable ones and for writing precisely and accurately to avoid dangerous misunderstandings or mixed messages.
Core Competences: • Communication Skills

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Introduction to National Incident Management System and Incident Command System: Public Health Perspectives

Format: Classroom-based
Duration: 4 hours
Description: Introduction to National Incident Management System and Incident Command System: Public Health Perspectives provides an overview of NIMS (comprised of the Incident Command System, Multi-Agency Coordination Systems, and Public Information Systems) for all levels of public health workers. IS-100 (ICS 100) Introduction to Incident Command System: Focuses on ICS and more completely describes the system's organizational levels and responsibilities of public health workers in a crisis response.

Core Competences:
- Community Dimensions of Practice Skills
- Public Health Sciences Skills

Managing Multiple Priorities and Projects

Format: Classroom-based
Duration: 6 hours
Description: Participants will be introduced to proven techniques, guidelines, and strategies for staying on top of competing priorities and conflicting projects. The end result will be accomplishing more with better results and less stress.

Core Competences:
- Policy Development/Program Planning Skills
- Financial Planning and Management Skills
- Communication Skills
## Project Management for Public Health Professionals

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<td>In this training, participants will explore the strengths of multiple project management tools and the utility of each approach in project implementation. They will learn how to match a project’s needs and a team’s strengths with the appropriate project management tool and accomplish key project tasks.</td>
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## Risk Communication

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<td>This training provides participants with practical knowledge and skills about how to communicate risk to stakeholders in both non-emergent and crisis contexts. While the course focuses on communicating risks, it emphasizes communication principles that can be effectively applied to improve interactions with partners and the public in a wide range of situations.</td>
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Table 1: Core Competence Skills by Course

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                           • Risk Communication  
                           • Managing Multiple Priorities and Projects |
| Community Dimensions of Practice Skills | • Introduction to National Incident Management System and Incident Command System  
                                           • Risk Communication |
| Leadership and Systems Thinking Skills | • Continuous Quality Improvement  
                                          • Project Management for Public Health Professionals |
| Policy Development/Program Planning Skills | • Continuous Quality Improvement  
                                           • Managing Multiple Priorities and Projects  
                                           • Project Management for Public Health Professionals |
| Public Health Sciences Skills | • Introduction to National Incident Management System and Incident Command System |
| Financial Planning and Management Skills | • Managing Multiple Priorities and Projects |

* Based on the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice’s “Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals” – [http://phf.org/corecompetencies](http://phf.org/corecompetencies)

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