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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Stony Brook University was established in 1957 and is part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. The university is a public sea grant and space grant research university. Stony Brook has three colleges (arts and sciences; business; and engineering and applied sciences) and nine schools (graduate; journalism; marine and atmospheric sciences; professional development; nursing; social welfare; health technology and management; dental medicine; and medicine) with more than 200 undergraduate majors, 100 master's programs, 50 doctoral programs, and 21 graduate certificate programs. As of fall 2020, the university has 2,695 faculty (full- and part-time); 12,037 staff; and 26,782 students (18,010 undergraduate and 8,772 graduate). Stony Brook holds regional accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and holds 26 specialized accreditations in nutrition, medicine, occupational therapy, engineering and technology, journalism, phlebotomy, physical therapy, athletic training, nursing, and social work to name a few.

The program in public health was developed by a task force in 1996 and enrolled its first cohort of MPH students in 2004. The program was established to train individuals to integrate the knowledge, skills, vision, and values of public health into their careers and provide leadership in the field. The program currently offers an MPH degree in three concentrations: community health, health analytics, and health policy and management with 27, 27, and 30 students in each concentration, respectively. The program also offers eight joint degree programs including MPH-MSW, MPH-MS, MPH-MD, MPH-MBA, MPH-MAPP, MPH-DDS, BS-MPH, and BA-MPH. All degrees are offered in a campus-based format. The program in public health is not housed within a larger school or college. The program sits within the Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences. The senior vice president for health sciences oversees the program in addition to other health science schools including the School of Dental Medicine, Social Welfare, Medicine, Nursing, and Health Technology and Management. The MPH program director is also the director of the program in public health and reports to the senior vice president for health sciences. Starting in July 2021, the director of the program in public health and all health science school deans will report directly to the university provost.

The program was first accredited by CEPH in 2008. The last full review was in 2014 and resulted in a seven-year accreditation term with one interim report related to faculty and staff diversity. The Council accepted the program's 2015 interim report as evidence of compliance in this area. 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. CEPH conducted an on-campus visit on October 15, 2021 to confirm the site visit team's observations and conclusions made during the virtual site visit.

Instructional Matrix - Degrees and	Concentrations				
				Campus based	Distance based
Master's Degrees		Academic	Professional		
Community Health			MPH	Х	
Health Analytics			MPH	Х	
Health Policy and Management			MPH	Х	
Joint Degrees (Dual, Combined, Co	ncurrent, Accelerated Degrees)	Academic	Professional		
2nd Degree Area	Public Health Concentration				
Social Welfare	Any MPH concentration		MPH-MSW	Х	
Business	Any MPH concentration		MPH-MBA	Х	
Public Policy	Any MPH concentration		MPH-MAPP	Х	
Medicine	Any MPH concentration		MPH-MD	Х	
Nutrition	Any MPH concentration		MPH-MS	Х	
Dental Medicine	Any MPH concentration		MPH-DDS	Х	
Applied Math and Statistics	Health Analytics		BS-MPH	Х	
Pharmacology	Health Analytics		BS-MPH	Х	
Earth and Space Sciences	Health Analytics or Community Health		BA-MPH	Х	
Women's Studies	Health Analytics or Community Health		BA-MPH	Х	

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
Criterion Elements 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 Ensures all faculty regularly interact with colleagues & are engaged in ways that benefit the instructional program	•	Team's Evidence for Compliance FindingStony Brook's program in public health has a well-defined structure and position in the university. The program has designated nine standing committees and three ad hoc committees. Committees include the Executive 	School/Program Response Click here to enter text.	Council Comments
		The Curriculum Committee meets monthly and is responsible for quality improvement and the overall design of the curriculum. This includes consideration of modifications to the curriculum as well as review of course		

#### A1. ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES

syllabi. The Curriculum Committee also reviews and	
approves student assessment polices and processes.	
The Curriculum Committee proposes changes in degree	
requirements to be reviewed and approved by the	
Executive Committee before they are submitted to the	
Stony Brook Graduate Council, State University of New	
York, and New York Education Department. Curriculum	
design follows a similar process, with the Curriculum	
Committee reviewing proposed new courses, proposing	
modifications to existing courses, reviewing	
appropriateness of course instructors, considering student	
feedback, and competency attainment data. Curricular	
recommendations are reviewed by the Executive	
Committee before being presented for approval to the	
Graduate Council and SUNY.	
Admissions policy and guideline recommendations for the	
MPH are made by the Admissions Committee and are	
approved by the Executive Committee. The Admissions	
Committee meets one to two times a month to make	
decisions regarding the acceptance of applicants and is	
made up of MPH faculty, staff, and alumni; an MHA	
Advisory Board member; one MHA alumni; and program	
in public health staff.	
The od has Faculty Search Committee is assembled by the	
The ad hoc Faculty Search Committee is assembled by the	
Executive Committee when needed with the program	
director making the final candidate recommendation. All applicants are sent to the Affirmative Action/Equal	
Employment Opportunity Committee for approval of the	
final candidate.	

Faculty promotion policies are established by a standing	
committee in each school called the Committee on	
Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (APT). Although	
the program is not within a school or college, the majority	
of MPH faculty have academic appointments in the School	
of Medicine (Department of Family, Population, and	
Preventive Medicine). The remaining MPH faculty	
members have appointments in the School of Social Work.	
The program director and the faculty member's dean or	
department chair deliver a recommendation regarding	
faculty promotion/tenure to the appropriate APT	
committee. The committee votes and recommends to the	
dean/senior vice president of health sciences who then	
recommends to the university president or chancellor.	
Faculty are engaged in university decision making through	
participation in committees such as the Institutional	
Review Board; University Faculty Senate; Community	
Engagement and Outreach Committee; and APT	
Committee.	
The self-study describes formal and informal opportunities	
for interaction between full- and part-time faculty	
members. Formal opportunities include the Executive	
Committee and the yearly faculty retreat. Informal	
opportunities include the Wednesday "brown-bag" get	
together.	
During the site visit, part-time, adjunct faculty, and MPH	
administrators confirmed part-time faculty participation in	
the Curriculum Committee and the DICCE Committee.	
Part-time faculty recalled other forms of participation	
including informal pre-class gatherings and guest lectures,	
in addition to committee participation.	

#### A2. MULTI-PARTNER SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	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 have formal and informal methods to participate in program policy making through committee memberships. Students are voting members on the Curriculum Committee; Alumni Engagement Committee; and DICCE Committee.		
Students engaged as members on decision-making bodies, where appropriate		The Organization for Public Health Students and Alumni (OPHSA) is the organization for students and alumni through which student representatives can communicate to the larger student body. The Curriculum Committee student representative is also part of OPHSA.		
		The program also has informal processes to solicit student input. These processes include course evaluations and semesterly focus groups where students provide feedback on courses and instructors.		
		Examples of the influence of students on decision making include changes to the sequencing of courses, class size, and the number of credit hours offered for courses.		

Students have provided input on instructors and guest lecturers that have subsequently led to replacements or hires. Students have also made recommendations that influenced room assignments, course requirements, and decisions to add concentrations.	
Students and alumni who met with site visitors confirmed their participation and voting on committees. Program faculty provided various examples of this participation as well. One student noted the successful recommendation recently made by students on the DICCE Committee regarding adding more relevant diversity courses to the curriculum in the winter of 2022.	

# A4. AUTONOMY FOR SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	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			

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 Taken as a whole, guiding statements address instruction,		The program has guiding statements that include a vision, mission, goals, and values. The mission of the program is "to train the next generation of public health practitioners, scholars, and leaders so as to promote improvements in the health of all populations - including the elimination of	Click here to enter text.	
scholarship, service Taken as a whole, guiding statements define plans to 1) advance the field of public health & 2) promote student success		health disparities across the life-course through excellence in education, research, community engagement, service, and empowerment locally, nationally, and globally." The program has eight stated goals that speak to instruction; scholarship; service; and diversity, inclusion,		
Guiding statements reflect aspirations & respond to needs of intended service area(s)		cultural competence, and equity. The goal statements reference community engagement and empowerment as a reflection of the program's aspiration to respond to its service area.		
Guiding statements sufficiently specific to rationally allocate resources & guide evaluation of outcomes		The program has six stated values: beneficence; diversity and inclusiveness; reduction of health disparities; protection of vulnerable populations; balance of public health with human rights; and community engagement. The values statement speaks to an obligation to Long Island specifically and then to a global impact.		
		The guiding statements reflect aspirations to advance public health and promote student success by focusing on the development of students as future practitioners, scholars, and leaders in the communities of focus. The		

statements are sufficiently specific to allocate resources and guide decision making.	
During the site visit, program faculty and administrators discussed procedures used to review guiding statements, mission, vision, and goals during retreats and certain committee meetings. Full- and part-time faculty are actively engaged in refining guiding statements as well as evaluation goals and objectives. University leaders who met with site visitors were very positive and affirming regarding the future of the public health program.	

# **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 reports MPH graduation rates that meet or exceed this criterion's threshold. Students have a maximum of five years to complete the MPH degree. The cohort of MPH students that entered in 2014 reports an 84% graduation rate. Although the self-study reports that the 2015 cohort reached its maximum time to graduation with only a 67% graduation rate, the program provided additional explanation during the site visit. After studying the cohort, the program found that the students who did not make it to graduation were starting the practicum but not completing it. To combat this, the	Click here to enter text.	
		program has added a new practicum and community engagement coordinator whose role is to help students		
		successfully complete the practicum. The program noted that it has also been more intentional when talking about		

the practicum experience, so that students know what is		
The program revises the practicum manual regularly and		
encourages students to ask questions to ensure that they		
understand the full scope of the project. Finally, the		
program did not move a student who went on approved		
leave to the next cohort, which would have put them at		
the 70% threshold.		
The subsequent MPH cohorts have either already reached		
the 70% threshold or are on target to do so. Current		
graduation rates are 76% for the 2016 cohort, 70% for the		
2017 cohort, and 64% for the 2018 cohort. These rates		
represent starting cohorts between 29 to 44 students.		
The program reports several factors that account for the		
positive graduation rates. The program's holistic approach		
to applications identifies students with high potential for		
success. Additionally, program faculty encourage students		
to regularly meet with their advisors or the assistant		
director for student affairs to ensure a successful		
progression through the MPH degree. The assistant		
director for student affairs and the program director		
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timeframe and talk through how to complete the required		
coursework.		
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#### Compliance **Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding** School/Program Response **Criterion Elements Council Comments** Finding Met The program reports post-graduation outcomes that Collects, analyzes & presents data Click here to enter text. on graduates' employment or exceed this criterion's threshold, with few reported unknown outcomes. Each year the program sends an eenrollment in further education survey that asks graduates to provide contact information, post-graduation for each public health degree offered so that the program can maintain contact post-graduation. In addition, the program uses social media searches such Chooses methods explicitly as Google, Facebook, and LinkedIn for employment designed to minimize number of information. Alumni also frequently reach out to the students with unknown outcomes program to provide updates on their recent promotions, new employment, or advanced studies. Achieves rates of at least 80% employment or enrollment in The program presents three years of post-graduation further education for each public outcome data, with one reported unknown outcome in health degree 2020. The program reports the following positive outcomes rates: 100% (2018 and 2019) and 97% (2020). Although the program consistently reports positive postgraduation outcomes, many students do not reply to program emails. Therefore, one of the roles of the Alumni Engagement Committee is to maintain relationships with alumni through newsletters, events, and opportunities to engage with current students, faculty, and staff. For example, every year the Alumni Engagement Committee holds an alumni panel where alumni can speak on their capstone course experience to current students. Additionally, to engage program alumni, each year one alum is recognized to give the graduation address; the annual Delta Omega induction luncheon recognizes

#### **B3. POST-GRADUATION OUTCOMES**

	excellence among current students and alumni; and finally, all current students and alumni are invited to the	
	annual holiday party.	

# **B4. ALUMNI PERCEPTIONS OF CURRICULAR EFFECTIVENESS**

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Defines qualitative &/or quantitative methods designed to provide meaningful, useful information on alumni perceptions Documents & regularly examines its methodology & outcomes to ensure		The program collects data regarding alumni perceptions of competency attainment through the MPH alumni survey, alumni engagement survey, graduation survey, and focus groups. The MPH alumni survey is distributed 12 months after		
useful data Data address alumni perceptions of success in achieving competencies		graduation via email. The survey assesses how well the program prepared alumni to meet professional or educational goals and career advancement, in addition to their general perceptions of the program. The		
Data address alumni perceptions of usefulness of defined competencies in post-graduation placements		engagement survey was sent in September 2019 to 271 program alumni who graduated between 2007 and 2019. The survey received a 22% response rate (n=60) and asked how the program prepared graduates for their current job or career advancement, as well as their best and worst experiences in the program. Additionally, the graduation survey, which is distributed just after graduation, asks alumni to rate how competent they feel in each of the 22 competency areas.		
		For the graduation survey, MPH students rate their competency on a scale of one (not at all competent) to five (very competent). On the most recent survey, MPH		

graduates rated high levels of proficiency in selecting quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context; explaining basic principles and tools of budget and resource management; and communicating audience-appropriate public health content. Graduates felt less prepared in discussing multiple dimensions of the policy-making process and applying epidemiological methods in a breadth of settings and situations in public health practice, although the average responses were still between 4.5 and 4.6. The program also collects alumni perceptions through focus groups. The first focus group was conducted in February 2021, and the program plans to continue having annual alumni focus groups. MPH alumni who participated in the focus group said that they felt well prepared in addressing evidence-based approaches to public health, especially data management and analyzing and interpreting quantitative data using biostatistics and computer-based software. Alumni also noted that they felt well prepared in applying negotiation skills, evaluating public health programs, applying qualitative methods, and working on interprofessional teams. Alumni who met with site visitors echoed feeling well prepared for the workforce. One alum reported that she had to do a qualitative data analysis for her job and referred back to class notes that had exactly the information she needed to complete the work project. Other alumni felt well prepared in communicating public health information, working in groups, and completing work tasks with little to no supervision.

Although survey responses indicate that alumni are
satisfied with competency attainment and how the
program prepared them for post-graduation roles, the
program is unsatisfied with the number of responses.
Regarding the graduation survey, the response rates from
2018, 2019, and 2020 ranged from 14-23%. The program
has added the focus groups to increase response rates and
to obtain qualitative data. The program also hired a new
staff position, the accreditation and assessment specialist
in fall 2020, who will enable the program to focus more on
alumni relationships, data collection, and feedback. As
mentioned in Criterion B3, the program also added the
Alumni Engagement Committee to help maintain alumni
relationships and obtain additional alumni perceptions.

#### **B5. DEFINING EVALUATION PRACTICES**

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Defines sufficiently specific & appropriate evaluation measures. Measures & data allow reviewers to track progress in achieving goals & to assess progress in advancing the field of public health & promoting student success Defines plan that is ongoing, systematic & well-documented.		The program's evaluation plan includes eight goal statements and 27 objectives. For each program goal, the program defines specific and appropriate measures including data sources and individuals or committees responsible for review. The indicators in the evaluation plan align with the program's mission and goals. They cover instruction; scholarship; service; and diversity, inclusion, cultural competence, and equity. The chosen indicators provide meaningful information about whether		
Plan defines sufficiently specific & appropriate methods, from data collection through review. Processes have clearly defined		the program is meeting its goals and mission. For example, one metric associated with the goal of preparing students to meet the needs of the evolving public health field by delivering a high-quality curriculum,		

responsible parties & cycles for	is student satisfaction with the curriculum. This metric is	
review	assessed through the graduation survey and employment	
	data. The survey and data are reviewed on an annual basis	
	by the Executive Committee, Curriculum Committee, and	
	at faculty retreats. For the goal to provide a diverse,	
	inclusive, and equitable learning and working environment	
	for students, faculty and staff, the program chose the	
	measurable objective of recruiting strategies that ensure a	
	diverse student body. The Student Recruitment	
	Committee monitors and records the number of	
	recruitment events aimed at diverse populations and	
	estimates whether attendance at those events results in a	
	more diverse applicant pool. The Executive Committee	
	receives summary reports of these data.	
	Minutes of the Executive, Curriculum, and DICCE	
	Committee meetings show review and discussion of	
	program goals and measures. During the site visit, faculty	
	and administrators confirmed the rigor of the evaluation	
	process and gave numerous examples of data review and	
	information from various systems.	

# **B6. USE OF EVALUATION DATA**

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Engages in regular, substantive		The program engages in regular review of data collected	Click here to enter text.	
review of all evaluation findings,		for evaluation purposes and uses this information to		
including strategic discussions.		engage in continuous quality improvement. The self-study		
Translates evaluation findings into		provides examples that demonstrate the use of formal		
programmatic plans & changes.		processes to carefully examine the program and to make		
Provides specific examples of		substantive improvements.		

changes based on evaluation		
findings (including those in B2-B5,	The self-study document describes efforts to produce	
E3-E5, F1, G1, H1-H2, etc.)	programmatic changes, and the program provides	
	supporting evidence. For example, enrollment data and	
	MPH student feedback from the 2018 graduation survey	
	and the 2019 end of semester feedback session gave rise	
	to concerns regarding sufficient resources to meet the	
	demand for practicum placements for MPH students. The	
	Executive Committee received the information because it	
	has responsibilities related to curriculum and community	
	service activities and relationships. As a result, the	
	program hired a practicum placement and community	
	engagement coordinator.	
	In another example, program administrators and	
	Curriculum and Executive Committee members reviewed	
	student feedback, in-class discussions, and climate survey	
	data findings. The results indicated that students	
	perceived faculty as passive about diversity, inclusion,	
	equity, and cultural competence. Therefore, the program	
	began requiring faculty to address diversity, inclusion,	
	equity, and cultural competence in class discussion and	
	coursework. This information also led to the program's	
	creation of the DICCE Committee in 2019.	

# 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 self-study presents budget data and narrative information that indicate solid and stable financial resources. Program funding is determined by the president of the university in collaboration with the vice presidents of various schools, colleges, centers, and programs. The senior vice president of the Health Sciences Center meets with the program director to determine financial resource needs for each fiscal year. For the past five years, the program has had a financial surplus ranging from \$180,355 (2017-2018) to \$486,938 (2016-2017).	Click here to enter text.	
		Most faculty salaries come from state-appropriated funds, with the exception of tenure track faculty hired after 2013 (n=4). The expectation of these faculty, after a three-year start-up period, is to cover 50% of their salaries through salary offsets. Faculty may negotiate a greater percent offset with program funds (includes grants and foundation support) or another source, such as another academic unit.		
		The program funds new faculty or staff lines through a budget modeling and strategic plan process that details the need for the position and how new funds would be used. The program completes a Position/Compensation Request Form, which is reviewed and approved by the associate vice president of health services administration		

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and the senior vice president of health sciences. In	
addition, some faculty may be hired by another academic	
unit and request an affiliation with the program.	
The program's operational costs include salaries for	
faculty, staff, and adjuncts; technology (hardware,	
software, licenses); office supplies; marketing and	
recruitment materials; instructional materials;	
professional society memberships and dues; conference	
expenses; and accreditation costs. These operational costs	
are funded by tuition revenue, the senior vice president of	
health sciences' allocated annual operational funding, and	
salary offsets.	
Student support includes travel for conferences,	
networking, interprofessional education events, and	
scholarships. These costs are funded by philanthropic	
support, operational funds from the senior vice president	
of health sciences, and salary offsets.	
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In 2019, the program developed a policy to support faculty	
for professional development and provide bridge funding	
for salaries, course buyouts, and salary offset banking. The	
program has committed to ensuring that all full-time MPH	
faculty have access to funds for professional development	
and pilot studies. Primary instructional faculty have access	
to a minimum of \$3,000 annually, and funds may be rolled	
over for up to three years but may not exceed \$9,000.	
The program receives tuition and fees through the	
Graduate Tuition Sharing Program. Tuition revenues	
subject to sharing are billed tuition, net any tuition	
waivers. The difference in net tuition between the baseline	
year (AY 2016-17) and the comparison year are allocated	

# **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		The program has adequate faculty resources to support its degree offerings. The program has 11 PIF and eight non-		
3 faculty members per		PIF for the MPH in three concentrations.		
concentration area for all concentrations; at least 2 are PIF;		The FTE of each PIF is determined by a written agreement		
double-counting of PIF is appropriate, if applicable		between the program and the department chair that specifies how much time that faculty member will commit		

Additional PIF for each additional	N/A	to the degree program. PIF who have a twelve-month		
degree level in concentration;		appointment with 100% of their time dedicated to		
double-counting of PIF is		teaching, research, service, and/or administration are		
appropriate, if applicable		designated at 1.0 FTE. The FTE for non-PIFs is calculated by		
Ratios for general advising & career		the amount of time devoted to teaching based on the		
counseling are appropriate for		number of credits for the course. Teaching a three-credit		
degree level & type		course is equivalent to 0.12 FTE.		
Ratios for MPH ILE are appropriate		For general advising and career counseling in the health		
for degree level & nature of		analytics concentration, the five faculty have on average		
assignment		eight students with a maximum of 12 and a minimum of		
		four. For the community health concentration, the four		
Ratios for bachelor's cumulative or	N/A	faculty advise, on average, 10 students with a maximum of		
experiential activity are		18 and a minimum of nine students. For the health policy		
appropriate, if applicable		and management concentration, the four faculty have on		
		average seven students, with a maximum of seven and a		
Ratios for mentoring on doctoral	N/A	minimum of six. In addition to the MPH faculty who advise		
students' integrative project are		MPH students, the assistant director for student affairs		
appropriate, if applicable		provides general advising and career counseling for all		
		MPH students.		
Students' perceptions of class size				
& its relation to quality of learning		There is one capstone seminar instructor for the ILE who		
are positive (note: evidence may be		supervises 29 students at a time. During the site visit, the		
collected intentionally or received		faculty member who teaches the course reported that this		
as a byproduct of other activities)		load is sustainable since there is an MPH-trained staff		
Students are satisfied with faculty		member who co-instructs the course. Additionally, the		
availability (note: evidence may be		program reported that there are many faculty members who have their hands on the course and assist with ILE		
collected intentionally or received		advising.		
as a byproduct of other activities)		auvisiiig.		
		The program collects quantitative and qualitative data on		
		class size and faculty availability from an online student		
		assessment administered at the end of each semester. The		
		Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching conducts		
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the course evaluations and tabulates the data. Students	
rate their perceptions on a Likert scale from strongly agree	
to strongly disagree and comment on their responses. The	
self-study presents six groups of responses from spring	
2019 through to fall 2020. When asked if the class size was	
conducive to learning, most respondents reported that	
they agreed or strongly agreed (76%, 83%, 70%, 85%, 80%,	
73%). Students provided qualitative data regarding	
perceptions of class size and reported that class sizes were	
acceptable. Other students commented "although the	
class was large, it did not distract from learning" or "it was	
good to have a larger class where you could hear many	
different opinions and insights during class discussions."	
Some students reported that "small class sizes would have	
allowed for better class discussions" or the large class sizes	
"hindered student presentations" and were "not	
conducive to class discussions."	
Students who met with site visit appreciated class sizes	
that are usually around 60 students for the first year, and	
between 20-30 for the second year, with some classes as	
small as six students. One student noted that she was	
concerned about the growing size of the program between	
her first and second year but reported that the program	
has adapted to its larger cohorts with additional staff and	
faculty and breaking students into groups to ensure	
everyone is getting enough attention and support. Faculty	
who met with site visitors noted that based on student	
feedback and program growth, the program has tried to	
find appropriate teaching assistant (TA) support with some	
courses having two to three TAs based on the subject	
matter and class size.	

	When asked about student satisfaction with faculty	
	availability, most students reported they were satisfied or	
	very satisfied (66%, 98%, 83%, 95%, 73%). The qualitative	
	data regarding student satisfaction with faculty availability	
	was mostly positive with 55/60 of the comments being	
	positive. Some of the comments include "the instructor	
	was readily available as was the TA" or "the instructor was	
	always available and always responsive." Students who	
	met with site visitors commented on the accessibility of	
	faculty who are easy to reach and are happy to set up a	
	Zoom call within the hour if a student asks.	
	The program notes that some courses include both MPH	
	and MHA students, and survey responses cannot be	
	stratified based on the degree type. Since 2020, the	
	program has conducted group feedback sessions based on	
	degree program to obtain better feedback. Students are	
	now provided separate sections by degree program to be	
	able to differentiate MPH and MHA student perceptions.	

# 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		The program employs nine staff members who have FTEs	Click here to enter text.	
currently adequate to fulfill the		ranging from 0.30 to 1.0. Staff support for the 2020-21		
stated mission & goals		academic year included a staff director (0.80); associate		
Staff & other personnel resources		director (1.0); assistant director for student affairs (0.70);		
appear sufficiently stable		associate director for academic affairs (0.50); assistant		
		director for administration and finance (0.70); senior staff		
		assistant (1.0); practicum placement and community		
		engagement coordinator (0.70); accreditation and		

program staff reported their high satisfaction with the program's consistent support for their professional development. Several students gave examples of access to staff resources and described how staff proactively reach	
The self-study notes that although the program's staff resources are currently sufficient to provide support for MPH students and faculty, the program is growing and will require additional staff support in the future. The program plans to create and fill new positions to accommodate this growth, but at the time of the site visit, the program did	
assessment specialist (0.30); and two graduate assistants who contribute 30 hours a week to the program. Staff are shared with other programs including the MHA program and the population health and clinical outcomes research doctoral program.	

# C4. PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Met			
Physical resources adequate to		The program has adequate physical resources that support	Click here to enter text.	
fulfill mission & goals & support		its mission and instructional programs. The program's		
degree programs		main physical location is the program in public health		
Physical resources appear		office suite. There are eight offices for MPH faculty, three		
sufficiently stable		cubicle offices for part-time faculty, and five additional		
		open-space workstations for student assistants. In 2017		
		the suite of offices underwent renovation to add		
		additional physical space. The program also uses office		

space in the Department of Family, Population, and	
Preventive Medicine (FPPM) that is located across the hall	
and was renovated in 2017-18. Program faculty use seven	
of the offices within FPPM. One primary faculty member	
has an office within the School of Social Welfare.	
For program staff, the program's suite of offices has	
individual offices for the assistant director for student	
affairs, the accreditation and assessment specialist, the	
practicum placement and community engagement	
coordinator, and the assistant director for administration	
and finance. There is also an open receptionist	
workstation and one enclosed cubicle for student	
assistants. All program faculty and staff are provided with	
HP desktop computers, dual monitors (if requested), and	
printers.	
Most of the program's classes are held near the FPPM	
office suite. Some of these classrooms have been recently	
renovated to enlarge instructional space, improve lighting,	
and update digital technologies. All classrooms are	
internet connected and equipped with laptop computers	
and projectors and/or SMART screens, video equipment,	
and microphones.	
The program's students have access to six computer	
workstations within the suite and printer access. The	
program's and the FPPM's conference rooms are available	
to students as study space and formal and informal	
meeting space.	
The program's physical space meets the current needs.	
The program anticipates the need for additional faculty	
and staff space as the number of students grows.	

	During the site visit, faculty had positive feedback related	
	to offices, classrooms, and equipment. Interviewed	
	students described a wealth of resources available to them	
	including classrooms, study space, and meeting space.	

# **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		The university's Health Sciences Library (HSL) is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and maintains a print collection of 170,000 serial and monograph volumes, 95,000 books, 4,200 electronic books, 20 print journals,		
tech assistance for students & faculty		and 10,000 electronic journals. The HSL provides access to 290 web-based research databases including ACCESSMedicine, ClinicalKey, DynaMed, MEDLINE,		
Library & IT resources appear sufficiently stable		ScienceDirect, UpToDate, and Web of Science. Remote access to the web-based resources is available for faculty, staff, and students. Students also have access to interlibrary loans and document delivery services, as needed, as well as group and individual study spaces in the HSL.		
		The program provides all students with an Apple iPad at orientation at no cost. Students can keep the iPad after graduation. Students have access to computers and printers at the HSL. Students have access to all computer software through a variety of university-provided sources, including data analysis and management software packages; Microsoft Office Suite; and EndNote citation manager. The university's Stony Brook Instructional		

Computers (SINC) site allows students to access site-	
licensed academic software from their personal computers	
both on and off campus.	
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Program faculty also receive a new Apple iPad at	
orientation. All program faculty and staff have access to	
the same software as students. Additional available	
software include REDCap, Qualtrics, DeDoose (organizes	
and analyzes qualitative and mixed methods data), and	
Kahoot (learning platform for real-time quizzes).	
Technical support is available through the university's	
Division of Information Technology. This division provides	
130 IT-related services to faculty, staff, and students.	
Faculty and students have access to specific educational	
software and technology relevant to the coursework	
offered by the program. Examples of available software	
include EndNote, SPSS, SAS, Atlas Ti, REDCap, Qualtrics,	
BlackBoard, and Zoom.	
MPH students interviewed during the stie visit had positive	
experiences with the library and IT resources available to	
them.	

# D1. MPH & DRPH FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Met			
Ensures grounding in foundational public health knowledge through appropriate methods (see worksheet for detail)		The MPH program ensures grounding in foundational knowledge areas through 12 courses: contemporary issues in public health, health systems performance, introduction to the research process, biostatistics, epidemiology,	Click here to enter text.	
worksheet for detaily		theories of health behavior and health communication, qualitative methods, social and behavioral determinants of health, demography and global health, evaluating programs and policies to improve health, environmental and occupational health, and health systems performance. This common curriculum demonstrates grounding through a combination of course instruction and readings.		
		Site visitors' review of the course syllabi and clarifications gained from site visit discussions confirmed didactic coverage of all foundational knowledge areas, as shown 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	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding			
	Met			
Assesses all MPH students, at least		The program addresses the 22 foundational competencies	Click here to enter text.	
once, on their abilities to		in the 12 required courses listed in Criterion D1. Reviewers		
demonstrate each foundational		were able to verify didactic coverage and assessment		
competency (see worksheet for		opportunities for all 22 competencies, as shown in the		
detail)		D2 worksheet.		

	Through additional documentation and site visit discussion, program faculty validated reviewers' initial
	discussion, program faculty validated reviewers' initial
	concerns about competencies 12, 16, and 21. For example,
	for foundational competency 21, the program has a diverse
	group of students who work in different professions during
	the day and attend program courses at night. For the IPE
	activity, students work on interprofessional teams serving
	in roles associated with their current health professions,
	which include EMTs, doctors, veterinarians, dentists, and
	more. The program identifies students' current
	employment and prior training to assemble each
	interprofessional team. Although most students are either
	employed full-time in other health professions or are
	dually enrolled at the university in another health
	profession, some students are full-time MPH students
	without training in another profession. These students
	bring the public health perspective, specifically their
	concentration, to the team. The program consistently
	ensures that each group has a mix of different professions.
	For foundational competency 16, students are first
	introduced to different leadership styles throughout
	course lectures in HPH 550: Theories of Health Behavior
	and Health Communication. Students then work in groups
	using the chosen style.
	<ul> <li>more. The program identifies students' current employment and prior training to assemble each interprofessional team. Although most students are either employed full-time in other health professions or are dually enrolled at the university in another health profession, some students are full-time MPH students without training in another profession. These students bring the public health perspective, specifically their concentration, to the team. The program consistently ensures that each group has a mix of different professions.</li> <li>For foundational competency 16, students are first introduced to different leadership styles throughout course lectures in HPH 550: Theories of Health Behavior and Health Communication. Students then work in groups to identify which leadership styles to use; in the next assignment, they design a health communication program</li> </ul>

#### 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	Yes
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	Yes
22. Apply systems thinking tools to a public health issue	Yes

# **D3. DRPH FOUNDATIONAL COMPETENCIES**

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

# **D4. MPH & DRPH CONCENTRATION COMPETENCIES**

Criterion Elements	Compliance	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Finding Met			
Defines at least five distinct		The program defines at least five distinct competencies for	Click here to enter text.	
competencies for each		each of its three concentrations. The team's validation of		
concentration or generalist degree		each competency statement and students' opportunity to		
in MPH & DrPH. Competencies		learn and demonstrate each competency is presented in		
articulate an appropriate depth or		the D4 worksheet.		
enhancement beyond foundational				
competencies		The program ensures didactic coverage and assessment		
Assesses all students at least once		through four required courses for the health policy and		
on their ability to demonstrate each		management concentration and three required courses in		
concentration competency		the health analytics and community health		
If applicable, covers & assesses	N/A	concentrations. Students in the health analytics or		
defined competencies for a specific		community health concentrations have the option of		
credential (eg, CHES, MCHES)		adding an elective from an approved list to the three		
		required courses.		

D4 Worksheet

MPH in Community Health Concentration Competencies	Comp statement acceptable as written? Yes/No	Comp taught and assessed? Yes/CNV
1. Collect, organize and convey information effectively for different audiences important to public health initiatives	Yes	Yes
2. Appraise and apply social and behavioral change theories when developing community health initiatives	Yes	Yes
3. Create a multi-method plan for community health assessment, taking into consideration the strengths and limitations of primary and secondary data to assess needs and assets	Yes	Yes
4.Demonstrate capacity to engage with community partners	Yes	Yes
5. Create theory-driven community health interventions with a mission, goals and measurable process, outcome and impact objectives that address public health issues.	Yes	Yes
6.Demonstrate an advanced understanding of why diverse cultural groups may respond differently to the same community health intervention in the selection of appropriate audiences, equity-focused designs, and implementation approaches of community health initiatives.	Yes	Yes
7.Develop knowledge and skills for evaluating community health initiatives	Yes	Yes

MPH in Health Policy and Management Concentration Competencies	Comp statement acceptable as written? Yes/No	Comp taught and assessed? Yes/CNV
1. Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Analyze and use data within organizations to improve performance.	Yes	Yes
2. Strategic and Business Planning Perform environmental, market and community needs analyses; using appropriate tools and techniques, develop strategic alternatives consistent with organizational goals; prepare integrated plan involving multiple stakeholders and team members to evaluate and implement proposed programs, projects or business initiatives with the goal of improving	Yes	Yes
3. Financial Management Explain financial and accounting information, prepare and manage budgets, and evaluate investment decisions.	Yes	Yes
4. Health Policy and Economics Understand economic theory and health policy processes, including the creation and implementation of policy and its impact on the delivery of health services.	Yes	Yes
5. Health Law and Governance Analyze governance and legal issues that arise in health organizations and respond appropriately.	Yes	Yes
6. <b>Population Health</b> Use epidemiological, market, patient outcome and organizational performance data to improve quality and manage financial and other risks associated with defined populations.	Yes	Yes
7. Leadership and Change Management Develop effective leadership approaches to communicate a vision, motivate stakeholders, build consensus, and lead organizational change efforts	Yes	Yes

MPH in Health Analytics Concentration Competencies	Comp statement acceptable as written? Yes/No	Comp taught and assessed? Yes/CNV
1. Apply analytical and conceptual models for public health	Yes	Yes
2. Assess current evidence base on a topic through a literature review, synthesizing information, identifying gaps, and critiquing study limitations	Yes	Yes
3. Formulate a scientific question based on review of scientific literature	Yes	Yes
4. identify and use data sources to analyze population health and well-being and become familiar with emerging and widely-used software and	Yes	Yes
technologies to analyze data sets		
5. Utilize a suite of methods appropriate for analyzing public health data	Yes	Yes
6. Conduct a research project related to population health	Yes	Yes
7. Develop written and oral presentations based on statistical analyses for both public health professionals and educated lay audiences	Yes	Yes

#### D5. MPH APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
All MPH students produce at least 2 work products that are meaningful to an organization in appropriate		The program has strong and well-established processes to ensure that all students complete supervised applied practice experiences (APE) at sites that allow them to gain		
applied practice settings Qualified individuals assess each work product & determine whether it demonstrates attainment of		public health experience and apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. Students must complete HPH 580: Practicum. This is a three-credit course with a 135-hour planned and supervised practical experience.		
competencies All students demonstrate at least 5 competencies, at least 3 of which are foundational		Students write a practicum proposal and identify at least five competencies (at least three of which are foundational and at least two are concentration competencies).		
		Students develop a practicum proposal and work with a faculty supervisor to choose competencies. Each		

practicum proposal must be reviewed and approved by	
the student's preceptor, project faculty supervisor, and	
the MPH practicum coordinator before students can start	
working. Once the project is complete, the faculty	
supervisor assigns a letter grade based on review of the	
practicum products, preceptor evaluation of student	
performance, and student achievement in meeting the	
stated competencies, goals, and objectives of the project.	
Students also write an evaluation of their practicum	
experience and must address whether they met their	
practicum goals and objectives and the extent to which	
they achieved their selected competencies.	
The self-study provided examples of student work	
products that demonstrate that students complete two	
work products that demonstrate at least five	
competencies. Examples of work products provided	
include creating a data collection tool; research papers;	
oral presentations to employees; maps and statistical	
analyses of school districts; a code book; and qualitative	
report.	
Example of work sites include the Stony Brook Cancer	
Center, Suffolk County Public Libraries, Suffolk County	
Public Schools, Stony Brook World Trade Center Health	
Program, and the Bureau of Environmental Protection,	
and Nassau County Department of Health, to name a few.	
During the site visit, the program director described how	
appropriate sites are identified for students. Potential	
sites are assessed for goodness of fit with the program's	
goals and objectives and alignment with master's level	
knowledge and skills. Sites are also assessed for their	
readiness to support students who will work toward	
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solving a site's problem(s) and allowing students some level of independence in their work. The program ensures that the applied practical experience is mutually beneficial to both parties via feedback from both students and preceptors after each applied experience is completed.	
Several students stated that the expectations for the applied practical experience were reviewed with them at their initial orientation sessions. Students confirmed that they clearly understood the expectations for this experience. Students also noted that expectations are well-documented, and faculty are always very accessible. Many students stated that faculty are proactive in reaching out to them.	

# D6. DRPH APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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

#### 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		All MPH students must complete the ILE through two	Click here to enter text.	
designed to demonstrate synthesis		three-credit courses: HPH 580: Practicum and HPH 581:		
of foundational & concentration		Capstone. Students complete the capstone course during		
competencies		the spring semester of the second year. Most of the		
Project occurs at or near end of				
program of study				

Students produce a high-quality	student's coursework must be completed before enrolling	
written product	in the capstone course.	
Faculty reviews student project &	As described in Criterion D5, in the practicum course,	
validates demonstration &	students select three foundational and two concentration	
synthesis of specific competencies	competencies that they integrate into two work products.	
	In the capstone course, students work in small groups to	
	write and present an original grant proposal for an	
	external organization. Next, students individually identify	
	at least five competencies that are relevant to their	
	groups' grant writing projects, two of which must include	
	leadership (foundational competency 16) and	
	interprofessional practice (foundational competency 21).	
	Although students individually select competencies to	
	cover, students work in groups to complete the grant	
	writing project and a PowerPoint presentation to	
	summarize the grant proposal. Each student then writes	
	an individual two-page paper about the experience,	
	reflecting on integration of competencies and	
	contributions to the project. The capstone course	
	instructor assesses each student on the quality of the	
	written grant proposal and presentation and how well	
	each student synthesized their selected competencies	
	using a rubric.	
	The program provided several examples of practicum	
	projects and grant writing proposals. The program also	
	provided sample rubrics that demonstrated grading of	
	both foundation and concentration competencies.	
	During the site visit, faculty discussed the "double duty"	
	nature of the practicum course as a part of the integrated	
	learning experience. Faculty also discussed the grant	

writing activity, which is the focus of the capstone course. The capstone course syllabus was modified in January 2021 and now requires students to choose both	
foundational and concentration competencies to	
integrate. Examples provided from spring 2021	
demonstrated appropriate ILE components.	
During the site visit, the course instructor discussed the	
benefits of the grant writing course to community groups	
that have received funding as a result of students'	
capstone work. A community stakeholder who met with	
reviewers verified this benefit, touting three consecutive	
years of continuous funding due to students' grant	
proposals.	

# D8. DRPH INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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

#### D9. PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR'S DEGREE GENERAL CURRICULUM

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

### D10. PUBLIC HEALTH BACHELOR'S DEGREE FOUNDATIONAL DOMAINS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	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			

#### 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		MPH students must successfully complete a minimum of	Click here to enter text.	
credits or equivalent		54 semester-credit hours to earn the degree. One credit		
		equals 50 minutes of classroom instruction and two hours		
		of out-of-class study for 15 weeks.		

### 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	ComplianceTeam's Evidence for Compliance FindingFinding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable		

# 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 Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Not Applicable	e		
Instructional methods support regular & substantive interaction between & among students & the instructor Curriculum is guided by clearly articulated learning outcomes that	N/A N/A	Since fall 2020, students in the MPH in health policy and management concentration must take four required courses in an online format. However, for this criterion to be applicable, a student must be able to earn the entire degree in a fully online format.	Click here to enter text.	The Council reviewed the self-study and site visit team's report and concluded that the delivery format of the degree does not require the program to respond to this criterion. Therefore, the Council acted to
are rigorously evaluated Curriculum is subject to the same quality control processes as other degree programs in the university	N/A			change the team's finding of met to a finding of not applicable.
Curriculum includes planned & evaluated learning experiences that are responsive to the needs of online learners	N/A			

Provides necessary administrative, information technology & student/faculty support services	N/A
Ongoing effort to evaluate academic effectiveness & make program improvements	N/A
Processes in place to confirm student identity & to notify students of privacy rights and of any projected charges associated with identity verification	N/A

### 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		The program has a qualified primary and adjunct faculty complement with 11 primary and nine non-primary faculty. All PIF have terminal degrees in public health, medicine, or a related field, including psychology, social work, business administration, and public affairs. All primary faculty all have strong backgrounds in their fields across research, practice, and teaching.		
program (eg, research, practice)		Adjunct faculty are also well qualified, with master's or doctoral degrees and/or working experience in their field of expertise. Non-primary faculty bring to the program several disciplines that complement the primary faculty, including health services research; economics; health		

administration; and sociology, as well as providing greater depth in epidemiology, policy, and management.	
Collectively, the faculty have a depth of experience across a variety of areas that align with the different concentrations and the requisite academic training and expertise to teach the foundational knowledge and competencies.	
During the site visit, university leaders commented that program faculty were leaders in their fields and exceptionally productive, as demonstrated by their scholarly activity and extramural service.	

### 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		The program has strong faculty linkages to public health practice. Several primary faculty have career experience in public health outside of academia. For example, one primary faculty member is a full-time health law expert and a fellow at the Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. Another primary faculty member has over 28 years of experience in health care organizations such as United Health Care, CIGNA Health Care of New York, Physicians Health Services of		
Regularly involves practitioners in instruction through variety of methods & types of affiliation		New York, and Health Plus Lutheran. Adjunct faculty have employment experience in customer engineering for healthcare and life sciences, employment at Google to help healthcare providers manage large databases, and		

experience working for the American Lung Association of Long Island.	
The program's faculty complement includes both public health and medical practitioners. Some of these faculty are PIF, and others are affiliated faculty (instructors or adjuncts). The affiliates participate in the program's curriculum as guest lecturers and attend seminars and special events. Some of these affiliates also collaborate on research and service opportunities with faculty, students, and alumni.	
During the site visit, program faculty provided additional examples of primary instructional faculty and other faculty having considerable practice experience outside of academia. For example, one faculty member has 10 years of experience as a local public health commissioner and another faculty member has 25 years of experience in the healthcare sector and in laboratory settings.	
In the self-study, the program recognized the need to increase the number of practice-based faculty. The program has recently received permission to hire one additional faculty member on a non-tenure practitioner track who will focus on teaching, advising, mentoring, and providing a bridge for partnerships between the program and the public health field of practice. The program plans to continue to increase practice-based affiliates and adjuncts; however, at the time of the site visit there was no specific timeline.	

### 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 Systems in place to document that all faculty are current in pedagogical methods Establishes & consistently applies procedures for evaluating faculty competence & performance in		Primary and non-primary faculty are supported to maintain currency in what they teach and how they teach it. All faculty participate in professional development and utilize resources to maintain pedagogical relevance. All faculty attend professional meetings and workshops in their fields of study. Faculty are encouraged to request travel funds to attend conferences. The MPH program sets aside funds for this purpose. To access the funds, faculty must make a request and include an explanation	Click here to enter text.	
instruction Supports professional development & advancement in instructional effectiveness for all faculty		as to how the request supports instructional currency. The program evaluates instructional effectiveness through three primary methods: student course evaluations, peer evaluations, and an evaluation by the program director. Student evaluations encompass course evaluations and student feedback sessions. MPH concentration heads conduct peer observation of all faculty instructors (PIF and non-PIF) within their concentration courses. The review occurs once every two years for each faculty member, or as necessary based on student evaluations. Peer reviewers observe new instructors prior to mid-term to make adjustments, if necessary. Observer feedback is shared with the instructor and the Curriculum Committee for improvement purposes. The program director also visits each MPH course every two years, or as necessary, to observe teaching and provide feedback to instructors.		

Observations extend to PhD students and teaching assistants.	
The university's Center for Excellence in Learning and	
Teaching provides support for continuous improvement	
in learning and teaching. The support includes innovative	
services and training in best practices for face-to-face and	
online instruction. The training includes addressing	
inequity and racism in the curriculum and in the	
classroom. All faculty members must attend at least one	
professional development activity annually.	
The program has weekly "lunch and learn" sessions at	
which faculty share teaching experiences and best	
practices. MPH faculty also share instructional resources	
from professional networks, scientific, and practice	
societies. The MPH program also has a Mentoring	
Committee that consists of tenured senior faculty. Senior	
faculty provide needed guidance and advice to tenure-	
track and other faculty members. The program's teaching	
policy limits the amount of teaching required of faculty to	
accommodate professional development.	
The program lists four indicators related to faculty	
instructional effectiveness. Faculty currency is assessed	
through peer/internal review and through biannual	
review. The Curriculum Committee oversees maintaining	
the quality of the curriculum by review of class topics and	
relevancy of textbooks. Curriculum Committee review of	
syllabi is focused on ensuring that curricula meet	
competencies and are relevant to current public health	
practice. During the site visit, the Curriculum Committee	
chair provided details on the committee's rigorous review	
of faculty syllabi. The committee reviews competencies	

and content and makes recommendations for	
improvements.	
For student satisfaction with instructional quality, the	
program uses an online survey to assess every course. This	
information is provided to various committees for	
decision making purposes.	
For involvement of community-based practitioners in	
courses, the program currently has two courses. In HPH	
508: Health Systems Performance and HPH 500:	
Contemporary issues in Public Health, public health	
practitioners present guest lectures to students.	
Practitioners who were present at the site visit confirmed	
their participation as lecturers in the program. Some	
served as adjunct professors in the program in the recent	
past as well.	

# E4. FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Policies & practices in place to		The program indicates that research and scholarship are	Click here to enter text.	
support faculty involvement in		pillars of the public health program and are highly valued		
scholarly activities		for faculty and students. Faculty members engage in		
Faculty are involved in research &		research and scholarly activities as a requirement for		
scholarly activity, whether funded or		promotion and tenure. During the site visit, the program		
unfunded		director confirmed this as a requirement for all PIF.		
Type & extent of faculty research				
aligns with mission & types of		The program has a designated goal and two objectives for		
degrees offered		research. The goal is to advance knowledge in public		

Faculty integrate their own	health through MPH faculty research. The objectives are	
experiences with scholarly activities	faculty producing impactful scholarly work that attracts	
into instructional activities	extramural funding and faculty participating in national	
Students have opportunities for	and international scholarly organizations related to public	
involvement in faculty research &	health.	
scholarly activities		
	Support for faculty involvement in scholarly activities	
	comes in part from the Stony Brook Renaissance School of	
	Medicine. Nearly all program faulty are appointed to the	
	school, which provides new tenure track faculty hired	
	with full salary support for a three-year start-up period	
	and provides 50% salary support thereafter. In addition,	
	new tenure-track faculty receive at least \$25,000 in start-	
	up funds to be used for professional development, travel	
	to conferences and workshops, computer equipment, and	
	research support funds. Finally, new program hires are	
	given a full calendar year of no teaching assignments or	
	committee work to ensure that they can focus on	
	developing their research programs.	
	The Office of Vice President for Research also provides	
	research award opportunities for faculty under the	
	Targeted Research Opportunities program. These internal	
	awards are used to conduct pilot projects that can be used	
	to compete for external funding opportunities. The self-	
	study provides examples of program faculty who have	
	been awarded funding.	
	Faculty may buy out teaching time by obtaining research	
	funding. The program also provides research-related	
	travel funds to promote research collaboration and/or	
	dissemination, even if faculty members do not have an	
	external source of funding themselves.	

The self-study proves a range of examples of the scholarly
work faculty participate in and how they incorporate it
into their teaching. For example, one faculty member who
is an environmental epidemiologist features his research
in his courses. His research focuses on identifying
environmental factors that play an important role in
morbidity and ways to investigate exposure-disease
relationships. He integrates his research experiences into
field campaigns, choices of study design, decisions about
study power, potential issues with confounding or
information bias into course content.
In the community health concentration, a faculty member
conducts research regarding prevention and response to
intimate partner violence, youth development, and
community-level prevention programs. This faculty
member shares her expertise in qualitative methods and
community engagement with vulnerable populations in
her HPH 564: Qualitative Methods course. Additionally,
two faculty members co-developed, implemented, and
evaluated an experiential interprofessional learning
opportunity as a part of the capstone course that resulted
in a publication with two students as co-authors. Finally,
another faculty member is part of the World Trade Center
Health Program research group at Stony Brook. The group
provides health care for first responders to the 9/11
terrorist attack and conducts research. This work provides
opportunities for MPH students to conduct practicum
projects.
The program has selected three indicators that capture
faculty research and scholarship. The indicators include
percent of total PIF participating in research activities;
number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals;

and total research funding. The program has met or exceeded its defined targets for indicators one and three. For the number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals, the target set was 65. Year one and two targets were not met; however, in year three the goal was exceeded at 74.	
During the site visit, the program director confirmed the comprehensive support of faculty research. The faculty discussed their active R01 research projects and numerous other ongoing co-investigator and investigator research projects. Faculty told site visitors that they feel supported in their scholarly efforts.	

# 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		The program's general expectation for faculty extramural service is reflected in its mission statement and values. The program also expresses its expectations for		
Faculty are actively engaged with the community through communication, consultation, provision of technical assistance & other means		extramural service in goal five: "participation in services activities designed to meet the current needs and priorities of public health-based community partners by students and faculty." The three objectives associated with this goal also provide general guidance for faculty.		
		The university encourages extramural service but does not define specific expectations. The university's support for extramural service is reflected in the service criteria as a requirement for promotion and tenure.		

In the self-study, the program further describes	
expectations in the promotion and tenure process, which	
include significant participation in service activities within	
and outside the university; leadership roles on	
committees, professional organizations, boards, and	
community organizations; and work with student	
organizations. The quality and/or level of services is	
expected to increase with rank.	
The program director provides an annual review for all	
PIF. This review addresses previous years' service and	
plans for the upcoming service. The director provides	
support for faculty service by permitting the program's	
funds to be used for non-grant-supported travel requests	
to attend and participate in extramural service. In	
addition, the program's teaching policy states that PIF	
have a maximum teaching load of up to two courses per	
calendar year. This allows faculty to have protected time	
to participate in service activities.	
The self-study provides several examples of faculty	
members' integration of service into their instruction. For	
example, one faculty member has served the past eight	
years as a living donor advocate at Stony Brook University	
Hospital. In addition, he has recently become vice-chair of	
the United Network for Organ Sharing's Ethics	
Committee. He integrates his service experience in ethics	
and health into HPH 500: Contemporary Issues in Public	
Health, in which he addresses emerging issues such as	
ethical frameworks for analyzing issues in public health,	
mandatory vaccinations, and health care as a right.	
Another faculty member established the Healthy Libraries	
Program with the Suffolk County Cooperative Library	
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System. She also serves on the board of the American	
Heart Association, Long Island Chapter, and the local Ryan	
White HIV Planning Council. She integrates her	
community service into sessions on ethical conduct of	
research and community-based participatory research	
into HPH 501: Introduction to the Research Process and as	
a faculty supervisor for the practicum course.	
The program has also launched various service projects in	
response to the COVID-19 crisis. For example, one faculty	
member has participated in efforts to disseminate	
COVID-19 related health information to communities on	
Long Island in collaboration with the Healthy Libraries	
Program. An MPH student was involved in the creation of	
materials that were translated by the faculty member.	
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The program tracks service data annually and measures	
the program's progress against the following indicators:	
percent of faculty participating in extramural service	
activities; number of faculty-student service	
collaborations; and number of community-based service	
projects. Over the past three years 94% (15 out of 16) of	
PIF have engaged in service activities. For faculty-student	
service collaborations, the program reported seven	
activities among five faculty members, in which	
20 students participated over the past three years. The	
program has also participated in 11 community-based	
service projects in which faculty, staff, and/or students	
have been involved in the past three years.	
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The program acknowledges that there is room for	
improvement in offering students service opportunities	
outside of their practicum experiences.	
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During the site visit, students gave several other examples	
of extramural research and practice opportunities they	
have had with faculty.	

# F1. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL/PROGRAM EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Engages with community stakeholders, alumni, employers & other relevant community partners. Does not exclusively use data from supervisors of student practice experiences Ensures that constituents provide regular feedback on all of these: • student outcomes • curriculum • overall planning processes • self-study process Defines methods designed to provide useful information & regularly examines methods Regularly reviews findings from constituent feedback		The program engages with constituents through its standing and ad hoc committees; program faculty and staff attending community and practice-based forums and conferences; and the program's community-based committees. The program uses its Curriculum Committee as a formal structure for constituent input. The committee comprises county health department directors, the Long Island Health Collaborative director, instructional designers from the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, program faculty, students, and alumni. The committee meets monthly during the fall and spring semesters, and as needed in July and August. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for decisions regarding curriculum matters such as new courses, modifications to courses, appropriateness of instructors, student feedback of courses, and competency attainment. The committee reviews all syllabi at least every three years and ensures that course syllabi are updated to maintain relevance to the field. In addition to the Curriculum Committee, the program engages with the Long Island Health Collaborative (LIHC), which is a voluntary workgroup whose mission is to	Click here to enter text.	
		connect Long Island-based organizations and industry		

partners that focus on population health improvement to	
serve the community and close gaps in health care and	
other services. The organization meets bi-monthly and is	
made up of county health departments, Long Island	
hospitals, community-based health and social service	
organizations, academic institutions, health plans, and	
local municipalities. The program director is an active	
member of the LIHC to collaborate on projects, present	
both formally and informally on progress of various	
initiatives of interest to the community and connect MPH	
students to practicum opportunities.	
The program director also maintains close and routine	
interactions with the commissioners of health from	
Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss program-related	
matters relevant to the MPH curriculum, practicums, new	
hires, and overall planning and future directions of the	
program. Both commissioners of health for Long Islanders	
are part of the LIHC, which allows for additional regular	
input. Finally, the commissioners of health for Long	
Islanders attend HPH 500: Contemporary Issues in Public	
Health each year to give lectures and group advisement	
for MPH students on career planning.	
LIHC meetings inform the MPH program on changing	
practice and research needs of the community, which	
leads to new ideas for the curriculum, practice, and faculty	
research, which often involves students. For example,	
LIHC funded data analyses for qualitative interviews	
conducted by MPH faculty and students to understand	
the health and social needs of patrons in the library	
setting and the resources needed to address social and	
behavioral determinants of health. The LIHC funding	
supports the educational materials that MPH students,	

nursing students, and social work interns use to promote	
information access and resource utilization among	
patrons in partnering public libraries.	
The program notes it has struggled to obtain information	
from employers of alumni due to alumni not providing	
employer contact information, or employers not	
responding to the surveys. To combat this, the program	
has scheduled a meeting with external partners and	
employers of graduates that the program plans to	
continue doing on an annual basis. The program plans to	
engage employers to determine how well MPH graduates	
are performing competencies in employment settings.	
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Employers of graduates spoke to site visitors about the	
outstanding students that come out of the program with	
professionalism and attention to detail. Employers	
reported that students pick up information quickly and	
apply it usefully and are well trained in public	
presentations and data analysis. One employer noted that	
students who come out of the program have successful	
careers because they are so well-trained and prepared.	
Curriculum Committee and LIHC members who	
participated in the site visit commented on the	
accessibility and willingness of the program to hear their	
ideas. Interviewed community members said that the	
program director is always reaching out to them for input	
on what could be done to make the program better. The	
county health commissioner stated that he is accessible to	
the program because he prioritizes his relationship with	
the program and students.	

The program notes that it plans to expand its engagement and outreach activities with the community to better inform the program. In December 2019, the program created a new staff position, the outreach and community engagement team member. The staff member is a program aluma, former outreach coordinator for the LIHC, and previously worked with the Healthy Libraries Program. The staff person will work closely with the associate director for academic affairs, assistant director for student affairs, student and alumni networks, and the program director to build and strengthen relationships with alumni, employers, the LIHC network, and other relevant community partners. During the site visit, one county health commissioner gave an example of feedback that he provided to the program that was put into effect immediately. During an interview of a potential employee, who was also a student in the program, the student appeared in inappropriate attire. The health commissioner let the program know, and the program implemented training on proper interview attire and strengther is the store to the program how, and the program implemented training on proper interview attire		
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# F2. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met	I		
Makes community & professional		Students in the MPH program are introduced to service,	Click here to enter text.	
service opportunities available to all		community engagement, and professional development		
students		in a variety of ways, but starting during new student		

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 orientation. The program provides information on its website, through email announcements, e-newsletters, and in-class announcements to raise awareness of professional service opportunities that become available. The assistant director for student affairs, who is also the practicum placement and community engagement coordinator, announces opportunities for service activities through e-blasts each semester. The announcements are also posted on the program's website.

The program has one student organization: the Organization for Public Health Students and Alumni (OPSHA). The organization promotes student leadership, serves as a voice for the MPH student body, and serves as a vehicle for students to perform service and scholarly activities. In 2018, OPSHA participated in public health week by planning and holding an interprofessional education event which had over 200 participants. Additionally, in 2020 they hosted a bake sale to raise money for UNICEF, hosted a food drive for Long Island Harvest, and sold raffle tickets to gather donations for the Long Island States Veterans Home. Finally, in 2021, OPSHA's Anti-Racism Committee organized a Zoom presentation and workshop on racial disparities.

The program also has a student-led organization called the Future Healthcare Leaders. The group has engaged public health and health care executives in professional development and networking events. Some of these events include topics such as health administration career pathways in a COVID-19 world, the basics of finance and economics in health care, and disparities and social determinants of health.



Students who met with site visitors reported that program faculty send weekly newsletters with job and volunteer opportunities. In addition, if there is a specific community event, program faculty email event details to students.	
During the site visit, students who are members of OPSHA provided additional examples of student service opportunities throughout the pandemic including virtual food drives and a walk-a-thon for a local organization. OPSHA conducts one major community event each semester and multiple smaller events throughout the year. Students and alumni reported satisfaction with community and professional service activities advertised and offered by the program.	

### F3. ASSESSMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
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Periodically assesses, formally		The program has several communities of interest that it		
and/or informally, the professional		assesses for professional development needs. The first		
development needs of individuals in		includes professionals who provide services for the		
priority community or communities		prevention and care of the HIV/AIDS community. This		
		community was selected since people living with HIV/AIDS		
		are a priority population for Suffolk and Nassau counties		
		and because members of the MPH faculty have		
		longstanding relationships with the professionals in the		
		HIV/AIDS workforce. The program notes that Long Island		
		has the largest suburban HIV epidemic in the country.		
		Program faculty are members of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS		
		Council that oversees data collection, analysis,		

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interpretation, and reporting of HIV/AIDS data. The		
Council uses the data to determine priorities of the		
population based on interviews, focus groups, and		
providers.		
The second community of interest includes public		
librarians who are providers of health information and		
resources to Long Island library patrons. Over the last		
three years, program faculty and students have developed		
a Healthy Libraries Lab to assess the training needs of		
public librarians on topics such as mental health, food		
insecurity, and how to conduct an evidence-based search		
on health and health care topics. The program chose this		
community of interest since communities often have a		
high level of trust in public libraries as a source of health		
information and resources. In addition, public libraries		
have more visits per year than primary care settings.		
Community members rely on the library and librarians for		
information; however, librarians may not be specifically		
trained in health topics, therefore, the program believes		
training librarians is important for the advancement of		
community health.		
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The third community of interest includes residents of Long		
Island and the providers who serve them as part of the		
LIHC. As mentioned in Criterion F1, the collaborative		
includes hospitals, county health departments, health		
providers, service organizations, academic institutions,		
local governments, and business sector representatives.		
To work with the HIV/AIDS community, the program has		
been in collaboration with the Center for Public Health		
Education for over a decade. The Center for Public Health		
Education has been training the HIV/AIDS public health		
Luucation has been training the niv/AiDS public health		

workforce for over 25 years and has trained over	
30,000 health care professionals on Long Island and	
greater New York. In 2018, the New York State	
Department of Health AIDS Institute asked program	
faculty to conduct a Long Island-wide assessment of HIV	
prevention, testing, and support services available. The	
AIDS Institute also asked the program to conduct a needs	
assessment to better understand the HIV prevention and	
related needs of the region, its consumers, and providers.	
The findings of the report were used to inform training	
needs and subsequent calls for funding.	
In 2017 the members of LIHC expressed an interest in	
assessing the needs of Long Islanders through public	
library patrons. In response, program faculty, staff, and	
students collaborated with another university to conduct	
a qualitative study interviewing library personnel at	
32 locations to determine the needs of public library	
patrons and what areas librarians need training in. In	
addition, an MPH student analyzed 60 Master of Public	
Librarianship curricula to identify the extent to which	
public librarians are trained in mental health, addiction,	
and health care or health services. The program	
summarized the library surveys to determine what topics	
librarians need and would like training in. The program	
also conducts surveys and has ongoing discussions with	
library directors and with the director of outreach for the	
Suffolk Cooperative Library System to determine the	
needs of librarians. The topics identified through surveys	
and discussions were blood pressure screening, nutrition	
counseling, education on medication, strategies for stress	
reduction, education on heart attack or stroke, fall	
prevention education for the elderly, diabetes education,	
and more. The survey was emailed to four partner public	
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library directors to complete. The survey results were then
library directors to complete. The survey results were then
discussed at a meeting between library partners and
program faculty to develop a training program.
Finally, LIHC created a Community Health Assessment
Survey to assess community needs, priority health
concerns, and barriers to accessing care. LIHC generates
reports that the program can use. Since 2017, some of the
greatest concerns voiced include drug and alcohol abuse,
heart disease, mental health, lack of health insurance, and
obesity/weight loss.
The program plans to maintain its partnerships with the
Center for Public Health Education, the Long Island Health
Collaborative, and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System.
In addition, the program has asked its alumni network to
identify their continuing professional development needs,
so that the program can support their identified needs in
the public health workforce.

# F4. DELIVERY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WORKFORCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met	·		
Provides activities that address professional development needs & are based on assessment results described in Criterion F3		The program uses multiple methods for developing and implementing professional development opportunities. First, the program reviews needs assessments and confirms priorities with the community partners. Next, all activities are planned and implemented with guidance and engagement from community partners. After each training, there is dedicated time during weekly meetings to reflect and discuss opportunities for improvement,		

review participant evaluations, and determine if learning		
objectives were achieved as intended. Finally, activities		
that are not well attended or do not meet planned		
objectives are revised to ensure improvement.		
As noted in Criterion F3, the program conducts needs		
assessments of HIV/AIDS communities to design training		
content and curriculum. The program works with the		
Center for Public Health Education which has trained		
2,024 health and human service providers and individuals		
seeking employment. A major portion of the training is		
targeted to individuals seeking employment as certified		
peer workers, for which there have been 83 training		
events with 818 participants. Examples of trainings include		
elements of transgender health, managing oral lesions for		
oral health providers, HIV issues for nurses, cultural		
competency, and medication errors for pharmacists. From		
2018 to 2019, there were 66 training events for		
679 individuals covering preventing HIV/AIDS, reducing		
stigma in healthcare, and LGBTQ cultural competency.		
Program faculty members who are associated with the		
Center for Public Health Education contribute 10% of their		
time/effort to support and teach training activities.		
Also noted in Criterion F3, the program provides trainings		
for public librarians. Since January 2019, the program has		
delivered free trainings, conducted workshops, and held		
webinars. Examples of topics that have been covered		
include teen mental health during social distancing		
(71 participants), disinfection for COVID-19		
(48 participants), stress and mental health during		
COVID-19 (59 participants), and more. The webinars can		
be downloaded, and at the time of the site visit, there had		
been between 90-200 views.		
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Additionally, the university's Office of Global Affairs asked	
the program to train 25 delegates from the Henan	
Providence in China, all working in public health ministry	
positions. The program director was tasked with selecting,	
inviting, and coordinating the topics and content of several	
public health practitioners and clinicians, epidemiologists,	
and program faculty members to run and participate in the	
training.	

### G1. DIVERSITY & CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Defines appropriate priority population(s) Identifies goals to advance diversity & cultural competence, as well as strategies to achieve goals Learning environment prepares		The program has identified priority populations for students, faculty, and staff. The priority populations are Black/ African American and Hispanic/Latinx. The program chose these groups since they are underrepresented in the program, in higher education in general, and in the public health workforce, particularly in leadership positions.		
students with broad competencies regarding diversity & cultural competence Identifies strategies and actions that create and maintain a		The unit has two diversity, inclusion, and cultural competence and equity goals and nine related strategies. The goals and strategies target faculty, staff, and students and are consistent with the university's plan for equity,		
culturally competent environment Practices support recruitment, retention, promotion of faculty (and staff, if applicable), with attention to priority population(s)		inclusion, and diversity. University leaders who met with site visitors discussed the program's alignment with university goals related to diversity and inclusion and mentioned the proactive nature of the program's efforts.		
Practices support recruitment, retention, graduation of diverse		Strategies to achieve the program's diversity goals include efforts to increase the number of applications from priority		

students, with attention to priority	populations. The program recruits MPH students from	
population(s)	local colleges that have diverse student populations and	
Regularly collects & reviews	offers joint degrees that combine the MPH with programs	
quantitative & qualitative data &	that historically enroll greater numbers of priority	
uses data to inform & adjust	populations. The program has also proposed a BA/MPH in	
strategies	collaboration with the Department of Africana Studies,	
Perceptions of climate regarding	which it anticipates will help increase the number of	
diversity & cultural competence are	priority population students.	
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	The program works to retain MPH students from priority	
	populations through excellence in academic and career	
	advising. There is an assistant director for student affairs	
	who supports students as they progress through the	
	program and a faculty advisor who makes sure that	
	students are meeting academic requirements, discussed	
	further in Criteria H1 and H2. The program has policies and	
	plans in place for promotion and retention of diverse	
	faculty. For example, the MPH Peer Mentoring Committee	
	provides all faculty members with mentoring and	
	professional development to ensure that faculty feel	
	supported in their roles.	
	Over the past three years, the program's Black/African	
	American and Hispanic/Latinx student representation has	
	increased from 17% in 2018 to 29% in 2020. Faculty	
	representation from priority populations has slightly	
	improved with 5% of instructional faculty being	
	Black/African American or Hispanic/Latinx in 2018 and 10%	
	in 2020. The program acknowledges that despite its efforts	
	to increase representation of the priority populations	
	among faculty and staff, the proportions of Black/African	
	American and Hispanic/Latinx faculty and staff has	
	remained sub-optimal. Although the program was in a	
	hiring freeze at the time of the site visit, it plans on hiring a	

faculty and staff member who identifies as a member of a	
priority population when it can launch a new search.	
The program measured faculty and student perceptions	
about climate through the program in public health's	
climate survey in February 2020. At the time of the site	
visit, the 2021 climate survey was underway. When asked	
if the program encourages open discussion about issues	
relating to diversity and inclusion, 78% of students agreed	
or strongly agreed. Students also provided qualitative	
responses that expressed mixed sentiments. One student	
stated that they felt that the program would support them	
if they experienced discrimination and others reported	
that the climate survey was a great start to tackling	
diversity and inclusion. Other responses, however,	
indicated that students did not feel the program provided	
enough ways of handling diversity outside of school and in	
the field of public health. Other students noted that there	
should be more racial/ethnic diversity among the faculty.	
Public health faculty and staff also completed a climate	
survey and report positive perceptions regarding diversity	
and inclusion. When asked if the program encourages open	
discussion about issues relating to diversity and inclusion,	
90% reported that they agreed or strongly agreed. When	
asked if the program has done an adequate job providing	
content around diversity and inclusion, 65% either agreed	
or strongly agreed with the statement. Qualitative	
responses reported similar concerns as students with the	
need for greater diversity among the faculty and the need	
for greater prominence of topics including race, inclusion,	
and equity in the curriculum.	

	The program notes that based on some results of the	
	climate surveys it has worked to be more intentional to	
	provide faculty and staff with training opportunities to	
	develop skills in discussing topics such as racism and	
	infusing these topics into the curriculum with readings,	
	group discussions, discussion boards, and other active	
	learning activities. The program explained that the Student	
	Recruitment Committee will continue to focus recruitment	
	efforts on under-represented groups. Based on survey	
	feedback, the program also plans to be more intentional in	
	its efforts to diversify the student, faculty, and staff body.	
	During the site visit, students were complimentary of the	
	program's efforts to address issues of diversity. The	
	program director pointed out that diversity and inclusion	
	are infused into every area of the program. The DICCE	
	Committee consists of both students and faculty. Students	
	were quick to point out the responsiveness of the faculty	
	and program to their needs regarding the inclusion of	
	DICCE related topics in the curriculum. Faculty relayed their	
	commitment and intentionality to address race and racism	
	in the curriculum and program.	

### H1. ACADEMIC ADVISING

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Students have ready access to advisors from the time of enrollment		Academic advising services do not differ by MPH concentration or combined degree program. Communication regarding academic advising begins with		
Advisors are actively engaged & knowledgeable about the curricula				

& about specific courses & programs	the required new student orientation session and	
of study	associated materials.	
Qualified individuals monitor		
student progress & identify and	Students' plans of study are initially created by the	
	assistant director for student affairs as guidance for	
support those who may experience	-	
difficulty	incoming students. These plans are updated annually. The	
Orientation, including written	assistant director for student affairs meets regularly with	
guidance, is provided to all entering	students to review their plans of study and records	
students	recommendations on an advising sheet. The assistant	
	director for student affairs also regularly reviews the	
	academic standing of each student.	
	Each student is assigned a faculty advisor within the first	
	few weeks of matriculation into the program. The	
	program matches a faculty member in the students'	
	concentration, when possible. Students are encouraged	
	to meet with their advisors at least twice a year (spring	
	and fall) to discuss progress through the degree, academic	
	growth and attainment of competencies, and future	
	plans. Faculty advisors complete an advising checklist	
	each time they meet with a student. These completed	
	checklists are shared with the assistant director for	
	student affairs to help address any pending items.	
	The program expects PIF to serve as advisors to students.	
	Advisors are selected by the assistant director of student	
	affairs and the program director. Assignments are based	
	on the number of students to be assigned, the number of	
	students previously assigned from a prior cohort,	
	concentration interest, and goodness of fit between the	
	student and faculty member.	
	Faculty participate in Executive Committee meetings,	
	which familiarize them with the program's academic	
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requirements and advising expectations. The assistant	
director for student affairs annually reviews faculty	
advising roles and responsibilities at these meetings. New	
faculty receive guidance during the onboarding process by	
observing advising sessions, reviewing the advising	
checklist, and discussing advising roles and	
responsibilities with the director and the assistant	
director for student affairs. New faculty do not have	
student advisees their first year of employment.	
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The self-study reports graduation survey data that show	
high satisfaction with academic advising. From 2018 to	
2020, 83%, 80%, and 93% of MPH students reported that	
the quality of academic advising in the program is	
exceptional or excellent. Few students provided	
qualitative perceptions of academic advising, but	
respondents noted that the assistant director for student	
affairs is "essential to the program" and without her help	
the student "would not have completed the degree."	
During the site visit, students rated their academic	
advising experiences very highly. Several students	
indicated that their faculty advisors were readily available,	
and two students stated that when their faculty advisors	
did not know an answer, they connected the student with	
other faculty or a staff person to get the answer.	

# 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		Each faculty advisor has the primary role of providing students with career counseling guidance and career placement opportunities. In the self-study, the program provided a copy of the advising checklist used by faculty. This list includes items related to career advising. Students in joint degree programs also have an advisor in their	Click here to enter text.	
available to current students		second programs.		
Variety of resources & services are available to alumni		The program sends email announcements to students that list jobs, practicums, and/or internships. Career counseling is also provided within the program's curriculum in the capstone course when students participate in a career-mapping activity. Also, as part of the capstone course, the program has an annual alumni panel. The program's website provides information regarding careers in public health.		
		Students also have access to career advising services within the university's Career Center. The program promotes these services to students through bi-weekly emails, presentations in classes, and at student organization meetings.		
		All PIF participate in student advising. These faculty are oriented to their roles by the assistant director of student affairs. Practice-based instructional and affiliate faculty give presentations to students during core and concentration courses; they also take part in career		

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advising with groups of students. In the self-study, the		
program provided examples of how these faculty provide		
career advice to students as part of the practicum		
experience.		
Examples of career advising services for students and		
alumni include workshops on resume and cover letter		
preparation, interviewing techniques, understanding the		
job market, and salary negotiation skills in the capstone		
course; the Career Center's Healthcare, Research and		
Human Services Job and Internship Fair; and the 2020		
Health Administration Career Pathways & Current Events		
in a COVID-19 World event.		
The program measures student satisfaction with advising		
services with one question in its annual graduation		
survey. From 2018 to 2020, 64%, 100% and 67% students		
rated the quality of career advising in the program as		
either exceptional, excellent, or very good. Qualitative		
data from alumni focus groups in February 2021 suggest		
overall satisfaction with the program's career advising and		
indicate areas for improvement. Some students reported		
that more career advising would be beneficial to students		
and more career readiness should be incorporated into		
the capstone course. Others reported that the career		
planning was their favorite component in the capstone		
course, and they appreciated the alumni panel to hear		
about experiences at different stages in their work life.		
about experiences at unreferit stages in their work life.		
In the future, the program plans to provide additional		
options for advising throughout students' course of study		
rather than emphasizing it primarily in the capstone		
course. The program has also added a full-time staff		
person (practicum placement and community		

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engagement coordinator) to better support students and	
alumni in this area.	
In the self-study, the program notes the lack of a	
consistent process to document or track the number of	
students or alumni who attend career advising events. It	
is the intent of the newly hired practicum placement and	
community engagement coordinator to improve tracking	
and reporting in the future. The program also intends to	
work more closely with the university's Career Center to	
leverage its services to benefit program students and	
alumni. The program has just begun the process of	
thinking about how to better integrate career advising	
opportunities throughout a students' tenure of study.	
During the site visit, students spoke very positively about	
their career advising experiences in the program. They	
indicated that faculty were accessible, and they felt like	
they had a good match between their career interests and	
their faculty advisors. Students also indicated that there	
are systems, processes, and procedures in place to	
support their future career aspirations.	

# 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		The program's student complaint procedures are in the	Click here to enter text.	
govern formal student complaints &		bulletin on the program's website and in the program's		
grievances		orientation Blackboard page. Students are advised to first		
Procedures are clearly articulated &		discuss their concerns with faculty. If the concern is not		
communicated to students		resolved, students can meet with their faculty advisors.		

Depending on the nature & level of	Next, students must reach out to the following (in this
each complaint, students are	order): assistant director for student affairs, associate
encouraged to voice concerns to	program director, and program director.
unit officials or other appropriate	
personnel	If the grievance is not resolved, students may bring their
Designated administrators are	concern to the Academic Integrity and Grievance and
charged with reviewing & resolving	Appeals Committee by submitting a written appeal to the
formal complaints	university's vice provost of graduate education. The vice
All complaints are processed &	provost may forward the complaint to the university's
documented	Graduate Council Appeals Committee for review and
documented	recommendations. This committee then submits a report
	to the dean of the graduate school. Lastly, the vice provost
	for graduate education issues a final decision.
	If a student is not satisfied with the program's handling of
	a concern, they may contact the university Ombudsman's
	Office with a formal grievance. The Ombud's Office
	provides another channel for dispute resolution services.
	The self-study indicates that all student grievances have
	been resolved between the student and faculty member,
	associate program director, and/or the program director.
	These complaints were related to grades, exams, or
	assignments. There have been no formal grievances in the
	past three years.
	Students who met with site visitors could explain the
	complaint and grievance procedures. Students knew
	where to find the complaint procedures on the program's
	website and indicated that the procedures were clear and
	easy to understand.

# H4. STUDENT RECRUITMENT & ADMISSIONS

Criterion Elements	Compliance Finding	Team's Evidence for Compliance Finding	School/Program Response	Council Comments
	Met			
Implements recruitment policies designed to locate qualified individuals capable of taking advantage of program of study & developing competence for public health careers Implements admissions policies designed to select & enroll qualified individuals capable of taking advantage of program of study & developing competence for public health careers		The program employs several recruitment procedures to ensure a successful and diverse student body. The assistant director for student affairs and other members of the Student Recruitment Committee hold information sessions that describe the MPH program, career opportunities in public health, admissions requirements, and the MPH application process. Information sessions target undergraduate and other students who may have an interest in public health (e.g., biology, health science, MD and DDS students). Information sessions are also conducted for degrees which have a racially/ethnically diverse student body. For example, more than 70% of the BS in health science student body at Stony Brook identifies with a historically underrepresented racial/ethnic minority group. The program also recruits from local four-year colleges which tend to have greater racially/ethnically diverse student bodies. At the information sessions the program provides flyers, links to the program website, and contact information for the assistant director for student affairs. The program also attends graduate school fairs, public health fairs, and posts on social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter. The program admits students once a year and uses SOPHAS. Requirements include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a GPA of 3.0 or	Click here to enter text.	

higher, three recommendation letters, an essay, and a	
personal interview, if requested by the Admissions	
Committee.	
The Admissions Committee and Executive Committee	
make decisions regarding policies and guidelines for	
admitting students. The Admissions Committee makes	
admissions decisions and takes a holistic approach	
considering grades, recommendation letters, essays, and	
professional experience.	
The program presents data on several outcome measures	
that relate to the ability to recruit and enroll diverse and	
qualified students. The program aims to have 33% of	
students who apply to the program identify as	
Black/African American or Hispanic; 33% of accepted	
students to be from priority populations; and 40% of	
students who enroll to be from priority populations. The	
program met all targets in the 2020-21 academic year. The	
percentage of students who applied that were from	
priority populations has increased from 30% in 2018 to	
33% in 2020. The percentage of students enrolling from	
priority populations has also been increasing with 21% in	
2018 to 41% in 2020. The self-study notes that the	
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recruitment and enrollment of under-represented	
students has improved, and the program will continue to	
be intentional in recruiting and maintaining a diverse study	
body.	

# 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 academic calendars, grading policies, academic integrity standards, and degree completion requirements	Click here to enter text.	
Catalogs & bulletins accurately describe the academic calendar, admissions policies, grading policies, academic integrity standards & degree completion requirements		for the MPH program of study. The information available in the program bulletin appeared to be accurate and up to date based on site visitors' review.		
Advertising, promotional & recruitment materials contain accurate information				

#### AGENDA

# All meetings held via Zoom.

# Wednesday, April 14, 2021

### 6:00 pm EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 1

# Thursday, April 15, 2021

### 8:45 am EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 2

:00 am EDT			
Program Evaluation			
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions		
<ul> <li>Lisa Benz Scott, PhD – PPH Director, MPH Director, Professor</li> <li>Dylan Smith, PhD – MPH Associate Director, Associate Professor</li> <li>Catherine Messina, PhD – PPH Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Research Associate Professor</li> <li>Norman Edelman, MD – Professor</li> </ul>	Guiding statements – process of development and review?		
<ul> <li>Jaymie Meliker, PhD – Professor, Chair of PPH Curriculum Committee</li> <li>Lauren Hale, PhD – Professor, Chair of PPH Admissions Committee</li> <li>Héctor Alcalá, PhD, MPH – Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health, Theories of Health Behavior</li> <li>Amy Hammock, PhD, MSW – Assistant Professor, Qualitative Methods</li> <li>Joanie Maniaci, MA – PPH Assistant Director for Student Affairs</li> <li>Krista Gottlieb, MBA – PPH Accreditation and Assessment Specialist</li> </ul>	Evaluation processes – how does program collect and use input/data?		
• Cathy Polster, MA – PPH Assistant to the Director/Office Manager	Resources (personnel, physical, IT) – who determines sufficiency? Acts when additional resources are needed?		
<ul> <li>Christine Ziman, MA – PPH Assistant Director for Administration and Finance</li> </ul>	Budget – who develops and makes decisions?		
Total	participants: 12		

10:00 am EDT

Break

10:15 am EDT	
Curriculum 1	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
<ul> <li>Lisa Benz Scott, PhD – PPH Director, MPH Director, Professor</li> </ul>	Foundational knowledge
<ul> <li>Dylan Smith, PhD – MPH Associate Director, Associate Professor</li> </ul>	
• Catherine Messina, PhD – PPH Associate Director for Academic Affairs,	
Research Associate Professor	
Norman Edelman, MD – Professor, Concentration Head for Health Policy	
and Management	
<ul> <li>Jaymie Meliker, PhD – Professor, Chair of PPH Curriculum Committee,</li> </ul>	
Concentration Head for Health Analytics	
Rachel Kidman, PhD – Associate Professor, Concentration Head for	
Community Health	
<ul> <li>Lauren Hale, PhD – Professor, Capstone Instructor</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Wei Hou, PhD – Associate Professor, Biostatistics</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Héctor Alcalá, PhD, MPH – Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral</li> </ul>	
Determinants of Health, Theories of Health Behavior	
<ul> <li>Andrew Flescher, PhD – Professor, Contemporary Issues in Public Health</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Amy Hammock, PhD, MSW – Assistant Professor, Qualitative Methods</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Krista Gottlieb, MBA – PPH Accreditation and Assessment Specialist</li> </ul>	
	Foundational competencies – didactic coverage and assessment
	Concentration competencies – development, didactic coverage, and assessment
Total pa	rticipants: 12

11:30 am EDT
Break

12:30 pm EDT	
Students	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
<ul> <li>Gabriella Pandolfelli – MPH Health Policy and Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student</li> <li>Missy Cottone – MPH/MS Nutrition Community Health, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student</li> <li>Cassandra Willie – MPH Community Health, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student</li> <li>Shoshanna Alexander- MPH Community Health, 1<sup>st</sup> year student</li> <li>Alicia Calder- Community Health, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student</li> </ul>	Student engagement in program operations Curriculum Resources (physical, faculty/staff, IT) Involvement in scholarship and service Academic and career advising
<ul> <li>Maryam Hassanein – MPH Community Health, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student</li> <li>Anthony Fratto – MPH Health Analytics, 2<sup>rd</sup> year student</li> </ul>	Diversity and cultural competence Complaint procedures

- Laura McKellar MPH Community Health, 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Alexandra Crowley MPH Health Policy & Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student
- Krista Hammel MPH Community Health, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student

Total participants: 10

### 1:30 pm EDT

#### Break

1:45 pm EDT	
Curriculum 2	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
<ul> <li>Lisa Benz Scott, PhD – PPH Director, MPH Director, Professor</li> </ul>	Applied practice experiences
<ul> <li>Dylan Smith, PhD – MPH Associate Director, Associate Professor</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Catherine Messina, PhD – PPH Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Research</li> </ul>	
Associate Professor, Practicum Instructor	
<ul> <li>Jaymie Meliker, PhD – Professor, Chair of PPH Curriculum Committee,</li> </ul>	
Concentration Head for Health Analytics	
<ul> <li>Lauren Hale, PhD – Professor, Capstone Instructor</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Joanie Maniaci, MA – PPH Assistant Director for Student Affairs</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Pascale Fils-Aime, MBA, MPH – PPH Practicum Placement and Community</li> </ul>	
Engagement Coordinator	
<ul> <li>Amy Hammock, PhD, MSW – Assistant Professor, Faculty Advisor for Practicum</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Héctor Alcalá, PhD, MPH – Assistant Professor, Faculty Advisor for Practicum</li> </ul>	
Cordia Beverley, MD – Assistant Dean for Community Health Policy, Clinical	
Associate Professor, PPH Affiliated Faculty	
	Integrative learning experiences
	Public health bachelor's degrees
	Academic public health degrees
Julie Agris, PhD, JD, LLM, FACHE – MHA Director, Associate Professor	Distance education
• Jeff Ritter, DBA, MBA – MHA Associate Director, Research Assistant Professor	
Total participan	its: 12

2:45 pm EDT **Break** 

3:00 pm EDT			
Instructional Effectiveness			
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions		
<ul> <li>Lisa Benz Scott, PhD – PPH Director, MPH Director, Professor</li> </ul>	Currency in areas of instruction & pedagogical methods		
• Dylan Smith, PhD – MPH Associate Director, Associate Professor	Scholarship and integration in instruction		
• Catherine Messina, PhD – PPH Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Research	Extramural service and integration in instruction		
Associate Professor, Practicum Instructor	Integration of practice perspectives		
<ul> <li>Norman Edelman, MD – Professor, Concentration Head for Health Policy and Management</li> <li>Andrew Flescher, PhD – Professor</li> <li>Jaymie Meliker, PhD – Professor, Chair of PPH Curriculum</li> <li>Christine Ziman, MA – PPH Assistant Director for Administration and Finance</li> <li>Amy Hammock, PhD, MSW – Assistant Professor</li> <li>Rachel Kidman, PhD – Associate Professor</li> <li>Héctor Alcalá, PhD, MPH – Assistant Professor</li> <li>Ernest Conforti, MBA, MS, CPHQ, FACHE - Associate Director of Operations, The Heart Institute, Stony Brook Medicine</li> <li>Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, FACP – Commissioner of Health, Nassau County</li> </ul>	Professional development of community		
Department of Health, Stakeholder			
Total participants: 12			

#### 4:00 pm EDT **Break**

4:15 pm EDT	
Stakeholder/Alumni Feedback/Input	
Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions
Alvin Mathew, MBA, MPH'18– Associate Executive Director, Sunrise Senior Living	Involvement in program evaluation & assessment
<ul> <li>Kristi Ladowski, MPH'11 – Injury Prevention and Outreach Coordinator, Stony</li> </ul>	Perceptions of current students & program graduates
Brook Medicine, Stakeholder	Perceptions of curricular effectiveness
<ul> <li>Laurel Grumpert – MPH '20- Program Coordinator</li> </ul>	Applied practice experiences
<ul> <li>Jake Labriola, MPH'18 – Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Student</li> </ul>	Integration of practice perspectives
<ul> <li>Nicholas Tkach, MPH'19 – Doctor of Medicine Student</li> </ul>	Program delivery of professional development opportunities
Gwendolyn Phillips, MPH'12– Case Manager and Evaluation Specialist, Counseling	
and Psychological Services, Stony Brook University, Stakeholder	
<ul> <li>Lawrence Eisenstein, MD, FACP – Commissioner of Health, Nassau County</li> </ul>	
Department of Health, Stakeholder	

٠	Gregson Pigott, MD, MPH – Commissioner of Health, Suffolk County Department of Health Services		
•	Fred Sganga, MPH, FACHE, LNHA – Executive Director, Long Island State Veterans Home, Stakeholder		
•	Valerie Lewis – Administrator of Outreach Services, Suffolk County Cooperative Library System, Preceptor		
•	Janine Logan, MS, APR – Executive Director, Long Island Health Collaborative, Preceptor		
٠	Ilvan Arroyo, MA – Associate Director, Center for Public Health Education,		
	Preceptor		
	Total participants: 12		

#### 5:15 pm EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 3

### 5:45 pm EDT

Adjourn

# Friday, April 16, 2021

8:30 am	EDT		
Universit	ity Leaders		
	Participants	Topics on which participants are prepared to answer team questions	
•	Kenneth Kaushansky, MD, MACP – Senior Vice President of Health Sciences (equivalent to the Provost for Health Sciences, PPH directly reports) John Riley, MBA – Associate Vice President of Health Sciences Paul Goldbart, PhD – Provost	Program's position within larger institution Provision of program-level resources Institutional priorities	
	Total participants: 3		

# 9:00 am EDT

Break

### 9:15 am EDT Site Visit Team Executive Session 4

1:00 pm EDT

Exit Briefing