A Survey of Continuing Education in Public Health

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Why recertify?

- Allows for continued recognition in your profession
- Meets benchmarks set in other health professions
- Life-long learning ensures ongoing competence in the field; Assures the communities that you serve of your currency
- Builds value in the CPH credential
Charter Class (Cohort of 2008) recert requirements

Work with our expert organizations for continuing education and professional development.

- Obtain 50 hours of continuing education every two years.
- Activities must address one of the domains tested by the exam, be scholarly, and represent diverse learning activities.
- Start reporting continuing education in the second calendar year following exam (1/1/10 – 12/31/11)
Initial Guidance

- Address 1 CPH domain
- Be scholarly
- Variety encouraged
- Report real time spent in activity

- Start earning & reporting 2 years after CPH (2010 for Charter Class /cohort of 2008)
- Honor system, self-report
- Keep evidence if selected for audit
What activities initially “counted?”

- Professional event (live or distance learning)
- College coursework
- Complete a structured, mentored, and evaluated voluntary internship or study tour in public health
- Complete a voluntary field training (e.g. shadowing, cross-training, training for Point of Dispensing or Medical Reserve Corp)
What activities initially "counted?"

- Public presentation
- Reading peer-reviewed journal articles
- Reviewing or approving grants or manuscripts addressing PH domain
- Accreditation site visitor
- Serving as an item-writer for NBPHE or ASPH study guide
- Teaching (outside the scope of primary employment) or student completion of a graduate-level academic course or institute
Data

- N = 577 (Charter Class of 2008)
- First recert cycle designed as formative evaluation
- 272 submitted by first deadline, 12/31/11 ($50 USD)
- Submissions independently reviewed by 3 NBPHE staff
Data

- 100% approved; 1 follow-up call to clarify
- Certificants notified 2/10/12
- Remainder to submit online, by 6/30/12 ($95 USD)
- 27 randomly selected for presentation (10%)
- Thorough analysis by intern this summer
Resultant Policy Changes

- Code of ethics
- Caps/ activity
- Start earning immediately upon credential
- Lapse policy

- Online transcript system
- Solicit pre-approved providers ($250-$2,500 USD)
- Revisit 10 year reassessment
What happens if I do not earn enough CE for CPH in two years?

- Extension
  - Earning
  - Limit of 2 extensions (6 mos. Total)
  - $25 US
New online transcript system
Who are pre-approved providers?
MOC page at www.nbphe.org

- CPH Maintenance Requirements
- Qualifying CPH Recertification Activities
- CPH Credit Pre-Approved Providers
- Reporting CPH Recertification Credits to NBPHE
- Apply to be a pre-approved provider of CPH CE credits