

Program Director: Douglas Taren, PhD

Program Goal: *Enhance the skills of the MCH professionals in the areas of scholarship, leadership and partnership in MCH public health practice to better enable them to improve the health of their communities.*

Who should participate? *Bachelor degree level public health workers, especially those already in MCH practice in isolated areas from one of the Rocky Mountain States.*

Graduate Credit

MCH trainees will receive 12 semester credit hours from the University of Arizona and other qualified institutions.

This includes 4 credits for attending 2 MCH Leadership Institutes and other trainings, 3 credits from an elective MCH related course and 5 credits for a practicum experience.



MCH Leadership Institute

MCH trainees will attend two annual MCH Leadership Institutes. The first institute will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 18-23, 2008.

Field Experience

MCH trainees will be required to complete a practicum experience equivalent to 225 hours of field experience

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The University of New Mexico

The region's MCH practice community

Rocky Mountain Maternal and Child Health Certificate Program

A one year, 12 credit hour program for MCH professionals wishing to enhance their public health leadership, scholarship and partnership capabilities. This program runs from September 2008 through September 2009.

Supported in part by project funds from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (Title V, Social Security Act), Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

This program is coordinated by the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona.

8th Annual Rocky Mountain Maternal and Child Health Certificate Program

2008 - 09 Academic Year

The RMPHEC has as its goal, the development of a continuum of MCH public health educational opportunities using a variety of innovative mechanisms to reach underserved public health professionals at the state, local and tribal levels. The MCH Certificate Program is designed to provide working public health professionals with an opportunity to participate in a part-time, 12 month graduate education program that uses a variety of learning methods. The curriculum for the certificate program will incorporate the scientific basis of public health practice, including cultural competence and leadership skills, and is tailored to each individual trainee's learning needs and styles.

Certificate program trainees will begin the program by taking an Internet course and attending an MCH Leadership Institute in conjunction with the **2008 CityMatCH Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico from September 18-23, 2008**. During the 2008-09 Academic Year, trainees must complete a series of Internet courses, participate in monthly leadership web-conferences, take one 3-credit hour MCH graduate course and a 5-credit hour graduate practicum/internship. The trainees can take their 3-credit course in-person at one of the consortium universities or they can take a web-based course offered by an accredited public health program.

The MCH trainees attend courses and a professional seminars at the MCH Leadership Institute in addition to attending sessions at the CityMatCH Urban Maternal and Child Health



Leadership Conference. This will enable trainees to learn new skills and methodologies for expanding their expertise in core public health practice. Web-based courses allow trainees to take multilevel educational offerings including fundamentals of public health, program planning and evaluation, MCH data interpretation, cultural factors, formative research, and specialized areas such as children with special needs, substance abuse, and nutrition and physical activity. The trainees will earn 2 graduate credit hours for attending each MCH Leadership Institute.



The MCH Leadership Institute will take place in Albuquerque, NM.

Throughout the MCH Certificate Program, trainees will work with an academic mentor and a field site mentor to complete their practicum. For the practicum, trainees must meet a set of learning objectives developed prior to the start of the practicum, communicate regularly with the mentors, complete a MCH project, prepare a final written report, and present the report orally at the second MCH Leadership Institute.

The following are requirements of the program:

- **MCH Leadership Institute September 18-23, 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico**
- MCH Leadership Institute 2009 (exact date and location TBA)
- One 3-credit hour MCH graduate public health course
- Practicum experience equivalent to 5-credit hours
- The RMPHEC will be able to provide financial support to attend the MCH Leadership Institutes and will also provide reimbursement for tuition.

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Rocky Mountain MCH Certificate Program Application

◇ If accepted, I verify that I will complete all activities required for The MCH Certificate Program (listed above).

Signature

Date

Name

Address

Phone

Email

A Complete Application Packet includes this form and the following items:

- Official transcripts (from degree granting institution).
- A curriculum vitae.
- Letter from employer releasing time.
- A 1-2 page statement of purpose describing your interest and experience in Maternal and Child Health.
- Two letters of recommendation attesting to your commitment to further education, writing, and comprehension skills, and ability to function in a graduate level program.

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Applications must be postmarked no later than June 16, 2008.