

Name (optional):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of paid work in public health by graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Health Sciences

### Self-Assessment Tool for Students in the MS Program

#### *Instructions:*

This tool is designed to assess the extent to which you believe you have achieved the DrPH competencies upon graduation from our program. These represent both SPH and CHS competencies that are found in the CHS Student Handbook.

While we expect that your skill levels are greater than after you completed your doctoral degree, you are not expected to have expertise in every competency.

A. *In the first column*, please indicate the level of achievement you possess at graduation (from 1 to 5) for all items listed.

For the purpose of self–assessment, the following definitions are used for guidance and are listed at the top of each page:

- 1 – Unqualified:** assess knowledge/skill as inadequate and performance in area would be difficult without technical assistance; assistance would be needed if required to apply this knowledge/skill
- 2 – Beginner:** feel knowledge/skill is characterized by uncertainty and lack of confidence
- 3 – Adequate:** consider knowledge/skill is satisfactory or average
- 4 – Competent:** feel knowledge/skill exceeds the average but is less than the level of expert
- 5 – Expert:** possess this knowledge/skill as a result of training and/or experience and feel able to speak and act with authority in this area

B. *In the second column*, please indicate where you have achieved the competencies listed. The choices are: prior experience (before entering SPH), concurrent experience (while completing MS degree), or from MS courses. Please indicate all that apply with a check mark.

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MS degree students are prepared for intermediate to senior research positions in local, state or federal agencies, in private or public health organizations, or in health research programs. MS degree students also are prepared for continuing studies through the PhD program.

**Per the SPH competencies, the MS graduate will be able to:**

- a. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a well-defined public health discipline and its connection to, and impact on, public health.
- b. Demonstrate understanding of discipline-specific theoretical constructs, research design, research methodology and analytical strategies.
- c. Demonstrate the ability to evaluate and interpret scientific literature.
- d. Participate in an original research project that makes a contribution to the body of knowledge of their discipline.
- e. Demonstrate the ability to disseminate research findings to the scientific community.

Level of experience (1-5)	Prior Experience	Concurrent Experience	DrPH Courses