



# National Public Health Department Accreditation

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# Objectives

- Overview of National Public Health Department Accreditation
- Accreditation Themes
- PHAB Standards and Accreditation Process
- Benefits of Accreditation
- Accreditation and Quality Improvement
- CCHD Accreditation Timeline



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# Public Health Department Accreditation

- The measurement of health department performance against a set of nationally recognized, practice-focused, and evidenced-based standards
- The issuance of recognition of achievement of accreditation within a specified time frame by a nationally recognized entity
- A platform for continuous quality improvement
- The continual development, refinement, and distribution of standards and measures



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# Public Health Accreditation Board

## Goal of Accreditation:

- Improve and protect the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of all health departments in the country.



*Advancing public  
health performance.*



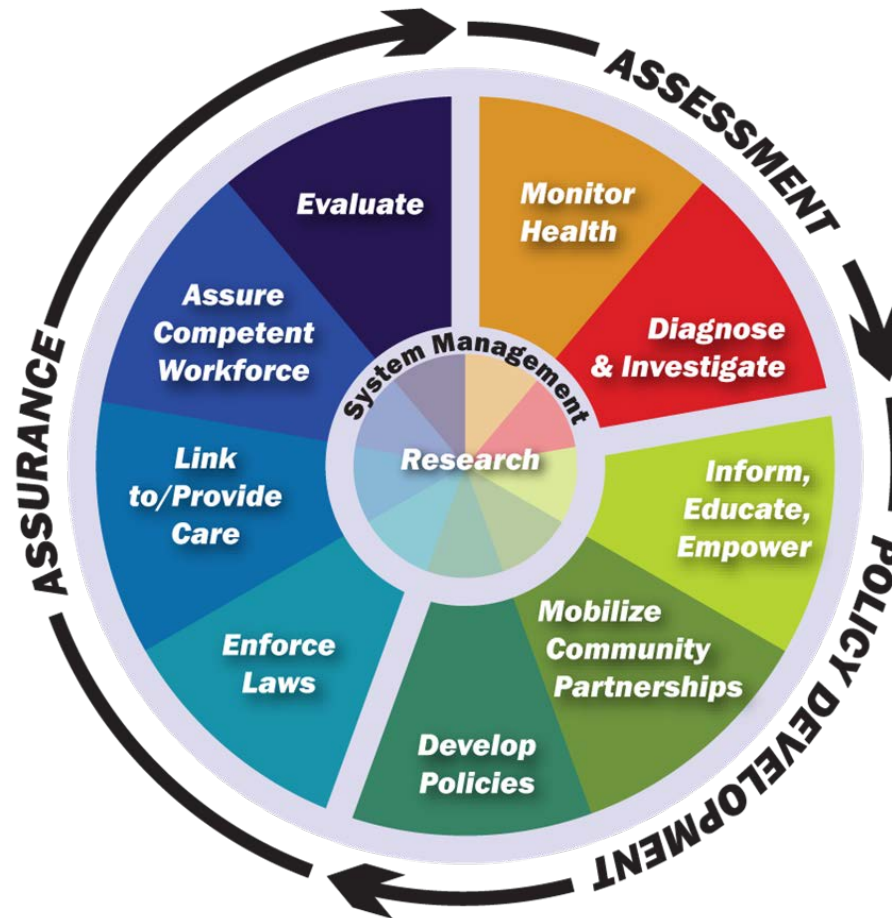
# Accreditation Themes

- Quality Improvement
- Planning
- Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Leadership and Governance
- Customer / Community Focus



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# PHAB Standards and Measures: Ten Essential Public Health Services + Administration and Governance



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# Twelve Domains

1. Conduct assessments focused on population health status and health issues facing the community
2. Investigate health problems and environmental public health hazards to protect the community
3. Inform and educate about public health issues and functions
4. Engage with the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations



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# Twelve Domains (cont'd)

7. Promote strategies to improve access to healthcare services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and continuously improve processes, programs, and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health
11. Maintain administrative and management capacity
12. Build a strong and effective relationship with governing entity



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# Seven Steps of Accreditation

## 1. Pre-application

Applicant prepares and assesses readiness, informs PHAB of its intent to apply (SOI)

## 2. Application

Applicant submits application and pre-requisites and receives training

## 3. Documentation

### Selection and Submission

Applicant gathers and submits documentation



## 4. Site Visit

Documentation review, site visit and site visit report

## 5. Accreditation Decisions

PHAB Accreditation Committee determines accreditation status:

Accredited (5 years)

or Not Accredited

## 6. Reports

Annual progress reports

## 7. Reaccreditation

# Accreditation and Quality Improvement

- Quality improvement is one of the main themes of Accreditation
- Accreditation process helps us to identify department strengths and weaknesses
- Development of a Quality Improvement Plan
- Continuous quality improvement activities



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# Benefits of Accreditation

- Identifies successes and opportunities for improvement
- Platform for quality improvement
- Coordinated approach to public health
- Initiates new partnerships
- Increases the understanding of public health
- Means for accountability
- Improves communication with governance
- Positioning for future funding opportunities



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# CCHD Accreditation Timeline

- CCHD issued its Statement of Intent to apply for accreditation on March 7, 2014
- Completion of 3 prerequisite documents (CHA,CHIP, and Strategic Plan)
- Plan to submit application in August, 2014
- Documentation complete by August, 2015
- Site visit and accreditation decision to follow



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