



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS
Request to Seek Accreditation

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
PROGRAM:	Bachelor of Science in Public Health
CIP CODE:	51.2201
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Department of Public Health & Health Sciences
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	School of Health Sciences (USD)

University Approval

To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.

_____ President of the University	Click here to enter a date. _____ Date
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1. Level of program seeking accreditation (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's | |

2. Accrediting Agency:

Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

3. What are the advantages of accreditation?

Program accreditation is available through the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). CEPH is the nationally recognized accrediting body for both schools of public health and public health programs. Program accreditation is required for students to sit for the CPH examination.

CEPH accredited programs offer the following benefits to students:

- **Comprehensiveness:** CEPH accredited schools and programs provide a variety of degrees in public health, including undergraduate, masters' and doctoral degrees in many areas of study.
- **Rigor:** Each CEPH school or program goes through a rigorous accreditation process on a regular basis to assure students of a quality educational experience.
- **Flexibility:** Many CEPH accredited schools and programs offer online, dual degree and executive programs.
- **Qualification:** Provides eligibility to sit for the Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam, administered by the Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE).
- **Opportunity:** Eligibility for public health internships and experiences sponsored by various agencies, as well as student assistance resources that are available only through accredited schools or programs.

- Recognition: CEPH accredited schools and programs are peer-reviewed, students can be sure their institution has met the standards established by CEPH. (www.ceph.org)

Accreditation would also benefit the program and School of Health Sciences for similar reasons. Achieving accreditation underscores the quality of the program administration, activities, and curriculum. Broader recognition of the program enhances the ability to attract high-quality students. Our public health colleagues who hire our public health graduates also benefit from them coming from a public health program in being assured of the quality of education they have received, and that it was based on achievement of the CEPH competencies.

4. What are the anticipated costs involved in accreditation, including:

A. Costs involved in undergoing self-study and preparing the application for accreditation:

The self-study and preparation of the application for CEPH accreditation will be completed by the faculty of the Department of Public Health and Health Sciences. There are no additional costs for the Department.

B. Out-of-pocket costs related to dues or site visits:

Accreditation Orientation Workshop (fee for 1 attendee)	\$200
Initial Application Submission Fee:	\$1,000
Program Applicant Fee (\$2,500 per year until accreditation is achieved, typically 3 years)	\$7,500
Accreditation Review Fee	\$3,000
 Total Estimated Out-of-Pocket Costs related to dues/site visits	 \$11,700

C. Base budget implications including incremental costs and minimum base resources required (dollars and FTE):

CEPH Annual Support Fee	\$4,138
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Curriculum: The curriculum for this degree is designed to meet CEPH requirements. Continuous curriculum improvement will occur in accordance with the CEPH accreditation criteria.

Faculty: Accreditation preparation will be conducted by faculty in the Department of Public Health and Health Sciences.

5. What is the source of the revenue needed?

USD School of Health Sciences

6. What is the estimated date for submission of accreditation application?

In order to submit an accreditation application, a student must have already graduated from the program or that there is solid evidence that the unit will graduate at least one student by the time the preliminary self-study is submitted. The B.S. in Public Health anticipates submitting the application for accreditation June 2025.