Public Health Education Integrated to the Core

Texas A&M University School of Public Health has integrated its Core Curriculum, creating four sequential case-based courses taught by interdisciplinary faculty teams. The four courses, grounds students in the competencies fundamental to the practice of public health and lays the foundation for sustaining the collaborative and interdisciplinary practices required in public health. The Core Curriculum is integrated by grouping foundational public health knowledge; and MPH foundational CEPH’s competencies in six main clusters. Each course contains different proportions of each cluster as the learning levels build progressively. The integrated Core Curriculum is key for achieving transformational teaching in public health education and practice, given that faculty teams actively engage students in key interdisciplinary approaches for acquiring and applying knowledge and students sustain collaborative, interdisciplinary practices as they advance in their degree and professional life.