

## Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Dental Public Health

Advanced specialty education programs in dental public health in the United States and Canada are identified in the following list. Included in this listing are those programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association as of March 1998. The American Dental Association has delegated the Commission on Dental Accreditation the responsibility for the evaluation of advanced dental education programs and for the listing of programs that are conducted in accordance with published educational standards. By reciprocal agreement, programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada are recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. A list of accredited dental public health programs is maintained by the American Dental Association at its Web site (address: <http://www.ada.org/prac/careers/apl-02.html>) and should always be checked by someone seeking the latest information on the accreditation status of educational programs.

Applicants seeking placement in a dental public health specialty program should request admission requirements and application procedures by communicating directly with the program director at the institutions of their choice.

Dentists who take advanced training in dental public health are encouraged to pursue certification by the American Board of Dental Public Health. They should communicate with the secretary of the board at the outset of training to be fully conversant with all requirements. Information about the board requirements can be obtained from Dr. Stanley Lotzkar, at 1321 NW 47th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32605; phone: 352-378-6301; E-mail: [standen@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu](mailto:standen@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu). Information also is available from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Web site (address: <http://www.pitt.edu/~aaphd/>).

Most specialty programs in dental public health are one year in duration,

but require the successful completion of the degree of Master of Public Health (or equivalent) prior to admission. Dentists may study for the degree of Master of Public Health at schools of public health and other graduate public health programs accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. Programs accredited by that agency are recognized by the Council on Dental Education and the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Information on accredited programs leading to the degree of Master of Public Health can be obtained from the Council on Education for Public Health, 1015 15th Street, NW, Suite 402, Washington, DC 20036; phone: 202-789-1050; fax: 202-789-1895; Web site: <http://www.apha.org/resources/schools.html>.

Unlike the one-year residency programs that award a certificate upon completion, other specialty programs in dental public health are two years or more in duration and award a graduate degree upon completion. They do not require the MPH degree as a prerequisite.

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