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January 11, 2022

Jessica Burke, PhD  
Vice Dean, School of Public Health  
University of Pittsburgh  
*Sent via email*

Dear Dr. Burke:

This acknowledges the school's communications of December 3, 2021, with notification of two substantive changes. The Council on Education for Public Health reviewed your notices on January 6, 2022, at which time we acted to accept your submissions.

We understand that the school has made the following changes:

Added

- BSPH in public health in a campus-based format (first degree offering at the baccalaureate level)
- PhD in environmental and occupational health sciences public health practice in a campus-based format

I have attached a seal that reflects the school's new status with accredited bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

To maintain accredited status, the school must continue to submit annual reports as required, and the next full review must take place with a site visit by December 31, 2023. We look forward to these upcoming review activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Rasar King".

Laura Rasar King, EdD, MPH  
Executive Director



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November 23, 2020

A. Everette James III, JD, MBA  
Interim Dean, Graduate School of Public Health  
University of Pittsburgh  
*Sent via email*

Dear Dean James:

Your current accreditation term extends to December 31, 2022. Typically, this would require a site visit between September and December 2022, with a preliminary self-study due five months prior to the site visit.

**To better align CEPH's workload, however, the Council would like to offer you an extension of your accreditation term to December 31, 2023.** A variety of factors have led to an uneven distribution of site visits across CEPH's multi-year review cycle, and redistribution of visits will assist CEPH in managing staff and volunteer resources. With the extension, your review would parallel the existing schedule, with a site visit between September and December 2023 and a preliminary self-study due five months before the scheduled visit.

Please reply by email to [Kristen Varol](mailto:kristen.varol@ceph.org) no later than January 5, 2021 to either a) confirm your acceptance of this extension or b) indicate that you prefer to maintain your current review cycle. In either case, CEPH staff will reply with additional information on scheduling your next review. CEPH staff are also available to answer any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Williams", written in a cursive style.

Phillip Williams, PhD, CIH  
President



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November 6, 2015

Patrick D. Gallagher, PhD  
Chancellor  
University of Pittsburgh  
Chancellor's Office  
107 Cathedral of Learning  
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Dear Chancellor Gallagher:

On behalf of the Council on Education for Public Health, I am pleased to advise you that the CEPH Board of Councilors acted at its October 21-24, 2015 meeting to accredit the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh for a seven-year term, extending to December 31, 2022, with an interim report due in fall 2016. The interim report will address issues related to definition of curricular competencies.

We are enclosing a copy of the Council's final accreditation report. This is identical to the team's report that you received prior to our meeting. We appreciated the many courtesies extended to the site visit team during its visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna J. Petersen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donna J. Petersen, MHS, ScD, CPH  
President

Enclosure

cc: Donald Scott Burke, MD  
CEPH Councilors



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November 6, 2015

Donald Scott Burke, MD  
Dean  
University of Pittsburgh  
Graduate School of Public Health  
A-624 Crabtree Hall  
130 De Soto St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15261

Dear Dean Burke:

On behalf of the Council on Education for Public Health, I am pleased to advise you that the CEPH Board of Councilors acted at its October 21-24, 2015 meeting to accredit the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh for a seven-year term, extending to December 31, 2022 with an interim report to be submitted in fall 2016. The interim report must address the criteria for which there was a “partially met” assessment.

Specifically, the interim report due in fall 2016 should provide evidence that the school has:

- a) Developed competences, or a process to assure consistent articulation of competencies on an individual basis, for the multidisciplinary MPH (MMPH) degree (Criterion 2.6).
- b) Mapped all courses to defined competencies. The report must present evidence that all syllabi, including those for courses that have not undergone significant alterations, are updated to use the school’s template (Criterion 2.6).

The report will be due on August 23, 2016. Please be aware that failure to come into compliance with all accreditation criteria must trigger specific actions on CEPH’s part. These actions, mandated in federal regulations governing accrediting agencies that are recognized by the US Department of Education, include initiating adverse action or, if good cause is demonstrated, extending by one year the period during which the program or school may come into compliance with the remaining criteria, after which CEPH must take adverse action. CEPH is required to deny or revoke accreditation when a school or program fails to demonstrate that it has come into compliance. Thus, interim reports have serious consequences. Additional information about preparing interim reports is available on the [CEPH website](#).

We are enclosing a copy of the Council’s final accreditation report. The report is also being transmitted to the chief executive officer of your university as the Council’s official report. This is identical to the team’s report that you received prior to our meeting.

Donald Scott Burke, MD  
November 6, 2015  
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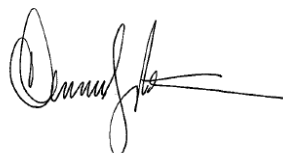
I would call your attention to the disclosure provisions in our adopted procedures. The school is expected to make its official accreditation report available to the public on request 60 days following the accreditation decision. ***The school may make the report and final self-study available in full on its website, or it must clearly indicate on the website how to request a copy of either document.*** See p. 29 of the [Accreditation Procedures, amended September 2014](#) for additional information.

You may append a written response whenever you distribute the report. The official report also will be available on request from CEPH after 60 days, but it is our intent to refer all initial requests to you. If you provide this office with a copy of a written response by December 23, 2015, we will be pleased to append it whenever we respond to a request for the report. Please note that this response is optional.

We would also like to remind you that whenever an accredited school or program undergoes a substantive change, it is obligated to provide written notification to CEPH of the intended change. Substantive changes are defined in the procedures manual, but generally include offering a new degree, adding or discontinuing an area of specialization, offering a degree program in a different format or at a distant site and making major revisions to the curricular requirements. Additional information about substantive changes is available on our [website](#).

We appreciated the many courtesies and helpfulness extended to the site visit team.

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cc: CEPH Councilors