



National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council

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Date: August 12, 2024

To: Maureen Lichtveld, PhD
Sally Wenzel, PhD
Nesta Bortey-Sam, PhD

From: EHAC General Chair: Tania Busch Isaksen, PhD, MPH

Re: University of Pittsburgh, Master of Public Health in Environmental & Occupational Health
Full Accreditation for 6 years, 2024-2030

Dear Dean Lichtveld, Chair Wenzel, and Professor Bortey-Sam,

The National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2024, to consider the initial accreditation of the University of Pittsburgh's (Pitt) Master of Public Health in Environmental & Occupational Health (MPH-EOH). The Council found Pitt's MPH-EOH Degree Program to be a solid, science-based graduate environmental health academic degree program that meets EHAC Graduate Accreditation Guidelines. Pitt's MPH-EOH Degree Program shows many strengths including faculty expertise and commitment to students, a long history of preparing environmental and occupation health professionals, a powerhouse of collaborative research, faculty with practice-based experience and wide external connections, robust practicum experiences that lead to employment opportunities, and interdisciplinary graduate certificate opportunities.

Therefore, the Council has voted to grant the University of Pittsburgh's Master of Public Health in Environmental & Occupational Health Degree Program full accreditation for six years. In accordance with accreditation guidelines, the next Self-Study document will be due six months prior (December 2029) to the Annual Meeting of the EHAC Council in 2030.

As a reminder, please be aware that revised EHAC Graduate Guidelines have been approved and will go into effect on January 1, 2025. Pitt will need to review the new Guidelines for alignment with their newly accredited MPHEOH. If you have any questions, please contact EHAC's General Chair Tania Busch Isaksen at tania@uw.edu, Vice Chair for Graduate Programs CAPT Michael Quinn at michael_quinn@ios.doi.gov, or EHAC Executive Director Leslie Mitchell at 202-522-5272.

Respectfully submitted,

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