



UPPER MIDWEST PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTER *Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota*

Summary of the PHTC

The states of Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota comprise the Upper Midwest Public Health Training Center (UMPHTC) region. With many similar needs for public health training in this region, the Center's mission focusing on building the capacity of the public health workforce around the 10 essential public health services and core competencies has been met with enthusiasm and support across the three states. Within each state, state advisory committees engage key public health officials representing the state medical schools or colleges of public health, state and local health departments, primary care associations, rural health clinics and hospitals, and other educational partners and advocates for public health issues and training. **The University of Iowa College of Public Health** is one of the Center's partners.

Impact of the PHTC

- This year, 1,755 practitioners participated in 21 different conferences, lectures or other specific training events, including distance-learning courses, sponsored by the UMPHTC. Participants were primarily from state or local health departments in the Center's training region.
- After assessing the needs of the public health workforce, potential existing curriculum is identified. If curriculum is not available, then appropriate curriculum is developed. Once developed, the training and education utilizes multiple modalities, including face-to-face programs and distance-based education, in order to best meet the training and education needs of a diverse, geographically dispersed and rural workforce. Finally, the evaluations are ongoing to ensure that training continues to meet the current and future needs of the workforce.
- Three Environmental Health Nursing training sessions were held in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. The participants indicated that case studies and networking was extremely valuable. Specifically, in a three-month follow-up evaluation, participants indicated the following:
 - 60% agreed that they had a better awareness of environmental hazards and their potential health effects.
 - 60% have shared the information from the trainings with others, including supervisors, students, staff in health department, etc.
 - 60% said they would be interested in attending another environmental health training session in the future.