



DATE: 8/7/20

TO: MPH1

FROM: Brenda Soto Torres, Ph.D.
MPH-ILE Coordinator

RE: RESERVE THE DATE: ILE-COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

The Integrative Learning Experience is an integrating experience, requisite for graduation in the Master in Public Health of Ponce Health Sciences University (PHSU) and for the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). It provides an opportunity for students to reflect on, integrate and synthesize the knowledge and skills acquired during classroom and practice experiences, while pursuing their public health degree. The Integrative Learning Experience serves as evidence of compliance with the public health competencies and occurs after the majority of course requirements are completed. The Integrative Learning Experience is a high quality-written product that demonstrates synthesis of competencies (CEPH, personal communication, March 14, 2019; CEPH, personal communication, May 28, 2019). MPH graduates must be able to engage in substantive, logically flowing writing (<https://ceph.org/constituents/schools/faqs/2016criteriafaq/ile/>).

The Integrative Learning Experience approved by the Public Health Program of PHSU consists of a Comprehensive Exam, which is taken during the last trimester of the expected graduation date. The preparation for the Comprehensive Exam starts during the first year of the Master in Public Health and continues throughout the curriculum. Please reserve the following dates, indicated in the table below. Details on the Zoom link and/or room location will be provided later.

INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE TENTATIVE CALENDAR
TBA = To be announced

| TIMELINE | ACTIVITY | RESOURCE |
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| MPH1 | | |
| 1st Trimester | Introduction to critical thinking skills and essay questions (August 18, 2020, 3 PM) | Dr. Elizabeth Rivera |
| | Writing skills seminar (September, TBA) | Guest speaker |
| | COE type questions in courses (Throughout the trimester) | Faculty |
| | Orientation Session(Description, Objectives and Competencies) (October 6, 2020, 4 PM) | Dr. Brenda Soto MPH-ILE Coordinator |
| 2nd Trimester | Writing skills seminar (November, TBA) | Guest speaker |
| | COE type questions in courses | Faculty |

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| | (Throughout the trimester) | |
| 3rd Trimester | Orientation Session (March 9, 2021, 4 PM) | MPH/DrPH ILE Coordinators |
| | Writing skills seminar (April, TBA) | Guest speaker |
| | COE type questions in courses (Throughout the trimester) | Faculty |

The PHP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled dates, if needed.