



The National Board of Public Health Examiners announces the award of the first Public Health Certification!

The National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) announces the award of its inaugural Certification in Public Health (CPH) to over 500 qualifying professionals. The CPH exam was administered for the first time both in the U.S. and in international locations during August 11-30, 2008. Professionals who passed the exam have been notified. These individuals are not only acknowledged as being Certified in Public Health, but are also recognized with the special honor of being the Charter Class of Certified in Public Health due to their commitment to furthering the CPH exam in its very first cycle.

Dean Donna Petersen, Chair of the National Board of Public Health Examiners and Dean of the University of South Florida College of Public Health said, "First-time test takers are making history – they will be part of a landmark event in the development of the profession of public health. We are grateful to each of these pioneers, and we encourage others to register for the next examination to be held in August 2009."

The NBPHE was launched to demonstrate that graduates from CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health have mastered required core and cross-cutting

competencies and to address the need for greater recognition of public health as a health profession. Employers hiring credentialed graduates will be assured that these candidates have a fundamental breadth and depth of core public health knowledge. Dr. Charles Mahan, President of the National Board of Public Health Examiners, says, "Having a national credential for our graduates will have an impact similar to that seen by public school teachers when they started their national exam some 15 years ago: increased employability, better career ladders, better salaries, better retention, and increased portability moving around the country."

NBPHE was established to develop a voluntary credentialing exam for graduates who earn masters or doctoral degrees from the 42 public health schools and 66 programs accredited by the Council on Education of Public Health (CEPH). Further information is available on the NBPHE website at <http://www.nbphe.org>. For more information, contact Molly M. Eggleston, MPH, CHES, CPH, Deputy Executive Director, National Board of Public Health Examiners by phone at 412-383-2230 or email at meggleston@nbphe.org.

Congratulations to the First Ohioans to Be Certified in Public Health

- 1) Thomas Quade – Akron, OH
- 2) Asma Hussain – Twinsburg, OH
- 3) Laura Santurri – Chagrin Falls, OH
- 4) David Hintz – Elyria, OH
- 5) Alyce Rauchenstein – Canton, OH
- 6) Mary Helen Smith – Cortland, OH
- 7) Chukwudi Oduah – Miamisburg, OH
- 8) Camille Jones – Cincinnati, OH
- 9) Danette York – Amelia, OH
- 10) Amy Lee – Rootstown, OH
- 11) Shawn Johnson – Pickerington, OH
- 12) Sarah Krygowski – Columbus, OH
- 13) Melissa Mathias – Columbus, OH
- 14) Katharine Sorokas – Toledo, OH
- 15) Sherry Sculthorpe – Columbus, OH
- 16) Barbara Grajewski – Loveland, OH
- 17) Everett Logue – Stow, OH
- 18) Kristine Drummond – Tallmadge, OH
- 19) Edward Scott – Rootstown, OH
- 20) Amar Kanekar – Cincinnati, OH
- 21) Yvette McFarlane – Miamisburg, OH

