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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctor of Public Health candidate seeking an Applied Practice Experience in the area of public health leadership to complete DrPH program requirements.
 - Public health leader, advisor, and program supervisor with seven years of experience managing projects, supervising and training staff, partnering with community organizations, and using data to guide public health policies and decisions.
 - Expertise spans a wide range of public health programs, including the MN Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Contact Tracing Program; Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); and community health programs.
 - Strong academic foundation in qualitative and quantitative research, program evaluation, and community health assessment and intervention.
 - Deeply committed to equity in healthcare delivery, education, and access for underserved populations and communities.
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Public Health

Walden University | Minneapolis, Minnesota

Expected: 2025

CEPH Accredited

Master of Public Health

Walden University | Minneapolis, Minnesota

2017

Bachelor of Science in Sociology

University of Minnesota

2012

CERTIFICATION

Certified in Public Health (CPH) - Active

National Board of Public Health Examiners, Washington, D.C.

2018

GRADUATE COURSEWORK COMPLETED

- Advanced Issues in Global Public Health
 - Fundamentals of Leadership, System Evaluation, and Interventions in Public Health
 - Advanced Public Health Policy and Advocacy
 - Financing Public Health Systems
 - Advanced Analysis of Community Health Data and Surveillance in Public Health
 - Advanced Program Evaluation
 - Communication and Social Marketing Strategies for Public Health Leaders
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PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE

Senior Public Health Advisor

Minnesota Department of Health | St. Paul, MN

Mar 2020 - Present

- Provide project planning, operations, and management expertise to the Minnesota Department of Public Health's Covid-19 Contact Tracing Program.
- Collaborated with the Director of Infectious Diseases to create policies and processes for the implementation of the Covid-19 tracing team and integrated steps for program evaluation and continuous improvement.
- Partnered with instructional designers to develop high-quality, engaging online training materials to quickly train a team of 25 contact tracers in the Case Investigator Unit, reaching diverse community members throughout Minnesota to minimize the transmission of Covid-19.
- Track daily data on successful contacts and create detailed weekly reports to illustrate metrics.

- Present weekly reports to the Director of Infectious Diseases on the reach and challenges faced by the Contact Tracing Team and quickly adjust processes to reflect the changing environment of the spread of Covid-19.

Public Health Program Supervisor

Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment | Stillwater, MN

Jun 2017 - Mar 2020

- Supervised 8 staff members who process applications for the WIC program which serves nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and young children.
- Investigated and resolved escalated issues that impacted family eligibility.
- Hired new staff members and taught in-depth face-to-face and virtual training sessions on program regulations and delivery.
- Streamlined the application process based on survey feedback from applicants which saved staff approximately 4 hours per week, allowing for increased outreach to families.
- Collaborated with multiple internal departments, healthcare providers, and community organizations to ensure that information and access to the WIC program was dispersed and administered equitably to all eligible residents.
- Tracked weekly metrics to show staff productivity and reach of program.

Intervention Specialist - Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants, and Children, (WIC)

Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment | Stillwater, MN

Jul 2015 - May 2017

- Created and edited effective informational materials for access across print and electronic media platforms to inform diverse community members about WIC program benefits and eligibility criteria
- Crafted materials in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessibility guidelines using graphic design and publishing software including Adobe Create Suite, Photoshop, and Acrobat
- Collaborated with multiple departments to meet tight project deadlines for publishing.

Community Health Worker

Greenview Health Services | New Brighton, MN

Jul 2014 - Jul 2015

- Guided community members, patients, and their families on steps to access appropriate community services and resources.
- Provided individual and group education sessions with up to 20 attendees on health management, disease prevention, and environmental safety awareness.
- Enhanced education materials, contributed to updating online information, and advised on how to change materials to be more culturally sensitive and inclusive.
- Advocated for increased funding for community organizations to ensure that housing, food security, environmental health issues, and public safety were considered as factors impacting community health.

MPH PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

MPH Practicum

Wildercy Foundation | St. Paul, MN

Feb 2017 - Aug 2017

- Compiled and organized qualitative and quantitative research data for the Report on Improving Healthcare Access to Eliminate Health Inequities in Minnesota.
- Contributed to analyzing data and drafting a section on the impact of health care inequities on Minnesota immigrant communities.
- Collaborated with team members on creating a summary of the report for a presentation to the Minnesota Legislative Commission on Health Care Access.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Health Educator

People-to-People Homeless Shelter, | St. Paul, MN

2019 - Present

- Deliver presentations and facilitate health-related discussions to groups of 5 to 20 participants on topics such as infectious disease transmission, diabetes management and prevention, and maternal health.

AFFILIATIONS

Member

American Public Health Association

2017 - Present

- Conference Volunteer (2019, 2021)
- APHA Student Assembly Member (2018, 2019)

Member

Minnesota Public Health Association

2017 - Present