



Sharing Discoveries, Improving Lives

Translation & Dissemination at the Saint Louis University School of Public Health

Our Mission:

The Saint Louis University School of Public Health is dedicated to the discovery, translation, and dissemination of public health knowledge to improve the health and well being of all.



Heartland Public Health Education and Training Center

The Heartland Public Health Education and Training Center (HETC) is one of fourteen public health training centers housed in accredited schools of public health in forty-five states and the District of Columbia. The HETC is a unique initiative, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions, and provides fundamental education and training in public health to whom?. The HETC mission to “expand partnerships and critical linkages among state and local practice and academic partners in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma to provide improved access to education and training for the current and future public health workforce to strengthen competence, performance and capacity to improve the nation’s public health system.”

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Discovery

What is the health problem?

- ❖ Development of the HETC over the past 5 years has addressed the critical priorities identified by practice-based and academic partners, and has supported collaboration with Public Health Training Centers (PHTC). Network partners to meet local, state, regional and national workforce development objectives to improve capacity to perform essential public health services.

Translation

How do we take what we know and apply it to improving health?

The HETC works to:

- ❖ Develop, strengthen and sustain public health workforce competence to perform essential services through implementation of programs for life-long learning.
- ❖ Continue to identify workforce development needs, assets and capacity assessment data to prioritize education and training objectives, methods and strategies.
- ❖ Develop and implement certification and competency-based education programs and products to strengthen workforce competence to perform essential public health services.
- ❖ Share expertise and resources across local, state, regional and national jurisdictions to contribute to National PHTC Network objectives for public health workforce development.

Dissemination

How do we disseminate project findings to our partners?

- ❖ HETC provides training materials and curricula to all academic and practice partners, which include: the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Saint Louis University School of Public Health, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, Department of Preventive Medicine, the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.
- ❖ The HETC ensures access to high-quality training experiences for public health workers in Missouri and Kansas.
- ❖ The HETC provides training for many community-based professionals and organizations that care for underserved populations.

Change

What changes may occur because of the dissemination?

- ❖ Since the program began, the HETC has provided education and training resources to thousands of individuals, representing the full range of health professions working in state and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public health and healthcare settings.
- ❖ HETC education and training programs result in better performance and increased competency of public health workers and agencies.

