USF College of Public Health’s Unique Program to Train Public Health and Clinical Laboratory Directors

Want to move up the ladder at work? Taking on more responsibilities? The University of South Florida College of Public Health (USF COPH) in Tampa, Fla. offers opportunities for career movement to those already in the workplace. In 2018, the USF COPH launched a unique blended training program to address the impending shortage of public health laboratory directors. Within the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) graduate program, a new concentration Public Health and Clinical Laboratory Science and Practice has been created to provide professional development for aspiring laboratory directors.

• All the courses are available online, providing flexibility for studying and fulfilling coursework at your convenience. This format is especially designed for working students.
• There are only three mandatory on-campus institutes (four to five days each, oftentimes over the weekend).
• The curriculum is outlined for three years; however, additional time may be required for satisfactorily completing the doctoral project.
• There are four types of courses (pre-requisite courses, doctoral common core courses, concentration courses, and recommended electives to sit for the exam given by the American Board of Bioanalysis [ABB]).
• The public health doctoral project may require two to four semesters.
• Tuition information can be found at: www.registrar.usf.edu/Residency/Qualifying/
• For more than 35 years, Southern Regional Education Board’s Academic Common Market has enabled students to pursue out-of-state college degrees at in-state tuition rates, through agreements among the states and colleges and universities. More details at www.sreb.org/academic-common-market. USF is part of the Academic Common Market.
• All courses are taught by very experienced practitioners.

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Established in 1984 as the first college of public health in the State of Florida, the USF College of Public Health is a recognized leader in community health, online education, maternal and child health, social marketing, public health leadership, and global infectious disease research. Ranked as the #1 public health degree program in the state by U.S. News and World Report, the college offers multiple concentrations that lead to BSPH, MHA, MPH, MSPH, DrPH, and PhD degrees, as well as several dual degrees, graduate certificates and online programs. To learn more about the college and students who commit to passionately solve problems and create conditions that allow every person the universal right to health and well-being, visit www.publichealth.usf.edu.