

Individuals sought to enter public health field

The "Master of Public Health Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives" is currently recruiting individuals interested in entering graduate school in the field of public health. People interested in this field are generally concerned with developing skills to work on a problem affecting the health of the public or community at large. Their approach is largely focused towards prevention. Job opportunities exist as administrators of health programs at tribal, county, state or federal levels. Graduates also work as hospital administrators, health educators or policy makers of legislation that can affect the future of Indian health.

The MPH Program is offered at the University of California, Berkeley, although students are encouraged to apply to any of the other Schools of Public Health around the country. Over one quarter of the students enrolled in the program have received their training at the Schools of Public Health at the Universities of Minnesota, Texas, North Carolina, Michigan, Washington, Oklahoma, Hawaii, UCLA, Loma Linda, Tulane University, and Harvard.

The program offers training in such areas of specialization as hospital administration, health administration and planning, environmental health, epidemiology.

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logy, of health education. In addition, a program has been developed in the field of Native American Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

Training in the program ranges anywhere from 12 to 24 months, depending on the specialization chosen by the student. From three to six months of the program are spent in a field placement, the remainder in the school environment.

Requirements are that applicant be at least one-quarter American Indian or Alaska Native, have a Bachelor's degree, acceptable grand point average, and a sincere interest in working with Native Americans. Applicants interested in applying for the program for the 1981/82 school year are urged to contact our office. Financial support is available through University sources or the 104 Scholarship of the Indian Health Service. We would also welcome any questions or requests concerning the program. Please contact: Elaine Walbroek, Director, or Wendy Schwartz, Assistant Director, MPH Program for American Indians/Alaska Natives, School of Public Health, Earl Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720 or call collect (415) 642-3228/9.

Closing date for receiving applications is February 1, 1981.