

Talking Points and Common Questions about the School of Public Health Initiative

The proposed new school was developed as a natural extension to the successful 21 year collaborative masters of public health program at Portland State University and Oregon Health and Science University. Continuously accredited, the collaboration has graduated nearly 1100 students. Portland itself and our institutions provide national models for innovation and progressive programs. The unique urban environment and our combined institutional strengths serve as a framework for our proposed collaborative School of Public Health.

- Why this is important to PSU students
 - Access to a much broader range of disciplines and faculty experts
 - Enhances interdisciplinary focus of our public health programs
 - Increases student participation in shared governance
 - Provides seamless access to PSU and OHSU for resources like the libraries
 - The graduate MPH degree is granted by both universities
 - Undergraduate and doctoral students acquire the benefits of national accreditation
- Why this is important to PSU faculty
 - Encourages cross institutional collaboration in teaching, research, and service
 - Provides increased research opportunities & support
 - Raises the regional & national profile of the faculty
 - Enhances faculty recruitment as a larger academic entity
- Why this is important to our university
 - Attracts a larger national and international student recruitment pool
 - Provides endowment opportunities with the enhanced profile and reputation
 - Improve efficiency for program information, reporting, and management systems
 - Supports the PSU's mission to "let knowledge serve the city"
- Why this is important to our community
 - Builds capacity to meet workforce needs in Portland Metro Area
 - Increases the capacity for workforce education and development
 - Fosters greater engagement with community partners as a core School competency
 - Focuses teaching, research, and service on the social determinants of health
- What are safeguards for PSU
 - PSU faculty and staff retain all rights provided by their employer, including bargaining, tenure and promotion
 - PSU research in the School gains advantages of OHSU research management and infrastructure, while PSU retains credit and IDCs for PSU faculty
 - The PSU budget model for their contributed resources is subject to the same expectations and annual review as other PSU Colleges and Schools
 - Academic programs continue to be reviewed within PSU shared governance and PSU expectations
 - The Dean reports to and is reviewed by Provosts at both institutions
 - The School is subject to external national accreditation and review

Find more information about accreditation plans, leadership, faculty processes, & the timeline www.ohsu.edu/ohsu-psu-publichealth

Find more information on the existing public health academic programs <http://oregonmph.org/>