

## 1.0 The Public Health Program

### 1.3 Institutional Environment. The program shall be an integral part of an accredited institution of higher education.

**Interpretation.** *An accredited institution of higher education is one that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education. When a public health program is sponsored by more than one institution and is operated as a single organizational unit, each parent university must be accredited by a regional accrediting agency.*

*Regardless of whether only one parent university is the degree-granting institution, the organizational relationships with each participating institution shall be clearly defined and shall contribute to the integrity of the program.*

**Required Documentation.** The self-study document should include the following:

- a. A brief description of the institution in which the program is located, and the names of accrediting bodies (other than CEPH) to which the institution responds.
- b. One or more organizational charts of the university indicating the program's relationship to the other components of the institution, including reporting lines and clearly depicting how the program reports to or is supervised by other components of the institution.
- c. Description of the program's involvement and role in the following:
  - budgeting and resource allocation, including budget negotiations, indirect cost recoveries, distribution of tuition and fees and support for fund-raising
  - personnel recruitment, selection and advancement, including faculty and staff
  - academic standards and policies, including establishment and oversight of curricula
- d. If a collaborative program, descriptions of all participating institutions and delineation of their relationships to the program.
- e. If a collaborative program, a copy of the formal written agreement that establishes the rights and obligations of the participating universities in regard to the program's operation.
- f. Assessment of the extent to which this criterion is met and an analysis of the program's strengths, weaknesses and plans relating to this criterion.