

## 2.0 Instructional Program

**2.2 Program Length. An MPH degree program or equivalent professional master's degree must be at least 42 semester-credit units in length.**

***Interpretation.** Degree programs must conform to commonly accepted standards regarding program length and objectives of the credentials. The MPH degree normally takes two years of full-time study, or the equivalent of 42 semester credit units or 56 quarter credit units. Student credit units may vary from institution to institution and program format may influence the duration of the course of study.*

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

- a. Definition of a credit with regard to classroom/contact hours.
- b. Information about the minimum degree requirements for all professional public health master's degree curricula shown in the instructional matrix. If the program or university uses a unit of academic credit or an academic term different from the standard semester or quarter, this difference should be explained and an equivalency presented in a table or narrative.
- c. Information about the number of professional public health master's degrees awarded for fewer than 42 semester credit units, or equivalent, over each of the last three years. A summary of the reasons should be included.
- d. 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.