DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH, PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Credential: Dental Post-Professional Certification
Field of Study: Dental Public Health

Admissions
Applications to the program must be submitted through:
http://www.adea.org/PASSapp/applicants

Program Requirements
The advanced education program in Dental Public Health is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and offers three tracks: 1) one-year full-time for dentists with a master's degree in public health or equivalent; 2) two-year part-time for dentists with a master's degree in public health or equivalent; or 3) two-year full-time for dentists WITHOUT a master's in public health. While residents in the first two tracks earn a certificate, residents in the third track will earn a residency certificate from the School of Dental Medicine as well as an accredited MPH degree through Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine.

The primary training site is the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, with extramural sites in other parts of Ohio. The didactic instruction for the residency program encompasses the new competencies of the American Board for Dental Public Health and concepts such as population health, cultural competency, epidemiology, social determinants, health literacy, among others. Residents in the first two tracks should complete at least one research project and those in the third track are required to complete two projects. The field experience sites have been carefully chosen to increase residents’ cultural sensitivity and understanding, particularly about underserved groups. Trainees have opportunities to work with vulnerable populations.