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TO: MPH Students Matriculating fall 2018

CC: MPH Oversight Committee, SPH Faculty, SPH Academic Coordinators

SUBJECT: Integrative Learning Experience (ILE) – IPHS 698

Dear MPH Students,

It is that time of year when most of you have or are preparing to register for your Integrative Learning Experience (ILE: IPHS 698), previously referred to as the Capstone. In 2016, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), which is the accrediting body for all schools of public health in the United States, required that all Masters in Public Health (MPH) students demonstrate skills and integration of knowledge through an ILE. As such, the ILE represents a culminating experience that allows students to demonstrate mastery of your public health competencies at or near the end of your academic program of study. This new requirement applies to all students matriculating in fall 2018 and thereafter.

As part of the ILE requirement, you will select an ILE deliverable that synthesizes foundational and concentration-specific competencies in the form of a well-written, quality product for evaluation by faculty. While each division may vary in their ILE products, all students must show that they have met the ILE competencies as outlined by their division. Online and part-time students should consult their ILE Advisor with any questions regarding course sequencing.

The ILE activities are described in three phases: the **ILE Proposal Phase**, the **ILE Project Phase** and the **ILE Submission Phase**. The ILE is met by completing the following steps:

- In consultation with you ILE Advisor, complete Part I of the ILE Proposal Form and the IPHS Registration Form for IPHS 698: MPH Integrative Learning Experience for 1SH. Submit both forms to your Academic Advising Office for processing.
- In the term you are completing your ILE, work with your ILE Advisor to complete Part II of the ILE Proposal Form, develop a project timeline and review your draft ILE product.
- Submit the final ILE product for faculty evaluation.

Please consult the [ILE webpage](#) for resources including ILE forms, a full list of ILE products and competencies by concentration, and other guiding documents on this requirement.

All the best as you approach this meaningful degree milestone!

Sincerely,

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