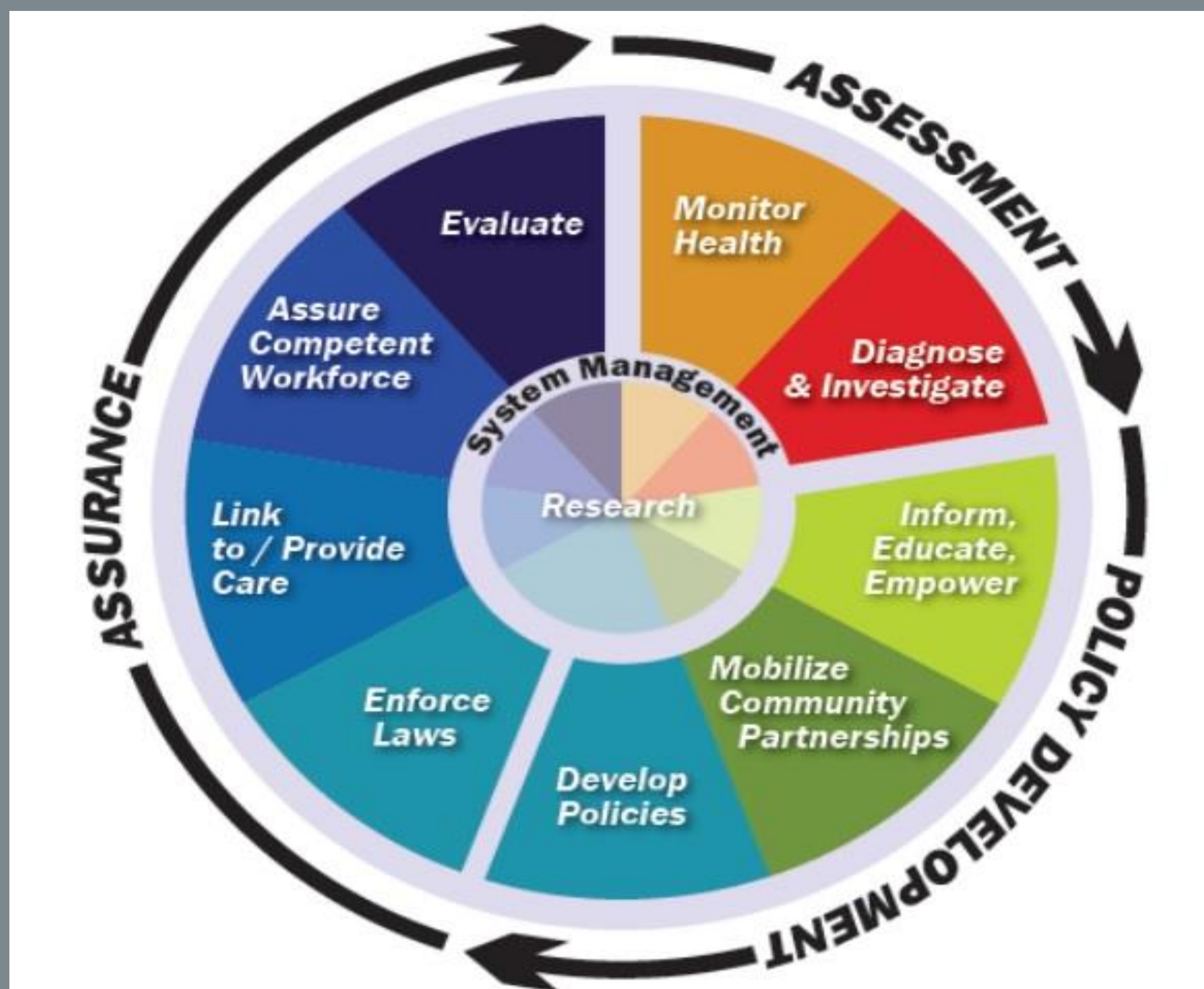


Program Description

The **Certificate of Interdisciplinary Disability Studies in Public Health (Disability Studies)** is a **12-credit** graduate level course of studies offered entirely online. Disability Studies uses the 10 Essential Public Health Services as a framework to study the health and well-being of people with disabilities and their families, as well as the communities in which they live, learn, work, and play, and the populations of which they are a part.

The overall goal of the certificate program is to assure a competent public and personal health care workforce (Essential Service 8). The program will accomplish this by equipping students with the knowledge and skill competencies necessary to assure that the needs of people with disabilities are given equal weight in professional public health activities to both meet their individual needs and to assure that they have equal access to the same public health resources, services, research, and considerations given other members of the populations in which they are otherwise included.

10 Essential Services Framework for all National Public Health Performance Standards



SOURCE: <https://www.cdc.gov/nphpsp/essentialservices.html>

Program Structure

The Certificate is designed to be a freestanding program of study whose targeted audience, in addition to public health students, consists of individuals in the professional and paraprofessional workforce in medicine, dentistry, nursing, social work, law, education, psychology, political science, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language/hearing sciences, and other fields related to public health and disability who are in a position to help ensure health and social equity for all people with disabilities and their families.

The program of study itself is an interdisciplinary set of courses that examines the multiple aspects of public health, health care, society, culture, politics, economics, history, legislation, education and social attitudes that impact people living with disabilities.

The Certificate aligns with the missions of UConn, the UConn Department of Community Medicine and Health Care, and the UCEDD's mission as guided by the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (the DD Act).

Course Title	Course Goals
PUBH 5501: Foundations of Public Health and Disability	To provide an in-depth review of public health issues critical to people with disabilities within the context of the 10 Essential Public Health Services.
PUBH 5502: Epidemiology of Disability	To provide an in-depth analysis of epidemiological methods for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitoring the health status of people with disabilities to identify and solve community health problems. (ES1) 2. Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards faced by people with disabilities both in the community at large and because of their specific disabilities. (ES2) 3. Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services for people with disabilities. (ES9) 4. Conducting research leading to insights and innovative solutions to health problems affecting people with disabilities. (ES10)
PUBH 5503: Disability Law, Policy, Ethics, and Advocacy	To provide an in-depth review of Disability Law, Policy, Ethics, and Advocacy issues critical to people with disabilities today that equips studies with the essential tools for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety for people with disabilities. (ES6) 2. Developing new policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts inclusive of people with disabilities. (ES5)
PUBH 5504: Public Health Interventions in Disability	To inform students of existing evidence-based and promising practices in how to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inform, educate, and empower people with disabilities about health issues. (ES3) 2. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve problems. (ES4) 3. Link people with disabilities to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. (ES7) 4. Assure a competent public and personal health care workforce. (ES8)

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