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From: University of Pittsburgh Center for Public Health Preparedness

Subject: Graduate Certificate Program in Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response

Dear all:

In response to both recommendations / suggestions from students and instructors the Certificate Program is undergoing several changes as listed below. These changes are effective beginning with the fall term 2009. Also, The Summer Institute will be back for its second year (see next page).

New Schedule (required courses): BCHS 2579, Introduction to Public Health Emergency Preparedness will be switching semesters with EOH 2515, Environmental and Occupational Emergency Response.

Fall semester 2009

- ❖ BCHS 2572, Risk Communications (Quinn) – 3 credits
- ❖ BCHS 2579, Introduction to Public Health Emergency Preparedness (Piposzar & Stebbins) – 3 credits

Spring semester 2010

- ❖ EOH 2513, Issues in Bioterrorism (Potter) – 2 credits
- ❖ EOH 2515, Environmental and Occupational Emergency Response – 2 credits

The total number of required credits will remain the same at 10. A total of at least 5 additional elective course credits are required to complete the Certificate. The list of approved courses may be obtained from the website (www.prepare.pitt.edu/training/certificate.htm) or by contacting Donna Murr. New elective choices must be approved in advance by Dr. Stebbins.

“Summer Institute” 2009

The same 2 credit courses as last year’s Summer Institute will be offered in July 2009, Session 4 Week 3. These include: (1) EPIDEM 2165: An Interdisciplinary Course in Emerging Infectious Diseases and (2) HPM 2132: Emergency Preparedness Law and Ethics. Dr. Sam Stebbins will teach the former course and Professor Patt Sweeney will teach the latter. The courses will consist of two weeks of online work, one week of classroom lectures and activities, and a final week online, for a total of four weeks. Both courses are approved as electives for the Certificate Program. In addition, there will also be a day-long leadership institute for students sometime during Session 4 Week 3, same as last year. For more information see <http://www.prepare.pitt.edu/training/summerinstitute.htm>.