



Commissioned Officers Association

The CPH exam is administered by the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE). Since 2008, more than 5,000 individuals have passed the CPH exam. The CPH designation demonstrates that an individual has mastered foundational competencies in public health. CPH professionals raise the bar and enhance the public health profession through their exemplary academic and leadership skills.

The National Board of Public Health Examiners offers COA/USPHS members and employees:

- A \$70 discount off the regular NBPHE exam fee
- Free access to the ASPPH Certified in Public Health (CPH) Study Guide

Exam Dates:

February 1 – 28
June 1 – 30
October 1 – 31

*Additional paper and pencil exams offered.
Please check www.nbphe.org

Exam Fee:

Standard: \$385.00

COA: \$315.00

*Additional \$100.00 international testing fee applies for examinations outside of the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

CPH Exam Content:

The Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam covers the areas of knowledge relevant to contemporary public health and general principles. The examination was crafted to assess a person's knowledge of these competencies, regardless of his or her area of expertise.

<u>Core Areas</u>	<u>Cross-Cutting Area</u>
General Principles	Communication and Informatics
Biostatistics	Diversity and Culture
Environmental Health Sciences	Leadership
Epidemiology	Public Health Biology
Health Policy and Management	Professionalism
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Programs Planning
	Systems Thinking

CPH Exam Eligibility:

In order to be eligible to sit for the National Board of Public Health Examiners Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam, all candidates must meet one of the following eligibility criteria.

- Individual with a Bachelor's degree (any concentration) and a minimum of 5 years of public health work experience (any location). Applications will be reviewed based on public health work experience, indicating the scope of foundational knowledge that has been acquired based on the ten essential public health services.
- Student/Alumni of CEPH-accredited school or program of public health
- Individual who has taken the core courses (Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Services/Policy Management, and Social and Behavioral Sciences) at a CEPH accredited school or program of public health, plus a relevant public health degree or has obtained a minimum of 3 years of public health work experience

How do I Access the ASPPH CPH Study Guide:

COA members and personnel receive complimentary access to the ASPPH CPH Study Guide. To access the guide:

To access the guide:

Go to: <https://cphstudyguide.aspph.org/>

Enter the CPH discount code
“coadiscout”

To obtain the discount code, contact your administrator.

Study Resources

88.0% of CPH candidates use the ASPPH CPH online study guide to prepare for the exam.

Other ASPPH sponsored CPH resources, include a series of live webinar sessions, specific to each of the core areas of public health, including the cross-cutting areas.

Once a year, APHA & NBPHE host the CPH Learning Institute at the APHA Annual Meeting. The learning institute is a two-day, in-person, comprehensive overview to help you prepare for the CPH examination.

NBPHE suggests the following study resources for CPH exam preparation:

- **CPH Content Outline**
- **Practice Exams**
- **Sample Questions**
- **ASPPH CPH Study Guide**
- **ASPPH CPH Webinar Series**

For more information, visit www.nbphe.org under study resources.

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