**Development of Public Health Competencies for DCPS**

**Purpose:**

The chiropractic profession has a unique opportunity to contribute to a range of public health needs. There is a need to better equip chiropractic graduates to respond to contemporary public health problems and participate more fully as a partner in the broader health care community. Our goal was to develop a shared set of public health competencies for Doctor of Chiropractic Programs.

**Process:**

1. A comprehensive literature search identified public health competencies in various health professional programs.
2. Published competencies from a range of healthcare professions were categorized and edited.
3. Stakeholders provided input to refine and prioritize the competencies.
* American Public Health Association Chiropractic Health Care Section, 2017 Annual Meeting
* Association of Chiropractic Colleges-Research Agenda Conference Workshop (March 2018)
* Competency I.A. added based on Lancet series & global public health community input
* ACC Chief Academic & Chief Clinic Officers, October 2018

**Call to Action:**

* **Adopt the core set of 16 public health competencies as part of your institution’s curriculum.**
* **Modify classroom and clinical education to reflect these competencies.**
* **Monitor communications from the APHA Chiropractic Health Care section, and incorporate content and activities into your curriculum as you see fit.**
* **Share your experiences and success with others in our chiropractic public health community!**