

School of Public Health

SPH CARES: Strategic Plan 2023-2028

Every community deserves to be its healthiest self, but not all are. We're here to change that.

In a world of pressing health concerns, the UofM School of Public Health is committed to addressing the newest challenges by conducting rigorous research, providing evidence-based solutions, promoting health equity, and preparing world-class public health leaders to elevate the health of our communities, locally and globally.

The UofM School of Public Health (SPH) offers an undergraduate program in Public Health, as well as three master's degree programs (Master of Public Health, Master of Health Administration, and Master of Science in Biostatistics); three doctoral programs (Social and Behavioral Sciences; Epidemiology; Biostatistics); and a variety of joint-degree and certificate programs. One of the unique aspects of SPH is the way our students serve the community as they earn their degrees. Students and faculty work closely with public health officials and community leaders, conducting collaborative research that leads to changes in health policies.

The UofM School of Public Health is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). SPH is also a member of the Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health (ASPPH). The Master of Health Administration (MHA) program is one of 83 programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) and the only accredited program in Tennessee.

Vision

To achieve excellence in public health education and research while promoting greater community impact in local, national, and global settings.

Mission (SPH-CARES)

To advance health and well-being of all populations while engaging <u>Communities</u>, and being an <u>Anchor institute</u>, offering innovative academic programs, driving <u>Research-based solutions</u>, supporting <u>Entrepreneurship and innovation while remaining Student-centric (CARES).</u>

Values

We strive to adapt ourselves to changes in health needs and priorities of the population in a rapidly changing environment.

With rapid changes in health needs and priorities of the population, we are committed to addressing unexpected public health problems, overcoming barriers, and evaluating our efforts to move forward. Our proactive data-driven and agile approach to these challenges can stimulate innovation and serve as a catalyst for motivation to achieve excellence.

We advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in our school's culture and environment.

We foster a respectful, welcoming, and inclusive environment. This guiding principle is translated by recognizing our students as members of the extended family of health professionals who work toward the same goals and are also constantly trying to support their personal and familial lives. We provide a friendly and supportive environment for faculty, staff, and students by promoting equal opportunities, a fair workload distribution, and recognizing hard work and excellence.

We define student success beyond earning an academic degree to encompass having a successful and impactful professional career in public health.

We believe in creating a student-centric environment by providing our students with the resources essential to develop a lifelong learning experience through student engagement, networking opportunities, high quality experiential learning opportunities, and by providing them with both academic and real-life professional skills that are readily applicable in their careers.

We create opportunities for cutting-edge, impactful research that expands the field of public health and responds to the needs of the community.

We aspire to enhance our research efforts and focus on conducting collaborative research that is innovative, impactful, and interdisciplinary to address critical local and global public health issues. We also create opportunities for students to get involved in faculty-led research projects in community settings.

We aspire to become a trusted resource for public health needs of our local community, the residents of Tennessee, and beyond.

We are committed to creating a healthier future for all by ensuring everyone has access to resources and education they need to be healthy. By providing communities with greater access to credible, trusted, culturally competent and contextually relevant workforce and resources, we are enhancing health outcomes for generations to come.

We develop and maintain collaborations at the local, national, and international levels for advancing health equity.

We acknowledge social, economic, and health disparities and apply the principles of health equity and social justice across diverse local and global settings, especially among populations living in underserved, under resourced, and geographically remote settings.

SPH GOAL 1Aggressively Provide Access

Increase awareness of the SPH's unique value to help grow enrollment and increase access.

1.1. Higher Enrollment and Admission Standards

Grow undergraduate enrollment by 25% over the next three years and by 50% in five years.

- a. Expand recruitment outreach to area high schools.
- b. Increase dual enrollment to develop a pipeline to undergraduate enrollment.
- Restructure the Bachelor of Science in Public Health program with a minor in population health informatics.
- d. Organize student engagement workshops for freshmen.
- e. Offer skill-building workshops for both undergraduate and graduate students to develop student engagement.
- f. Enhance on-line and service-based learning opportunities.

1.2. Diversified Student Sourcing

Attract a student body that reflects the diversity of our community and nation.

- a. Develop relationships with institutions in and around Memphis, the mid-south, and nationally to recruit a diverse student body.
- b. Attend conferences, online and onsite information sessions, and college fairs to expand the recruitment efforts.

1.3. Purposeful and Distinctive Recruitment and Marketing

Be the first choice for students looking for top quality and affordable higher education in public health.

- Update and enhance the SPH website for greater brand awareness and ease of information access.
- Expand the social marketing campaign to establish a strong and cohesive online presence across digital platforms to attract and engage potential students through storytelling.
- c. Launch Public Health 101 sessions in area high schools.

1.4. Improved Access and Affordability

Identify and expand creative methods of financial support for students.

- a. Develop scholarships for SPH undergraduate students.
- b. Increase Dean's Scholarship awards for master's students.
- c. Provide support for scholarship recipients to maintain academic performance and scholarship eligibility.
- d. Support a diverse array of financial resources to help meet student needs.
- e. Raise awareness of scholarships and financial opportunities through social marketing campaigns.
- f. Expand certificate programs to increase options for professional enhancement for nontraditional students.

1.5. Growing Graduate and Professional Enrollment

Meet the growing need for public health professionals by training experts from all walks of life.

- a. Participate in graduate fairs and online and onsite information sessions.
- b. Host SPH graduate information sessions each semester
- c. Launch accelerated bachelor to master's (4+1) program.

d. Expand dual degree programs for MPH and MHA with other social sciences, STEM, and clinical programs.

1.6. Increased UofM Global Enrollment

Use technology to our students' advantage and offer innovative online learning opportunities.

- Grow online degree and skill-based workforce development courses to increase diverse body of non-traditional and professional students.
- Expand recruitment efforts with international sites to recruit at all levels and for the certificate programs.

SPH GOAL 2 Create Opportunities to Succeed

Encourage students to persevere and thrive in their educational experience and careers while creating a meaningful connection with the school.

2.1. Student Success 2.0

Expand existing scholarships and assistantships, allowing students to have greater access to academic resources and support services.

- a. Enhance the affordability of our educational programs through expanded financial support, such as scholarships, training grants, and graduate assistantships/fellowships.
- Prepare students for successful leadership and impactful careers through an immersive learning environment and development of a digital portfolio throughout their academic career.
- c. Modify curricula and competencies to ensure alignment with evolving job markets.
- d. Initiate a career/professional development program for students covering topics such as resumes, curriculum vitae, digital portfolio, job

- interviews, presentation skills, and professionalism in the workplace.
- e. Initiate career development and mentoring programs, including connecting with alumni to provide mentorship for public health practice, research opportunities, and career development.

2.2. Cohesive Community

Promote a culture of respect, transparency, equity, and student engagement to create and sustain a welcoming, supportive, and cohesive school climate in which students can thrive.

- a. Initiate and facilitate opportunities for facultystudent social interactions.
- b. Expand SPH-sponsored events to further support student interactions and collaborations and build a strong student community.
- c. Conduct an annual Campus Climate Survey that assesses student engagement, program satisfaction, and sense of inclusion and belonging.

2.3. Rich and Exciting Campus Life

Increase and improve student activities within the school of public health to foster greater connectivity and fulfilling experiences.

- a. Promote a culture of respect, transparency, equity, inclusion, and engagement.
- Enhance spaces within the SPH building for social engagement, with opportunities for interacting with other disciplines.
- c. Create innovative on-campus service opportunities for students to increase awareness of public health and enhance connections between the SPH and the campus community.
- d. Increase off-campus public health service opportunities to enhance relationships between students and the larger community.

SPH GOAL 3 Outcome-Focused Academics

Focus on student success and prepare students for the workforce through an innovative yet rigorous, practical, well-rounded and supportive academic experience.

3.1. Rigorous and Relevant Education

Commit to top-quality education and use datadriven assessments of our programs to continually refine our programs.

- Improve research methodology trainings with increased focus on data quality and sound interpretation of results.
- b. Engage students in research from the beginning of their study.
- c. Involve students in research proposal writing and publications.
- d. Encourage and support students to present their research at national/regional meetings.

3.2. High Impact Practices

Expand experiential, skill-based learning which is proven to give students a solid foundation.

- a. Increase opportunities to study abroad.
- b. Foster learning communities through collaborative assignments and projects.
- c. Provide opportunities for service and community-based learning.

3.3. Outcomes/Workforce Focus

Whether they are going on to graduate school, the workforce, or entrepreneurial endeavors, prepare students for lifelong professional success.

a. Ensure satisfactory student progress during their degree programs.

- b. With community partners and potential employers, increase internship opportunities to gain real-world experiences.
- Use feedback from students and alumni to inform curriculum review to improve skill-based learning.

3.4. Optimized Degree Program Mix and Emphasis

Align the SPH program with the demands of the public health workforce and to continuously add value to our degrees.

- a. Develop new certificates that meet the needs of the community.
- Continue to assess workforce capacity needs through a wide range of initiatives including job analysis and employers in various sectors.

3.5. Flexible Attendance Options

Make courses accessible with instruction available in ways that best suit the diverse learners we serve.

- a. Offer flexible learning methods (hybrid, onsite, online) and course scheduling.
- Offer flexible attendance options that address the challenges associated with traditional attendance models without compromising educational quality.

3.6. Expanded Offering of Non-Degree Credentials

Expand our non-degree offerings so that we can help meet the needs of public health professionals at any point in their career.

- a. Perform periodic assessments of the work landscape, focusing mainly on local and regional employers, to understand in-demand skills and qualifications and inform our non-degree offerings.
- b. Design and offer flexible microcredential and topic-specific training curricula.

3.7. Teaching Life Skills

Provide a strong array of skills relevant for all careers and life situations.

- Offering practical courses about public health across the life span of our students and alumni, including information relevant to current public health concerns.
- b. Practical application of skills is integrated into many courses, so students don't just absorb information, they practice it.
- Provide learners ample opportunities for team building, collaboration, and effective leadership skills throughout their education.

3.8. Enhanced Graduate and Professional Education

Create strong graduate programs that will inspire undergraduate students to pursue further education.

- a. Align the needs of our workforce partners with our graduate programs.
- b. Increase research resources and opportunities for graduate students.
- c. Bolster compensation and benefits packages for graduate students.

3.9. Educational Ecosystem

Build an educational ecosystem that connects with the community to enhance regional public health.

- a. Increase relationships with high schools by offering public health courses.
- b. Build cooperative relationships with regional educational institutions to offer a pipeline into public health higher education.
- c. Collaborate with local health departments to develop community-based research opportunities that serve local people.

SPH GOAL 4 Strengthen Research Enterprise

Support impactful, interdisciplinary scholarship and research with world-class infrastructure and researchers motivated to address local and global challenges.

4.1. Increased and Enhanced Research Capacity

Increase and diversify research activities to be more responsive to the needs of public health problems, locally and globally.

- a. Increase students' involvement in study design, grant writing, and implementing research projects.
- b. Facilitate student-initiated research ideas through mentoring, seed grants, and publishing their findings.
- c. Encourage interdisciplinary team building by developing collaborative projects with other institutes and organizations.
- Increase extramural funding from diversified sources, including federal, non-federal, and foundation opportunities.
- e. Enroll graduate students in the APHA to increase their exposure to current research and enhance their capability to network and present their research.

4.2. Improved and Expanded Research Infrastructure

Expand research capacity with up-to-date infrastructure, including modernizing the computer lab and developing a plan for optimizing its operation.

 Establish an Office of Research to be led by a Director of Research along with relevant support staff.

- b. Expand computer labs for the students and ensure that the needed software are available.
- c. Develop a Lunch and Learn Series where faculty and doctoral students across divisions can have the opportunity to present their research.
- d. Provide seed funding and a cohesive mentoring program for junior faculty that prioritizes developing interdisciplinary and impactful research portfolios.

4.3. Re-engineered Research Processes

Improve research support, especially for funds management, subcontracts execution, record keeping, secured data storage, and human subjects' compliance.

- a. Hire at least one additional research staff to support faculty with post-award.
- b. Streamline grant applications development and submission.
- c. Provide training in IRB procedures to facilitate and expedite IRB protocols.
- d. Develop a comprehensive faculty workload analysis and plan for teaching buyouts that are proportional to faculty research funding.

4.4. Purposeful and Impactful Research Centers and Institutes

Develop research centers to support interdisciplinary research addressing public health challenges impacting communities.

- a. Establish thematic research centers in SPH for high impact research.
- b. Develop policy and procedures to track center productivity.

4.5. Key Research Focus Areas

Conduct impactful research that addresses the health and well-being of our city and state, based on careful and continuous needs assessments.

 a. Incentivize research that addresses local health issues such as social determinants of health (SDOH), health and healthcare disparities.

- Encourage junior faculty to build a research portfolio on the priority health issues and needs of the local and regional communities.
- Actively seek new collaboration activities with local and regional stakeholders, such as the Department of Health, health provider networks, and higher education institutions.
- d. Be responsive to local and regional public health challenges and align with the research focal areas of major federal funding agencies and potential academic partners.

4.6. Enlarged and Diversified Funding

Diversifying funding sources is crucial to grow research enterprises and ensure high quality research training opportunities for students.

- a. Increase the diversity in grant applications beyond the usual focus on federal sources, such as the NIH and the CDC, by developing and maintaining a database for funding opportunities that align with the faculty's research interests.
- Offer special workshops on grant writing for non-governmental sources, such as private foundations, professional associations, and international organizations.
- c. Provide training in grant writing for faculty and students through special workshops.

4.7. Greater Research Visibility

Elevate SPH's status with timely and efficient dissemination of faculty research projects and their findings.

- Update and maintain SPH website and social media channels to highlight faculty research and provide accessible and easy-to-understand information about important findings.
- b. Provide support for faculty and students to travel and present their research in professional meetings and conferences.
- c. Guide and support undergraduate and graduate students to write and publish research papers.
- d. Disseminate periodic research reports translated into policy and practice through annual reports and bi-annual newsletters to local healthcare authorities.

SPH GOAL 5 Recruit, Retain, Reward and Recognize Our People

Provide opportunities for personal growth and professional development while recognizing and rewarding excellence and success and cultivating a respectful and supportive culture.

5.1. Recruiting & Onboarding

Strategize hiring highly qualified individuals with expertise and skillsets that address the school's needs and align with the school's mission.

- a. Design and implement a search and recruitment policy that facilitates targeted recruitment while focusing on promoting workforce diversity.
- b. Effectively acclimate incoming talent to their roles and provide a welcoming, supportive, and inclusive school environment.

5.2. Faculty and Staff Support

Provide relevant and meaningful support for faculty and staff to attract and retain a talented and dedicated workforce.

- a. Continuously promote a culture of inclusion, transparency, equity, and employee engagement.
- b. Develop policies and procedures that are appropriate to the school's mission.
- Work to ensure a friendly and fair work environment with adequate compensation for additional responsibilities.

5.3. Professional Development

Develop a comprehensive & responsive professional support infrastructure.

- a. Provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.
- b. Support conferences/meetings as professional opportunities for faculty and staff.
- c. Conduct an annual Campus Climate Survey to assess faculty and staff engagement, career satisfaction, and sense of inclusion.
- Facilitate a meaningful annual evaluation of the professional goals and achievements of faculty and staff.

5.4. Advancement & Leadership

Create advancement and leadership opportunities for faculty and staff to support the well-being and sustainability of the school.

- Periodically review and update SPH promotion and tenure guidelines to align with the emerging academic landscape.
- b. Develop a mentoring program for junior faculty to support their professional advancement.
- c. Provide training opportunities for faculty and staff who assume, or aspire to, higher administrative and leadership roles.

5.5. Recognition and rewards

Recognize excellence to maintain a supportive workplace, retain faculty and staff, and enhance motivation and dedication to the school.

- a. Solicit faculty and staff input in major work and operational decisions.
- b. Implement annual awards to recognize the achievements of SPH faculty and staff.
- c. Initiate and expand SPH endowed chairs and professorships and Chairs of Excellence.

5.6. Retention

Foster an atmosphere of support that will encourage high-performing faculty and staff to remain with the school.

- a) Maintain a collaborative working culture.
- b) Explore and expedite proactive retention activities.

c) Review advancement and separation policies for opportunities to improve.

SPH GOAL 6 Exemplify Operational Excellence

Become an example of operational efficiency and effectiveness by creating and upholding high standards and expectations for resource utilization and accountability.

6.1. Process Excellence

Enhance the current processes, procedures, and policies to align with the quality and quantity of excellence at the heart of the school's mission and vision.

- Develop a formal SPH organizational structure and establish committee structures addressing key areas of school functions.
- Define and outline roles and responsibilities for staff and other administrative personnel and create opportunities for teamwork and collaboration between faculty and staff.
- Provide adequate resources and ongoing training for the school's support and administration staff.
- Review, improve, and simplify application, evaluation, and admission processes to ensure the recruitment of diverse, talented, and motivated students.
- e. Formulate and implement school-wide policies and practices to ensure excellence and innovation in teaching.
- f. Improve quality control of our online academic program offerings and increase the availability of virtual/hybrid course options.

6.2. Leadership & Culture

A welcoming and fair work environment is the sine qua non for a successful school and its excellent performance.

- Actively promote transparent, bidirectional communications between the school's leadership and the faculty, staff, and students through clear and timely information about regular and emergent school business.
- Assign leadership to spearhead the revision of school policies and bylaws to include metrics for cultural sensitivity and advance principles of equity, inclusiveness, diversity, and social justice.

6.3. Partnerships

Continue to identify valuable local and global academic and community partners to establish productive collaborations.

- a. Continuously seek out new academic, professional, and government partners on the local, state, national, and international levels.
- Prioritize partnerships with local bodies working in the field of public health, such as the Department of Health, hospitals, communitybased organizations, and the Veterans Administration.
- Perform periodic evaluation of existing partnerships and enhance collaboration with the ones that most closely align with the school's mission.

6.4. Marketing & Communications

Strengthen and expand marketing and communication efforts to highlight the school's achievements and value.

- a. Plan and execute a targeted marketing and communication plan that is informed by careful consideration of potential recipients with input from the university and school leadership, as well as the faculty, staff, and students.
- Collect and promote news and information about the current projects and achievements of the school's faculty, staff, and students on the school's website and social media.
- c. Perform biannual web-based surveys to gauge marketing and communication strategies and

- identify and assess communication needs and optimal strategies.
- d. Establish and strengthen relationships with local and national news and media outlets to bring awareness to the school's research and education and improve the school's reach and visibility.
- e. Establish a network of students, faculty, and staff ambassadors to assist with marketing and communication efforts by highlighting and sharing success stories and achievements via social media platforms and the SPH website.
- f. Publish a biannual newsletter and annual reports every summer to disseminate UofM SPH accomplishments.

SPH GOAL 7 Generate and Steward Financial Resources

Increase valuable financial partnerships and improve resource allocation to promote growth through alignment of values, priorities, and opportunities with application of best financial practices.

7.1. Support from Memphis and the Surrounding Region

Gain the trust and support of local agencies and organizations through targeted outreach and acknowledgment of shared needs and priorities.

- a. Engage in active and continuous exploration of potential sources of support.
- b. Establish a UofM SPH Alumni network and enhance engagement with the school's alumni and their families.
- c. Acknowledge supporters' contributions and maintain accurate and transparent records of the use of those contributions.

7.2. External Research Funding

Increase and diversify external research funding.

- Increase the number of grant applications through providing training and administrative support for faculty and students.
- Diversify the sources of funding sought through systematically searching and identifying funding opportunity from non-federal sources, including international agencies and foundations.
- c. Purposely budget for student support when preparing grant applications.

7.3. Capturing Internal Efficiencies

Perform a comprehensive review of the school's programs to identify our strengths and weaknesses, as well as potential opportunities and challenges.

- Institute accountability for all fiscal resources in SPH to develop a three-year sustainability model.
- Cultivate innovative academic pipeline initiatives that will integrate certificate to degree program pipelines.
- Develop low cost noncredit and micro credential programs that prepare an employment-ready public health workforce.

7.4. Fiscal Discipline

Align best practices for financial management with the university's fiscal strategies for long-term sustainability.

- a. Develop an outcome based financial model to optimize resources.
- b. Strategically invest in areas identified by students to be more student-centric.
- Produce periodic reports on research, operational, and foundational budgets to adjust priorities in a timely manner.

UofM SPH Strategic Plan Metrics

GOAL 1: AGGRESSIVELY PROVIDE ACCESS

		Hi	storical D	ata		Targets					
Goal 1	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
1.1. Higher enrollment and admission standard							1		1	1	
1.1.a. Expand recruitment of high schools	High s	chool recr	uitment w	as not ini	tiated	10	15	15	20	20	
1.1.b. Increase dual enrollment	Du	ial enrollm	nent was r	not initiate	ed	80	Baseline +5%	+5%	+7%	+10%	
1.1.c. Restructure BSPH and establish population health informatics minor	BSPH pr was not a	_	BSPH _I	orogram st	tarted		rogram res Informatic		•	Health	
1.1.d. Organize freshman engagement workshops		No c	lata availa	ble		Offe	r freshman	engagem	ent works	shop	
1.1.e. Offer skill building workshops		No c	data availa	ble			Offer skill	building v	vorkshop		
1.1.f. Enhance on-line and service-based learning opportunities		No c	lata availa	ible		Increas	e on-line a op	ınd servici portunitie		arning	
1.1.f.a. Total Enrollment	Base	eline = me	an of last	5 years = 2	235	235	Baseline +4%	+4%	+4%	+4%	
1.1.f.b. Total Undergraduate (degree-seeking)			7	20	23	35	Baseline +4%	+5%	+5%	+5%	
1.1.f.c. In-state			7	20	20	29	Baseline +3%	+3%	+3%	+3%	
1.1.f.d. Out-of-state					5	Baseline +3%	+5%	+7%	+7%		
1.1.f.e. International							Baseline +5%	+5%	+7%	+10%	
1.2. Diversified Student Sourcing											
1.2.a. Develop relationships with local and global institutions		No clea	ar data ava	ailable		Develop	relationsh and	ips with ir		in local	
1.2.b. Expand recruitment events		No c	data availa	ıble		50	50	60	60	65	
1.3. Purposeful & Distinctive Recruitment & M	arketing										
1.3.a. Update the SPH website and online SPH branding		No clea	ar data ava	ailable			pletely rev ntinue wit				
1.3.b. Expand social marketing campaign	No pr	evious so	cial marke	ting camp	aign	Initiate	and grow	social mai	rketing car	mpaign	
1.3.c. Launch PH 101 sessions in high schools		No PH 10	1 sessions	s offered		Launch a	nd establis	sh PH 101	in 10 high	schools	
1.4. Improved Access and Affordability											
1.4.a. Develop UG scholarships		No UG sch	olarships	available		Begin p	roviding 10	0 UG scho	larships p	er year	
1.4.b. Expand Dean's Scholarships	N	o Dean's s	cholarship	os availabl	e	15	15	15	20	20	
1.4.c. Academic scholarship support		No clea	ar data ava	ailable		Dev	elop resou	rces to pro	ovide supp	oort	
1.4.d. Diverse sources of financial resources		No clea	ar data ava	ailable		Support	a diverse	array of fi	nancial re	sources	
1.4.e. Promote scholarship availabilities		No clea	ar data ava	ailable		Raise av	vareness o op	f scholars portunitie	•	inancial	
1.4.f. Expand certificate programs			4			5	5	5	6	6	
1.5. Growing Graduate & Professional Enrollme	nent										
1.5.a. Participate graduate fairs/events		No c	data availa	ible		Participate in graduate fairs and offer online and onsite information sessions					
1.5.b. Host graduate information sessions		No c	lata availa	ible		Host SPH graduate information sessions each semester					
1.5.c. Launch accelerated BS/MPH	No	accelerat	ted BS/MI	PH program	m	Launch accelerate BS/MPH program					

1.5.d. Expand dual degree programs	No clea	ar data ava	ailable		Expand dual degree programs both within and beyond the University						
1.5.e. Total Graduate Students	180	228	220	202	206	Baseline +3%	+5%	+5%	+5%		
1.5.e.1. New Admissions	55	93	63	56	74	+3%	+3%	+4%	+5%		
1.5.e.2. Master's enrollment	135	184	173	153	144	+3%	+3%	+4%	+5%		
1.5.e.3. Doctoral enrollment	45	44	47	48	61	+1%	+1%	+2%	+3%		
1.5.e.4. Certificate enrollment	16	19	18	13	28	+3%	+3%	+4%	+5%		
1.5.f. Qualifications											
1.5.f.1. Mean ACT			22	14	24	22	23	24	25		
1.5.f.2. Mean High School GPA			3.96	2.97	3.73	3.50	3.50	3.65	3.65		
1.6. Increased UofM Global Enrollment											
1.6.a. Grow online workforce development courses	No clea	ar data ava	ailable		Grow on	line degre develo	e and skill pment co		orkforce		
1.6.b. Expand International recruitment efforts	No clea	ar data ava	ailable		Expand recruitment efforts with international sites at all levels and for certificate programs						

GOAL 2: CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCEED

		Hi	storical Da	ata				Targets		
Goal 2	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
2.1. Student Success 2.0										
2.1.a. Expand financial support		No cle	ar data av	ailable				rdability o		
2.1.a.a. Number of SPH scholarships awarded	No s	school wid	le scholars	ships	30	30	30	35	35	35
2.1.a.b. Amount of student scholarships	No s	school wid	le scholars	ships	\$125, 000	\$125, 000	\$125, 000	\$150, 000	\$150, 000	\$150, 000
2.1.b. Create immersive learning and develop digital portfolio		N	ew Initiati	ve		25%	35%	40%	50%	50%
2.1.c. Align with job market		No	data availa	able				and compe th evolvin		
2.1.d. Initiate career development program	No car	reer devel	opment p	rogram av	ailable	Pro	vide caree	r develop	ment prog	gram
2.1.e. Initiate alumni mentoring program		Limited	alumni m	entoring		Ex	pand alun	nni mento	ring progr	am
2.1.f. Increase student retention										
2.1.f.a. First-Year Retention Rate New Freshmen	85.7% 75% 66.7%						75%	75%	80%	85%
2.1.f.b. First Year Retention Rate Graduate (full time, part time)	89.2% 88.2% 84.8% 88.6% 87%				91%	90%	90%	90%	90%	
2.1.f.c. Certificate	60.7%	78.3%	68%	80.8%	64.7%	80.8%	80%	80%	80%	80%
2.1.f.d. Masters	94.8%	88%	86.5%	88.5%	88.5%	92.7%	90%	90%	90%	90%
2.1.f.f. Doctoral	91.1%	95%	88.9%	87.8%	90.2%	82.9%	85%	90%	90%	90%
2.2. Cohesive Community										
2.2.a. Enhance social faculty-student interactions		No cle	ar data av	ailable				litate 2-3 e lent social		
2.2.b. Expand community events		No	data avail	able		Expai	•	onsored e tudent coi		uild a
2.2.c. Conduct climate survey for students		Limite	ed data ava	ailable			ment, pro	survey tha gram satis sion and b	faction, ar	
2.2.c.a. Student Satisfaction		84%		82%	82% 84% 85% 85% 86					86%
2.3. Rich & Exciting Campus Life										
2.3.a. Promote equity and inclusion culture		No	data avail	able			ure of resp	ual worksh pect, trans n, and eng	parency, e	
2.3.b. Enhance social engagement within SPH building		No	data availa	able		Facilitat		vithin SPH engagemer		ce social

2.3.c. Create on-campus service opportunities	No data available	Create innovative service opportunities for on-campus students
2.3.d. Increase community service opportunities	No data available	Increase PH services to build relationship between students and community

GOAL 3: OUTCOME-FOCUSED ACADEMICS

	Historical Data Targets										
Goal 3	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
3.1. Rigorous & Relevant Education											
3.1.a. Improve research methodology training for students		No	data availa	able			t biannua				
Tor students							ce capacit e list of re				
3.1.b. Engage students in faculty led research		No	data availa	able			yond whe	•	•		
Cizio zingage stateme in racart, rea research							et involve		•	•	
3.1.c. Develop skills in manuscript and	No d	ata availak	olov Doto v	م النا	ard a d		e biannual				
proposal development.	NO a	ata avallat	oie; Data v	vill be reco	oraea	for ma	anuscript a	nd propo	sal develo	pment	
3.1.d. Encourage and support student		No cle	ar data av	ailahle			2-3% i	ncrease ar	nnually		
presentations		140 010	ar data av	unubic			2 3/01	increase ai			
3.2. High Impact Practices											
							e practicu				
3.2.a. Increase study abroad opportunities		No	data availa	able			ortunities ch or com		_	_	
						researe		bal settin		jeets III	
						Cre	ate learnir			ough	
3.2.b. Foster collaborative assignments		No	data availa	able			borative a				
3.2.c. Provide community-based learning						twice a y					
opportunities		No	data availa	able		rm studer					
						proj	ects availa	ble in the	commun	ities.	
3.3. Outcomes/Workforce Focus		N1-	d-4 11	- 1-1 -			Danilla f				
3.3.a. Track student progress		No	data availa	able			Results f	rom clima	te survey	1	
3.3.a.a. 6-year Undergraduate Graduation Rate (%)	48.10	53.20	51.40	54.30	48.20	50	52.50	55	62.50	70	
3.3.a.b. Undergraduate Degrees Awarded		N	ew progra	m		6					
3.3.a.c. Master's Degrees Awarded	47	49	57	72	75	-	Average of	the last 5	vears +29	%	
3.3.a.d. Doctoral Degrees Awarded	9	8	5	8	6	Average of the last 5 years +2%					
3.3.a.e. Post-graduation (6 mo.) Placement	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	
3.3.b. Increase internship opportunities		No	data availa	able		Increase	internshi wor	p opportu ld experie		gain real-	
3.3.c. Improve skill-based learning based on						5 1.		<u> </u>			
feedback from students		NO	data availa	эые		Result	s from clir	nate & cu	rriculum s	urveys	
3.4. Optimized Degree Program Mix and Emph	asis										
3.4.a. Offer new certificates/micro-credential		No	data availa	able		2	2	2	3	3	
programs											
2.4 h. Assass workfores conscitu noods		No	data availa	abla			workforce		_		
3.4.b. Assess workforce capacity needs		NO	uala avall	abie			ces of data le reports			•	
3.5. Flexible Attendance Options						avanabi	Стеропіз	combined	with job	ariarysis.	
	No data available Annual survey to obtain student fee							ident feed	lback on		
3.5.a. Offer flexible learning methods		No	data availa	able			eferences				
3.5.b. Offer flexible attendance options		No	data availa	able		Annual survey to obtain student feedback on preferences of learning modalities.					
3.6. Expanded Offering of Non-Degree Credent	ials										
3.6.a. Perform workplace landscape		No	data availa	able			Assess w	orkplace l	andscane		
assessment										_	
3.6.b. Offer topic-specific training curricula	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	
3.7. Teaching Life Skills											

3.7.a. Offer practical public health courses	No data available	Initiate practical courses relevant to current public health concerns							
3.7.b. Integrate practical application of skills	No data available	Integra	ate practio m	al applications		lls into			
3.7.c. Provide team building, leadership, and collaboration opportunities	No data available		de opport ration, an			O.			
3.8. Enhanced Graduate and Professional Educa	ation								
3.8.a. Align workforce needs with graduate program	No data available	0	e stakehol kills neede		employme				
3.8.b. Increase graduate research	Limited data available	Track student research and scholarly output							
3.8.c. Increase graduate compensation	No data available	t unde profe	opportuni o teach in ergraduate essional de increase t	dual enro courses fa velopmer	Ilment and acilitating at and abil	d their ity to			
3.9. Educational Ecosystem									
3.9.a. Increase relationships with high schools	No relationship with high schools	10	10	15	15	20			
3.9.b. Increase cooperation with regional and global educational institutions	No data available	5 6 7 8 10							
3.9.c. Expand collaboration with local and state health departments	Limited collaboration with local and state health departments	Track collaborative projects with local and state health departments.				al and			

GOAL 4: STRENGTHEN RESEARCH ENTERPRISE

		Hi	storical D	ata				Targets		
Goal 4	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
4.1. Increased & Enhanced Research Capacity										
4.1.a. Increase student research involvement		Limite	ed data av	ailable			opportuni e student		_	
4.1.b. Facilitate student-initiated research ideas		No	data avail	able			ate best po ential lear			
4.1.c. Develop collaborative projects with other institutions		No	data avail	able		Facili	tate biann build	ual interd ling works		team
4.1.d. Increase extramural funding	\$2,741, 523	523 ,846 ,639 ,272 ,843 3,046 ne +5% +10							+10%	+10%
4.1.e. Enroll graduates in APHA								100%	100%	100%
4.2. Improved & Expanded Research Infrastruc	ture									
4.2.a. Establish an Office of Research	No designated Office of Research in SPH					h an Offic tor of Res		ng with rel	•	
4.2.b Develop computer lab facility in SPH	No (computer	lab availa	ble within	SPH	Create informatics and data analy computer lab in SPH				/tics
4.2.c. Develop Lunch and Learn Series events	Limi	ted Lunch	and Lear	n Series ev	vents	Expa	and Lunch	and Learr	Series ev	ents
4.2.d. Develop seed funding for junior faculty	N	o seed fun	nding for j	unior facu	lty		ed and cor seed fund			
4.3. Re-engineered Research Processes										
4.3.a. Hire additional research support staff		Limited re	search su	pport staf	f	1	1	1	1	2
4.3.b. Streamline grant application process	Develop workflow document facilit Barriers to smooth grant submissions collaboration between SPH research and university's OSP							_		
4.3.c. Provide training in IRB procedures	Limited structured training in IRB procedures Organize workshops to train students a faculty on IRB procedures and documentations.									
4.3.d. Conduct faculty workload analysis	No relevant workload analysis No relevant workload analysis No relevant workload analysis proportional to faculty research fu							that is		

4.3.d.a. Faculty FTE- grants submitted	\$1,030, 031	\$773,2 63	\$1,747 ,000	\$1,059 ,312	\$1,478, 692	\$2,525 ,053		2% annua	al increase		
4.3.d.b. Faculty FTE - grants awarded	\$137,07 6	\$145,0 87	\$128,9 32	\$160,3 46	\$494,49 3	\$572,5 26		2% annua	al increase		
4.3.d.c. Faculty Seeking Funded Research	50%	52%	60%	57%	64%	79%	Mear	1 2018-23	+2-5% anı	nually	
4.4. Purposeful & Impactful Research Centers &	& Institutes										
4.4.a. Establish thematic research centers		No them	atic resear	ch center		Continu		lop resear ealth prior	ch centers rity areas	s in high	
4.4.b. Track center productivity		No	data availa	able		Annua		ubmission rs and ins	by SPH re titutes	search	
4.5. Key Research Focus Areas											
4.5.a. Incentivize research that addresses local and regional health issues		No cle	ar data av	ailable					pport and Ilth priorit		
4.5.b. Increase junior faculty portfolios		No cle	ar data av	ailable		Highligh	•	esearch t orint medi	hrough dig a	gital and	
4.5.c. Increase local collaborations	No clear data available						_		hat suppo and missio		
4.5.d. Align research around local and regional challenges		No cle	ar data av	ailable		_	h towards		drive innov g good hea g		
4.6. Enlarged & Diversified Funding											
4.6.a. Create database of diverse funding opportunities		No re	levant dat	abase	Develo	•	ntain a da ng opport	itabase of unities	diverse		
4.6.b. Offer grant writing workshops for non-governmental sources		No rel	evant wor	kshops		Biannual seminars providing information about various non-governmental sources of funding					
4.6.c. Provide professional networking and grant writing resources for faculty development		No re	elevant tra	ining		Identify resources to support faculty development					
4.6.d. Increase grant applications and awards											
4.6.d.a. # Grant applications	62	64	55	63	73	61	Mear	n 2018-23	+2-3% anı	nually	
4.6.d.b. # grant applications funded	26	28	25	34	37	33	Mear	1 2018-23	+1-2% anı	nually	
4.6.d.c. % grants funded	42%	43.7%	45.4%	55.7%	51%	54%			+1-2% anı		
4.6.d.d. Federal Research Awards	0	2	3	7	4	5			3 +2% ann		
4.6.d.e. Non-Federal Research Awards	62	62	52	56	69	56			+1-2% anı		
4.6.d.f. Total Journal Publication		L	imited da	ta availabl	e		Mea	n 2018-23	3 + 2% ann	ually	
4.7. Greater Research Visibility											
4.7.a. Highlight faculty research on school website		No cle	ar data av	ailable		school	's website	and socia	aculty suco Il media ch	nannels	
4.7.b. Support faculty and student travel for research presentations		No cle	ar data av	ailable			ulty and s		urces to su irticipation es		
4.7.b.a. Number of students participating in national and international conferences/meetings	Do no	ot have cle	ar data or	n this	7	24	25	25	25	30	
4.7.c. Support student research publication		No cle	ar data av	ailable		present	ation of reand interr	esearch fi national co	cript writing or indings at reported or indicate or in	national S	
4.7.d. Translate research for local publication		No cle	ar data av	ailable		Develop and disseminate periodic research reports in varied formats to address needs various stakeholders					

^{*}All grants-related data are as of November 2023

GOAL 5: RECRUIT, RETAIN AND RECOGNIZE OUR PEOPLE

COAL S. RECKOTI, RETAIN AND	Historical Data						Targets					
Goal 5	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Fall 2027		
5.1. Recruiting & Onboarding	2010	2013	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2023	2020	2027		
5.1.a. Strategize targeted recruitment		No cle	ear data a	vailable		Devel		ment, and		olan for		
5.1.b. Implement effective onboarding for new people		Limited or	nboarding	of new sta	aff	De		cedures fo		ding		
5.2. Faculty & Staff Support												
5.2.a. Promote employee engagement		No	data avai	lable		Create	faculty ar	nd staff ap	preciation	awards		
5.2.b. Align policies and procedures appropriate to school mission		No	data avai	lable				nd digital o				
5.2.c. Ensure fair compensation		No	data avai	lable				e efforts to nodel of co		_		
5.3. Professional Development												
5.3.a. Provide professional development opportunities for faculty & staff		No	data avai	lable		le		d support ment opp		nal		
5.3.a.a. % faculty in professional development workshops		No	data avai	lable			15%	25%	30%	50%		
5.3.a.b. % staff in professional development workshops		No	data avai	lable			25%	25%	50%	100%		
5.3.b. Support faculty & staff attendance of conference		No	data avai	lable				evelop face essional de	•			
5.3.c. Conduct Annual Climate Survey to assess engagement, satisfaction, and inclusion		No	data avai	lable				nnual Clim		•		
5.3.c.a. Faculty Satisfaction		No	data avai	ilable				and respo				
5.3.c.b. Staff Satisfaction		No	data avai	lable				and respo				
5.3.d. Assess annual evaluations of faculty and staff goals and achievements		Limited u	ıtilization (of this dat	a	Utilize this data to actively track adherence to the goals proposed						
5.4. Advancement & Leadership						Periodically review and update SPH						
5.4.a. Review & update promotion/tenure guidelines	P&T	guidelines	s available format	in an acce	essible	prom	notion and	review and tenure gung rging acad	uidelines t	o align		
5.4.b. Develop mentoring for junior faculty	Li	mited mei	ntoring of	junior fac	ulty	Link both	junior fact within SPI	ulty to exp H and acro profession	erienced to	faculty ions to		
5.4.c. Provide training & advancement opportunities for faculty and staff		No	data avai	lable			•	cally facult r professio	•			
5.5. Recognition & Rewards												
5.5.a. Engage faculty/staff input on operational decisions	Limite		nent of fac ational de	culty/staff cisions	input on		and op	erational	decisions			
5.5.b. Implement annual awards to recognize faculty and staff achievements		No S	SPH wide a	wards				ind staff in nizing thei				
5.5.c. Expand endowed chairs and professorships and "Chairs of Excellence"												
5.5.c.a. Number of endowed chairs	0	0	0	0	0	0 1 1 1						
5.5.c.b. Number of Endowed Professorships	0	0	2	2	2	3 3 4 4						
5.5.c.c. Number of Chairs of Excellence	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2		
5.6. Retention												
5.6.a. Maintain welcoming work culture		No	data avai	lable		Annual climate assessment to assess work culture						
5.6.b. Engage proactive retention strategies		No	data avai	lable		Develop recognition and appreciation of faculty and staff achievements						
5.6.c. Update advancement and separation policies		No	data avai	lable		Develop clear protocols for separation to ensure smooth transition and sustainability						

GOAL 6: EXEMPLIFY OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

	Historical Data Targets									
Goal 6	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
6.1. Process Excellence										
6.1.a. Establish organizational structure	No fo	ormal SPH	organizat	ional strud	cture	and esta	blish comi	SPH organ mittee stru of school	uctures ad	
6.1.b. Enhance collaborative opportunities between faculty and staff		No o	data availa	able			to strengt	ding works hen collab ulty and st	oration be	
6.1.c. Provide staff training		No o	data availa	able				ment trair ive and re	_	
6.1.d. Streamline admission process		No d	data availa	able		outlinin	g roles an	orehensive d responsi ged in the	ibilities of	various
6.1.e. Implement clear guidelines for instructors		No guid	delines av	ailable			ps for facu	ition manu ulty engag tional assi	ed in teacl	
6.1.f. Upgrade academic quality control		No o	data availa	able		Formaliz		y control p ce course		line and
6.2. Leadership & Culture										
6.2.a. Facilitate open communication about school business		Limited	commun	ication		staff co	ouncil me	nize semes etings and	weekly up	odates
6.2.b. Implement metrics for DEI		No clea	ar data av	ailable		_		to spearhe to include		
6.3. Partnerships										
6.3.a. Develop new partnerships		No o	data availa	able		Tra	ack new p	artnership	s each ye	ar
6.3.a.a. Global partnerships	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	5	5
6.3.b. Prioritize local partnerships		No o	data availa	able				engthen paind nation	•	
6.3.b.a. Annual Community forum meetings		No d	data availa	able		1	2	2	2	2
6.3.c. Evaluate existing partnerships and enhance collaborations		No o	data availa	able		Docu		put of the established		tions
6.4. Marketing & Communications										
6.4.a. Implement comprehensive and robust marketing plan		No o	data availa	able		Develop		ent and ev		irketing
6.4.b. Promote activities on website and social media		No o	data availa	able				te news a ebsite and		
6.4.b.a. Social Media Engagement										
6.4.b.a1. Facebook	0	0	0	190	196	235	Mean	2018-23+	- 2-3% anr	nually
6.4.b.a2. Instagram	0	0	0	0	98	141	Mean	2018-23+	- 5-7% anr	nually
6.4.b.a3. LinkedIn	0	0	0	0	322	999	Mea	n 2018-23	+ 5% annı	ually
6.4.b.a4. Unique Webpage Views		No d	data availa	able			Mean	2018-23 -	+ 2-3% anr	nually
6.4.c. Perform web-based surveys		No o	data availa	able		Perf	orm bianr	nual web-l	pased surv	eys
6.4.d. Generate press releases for local media		No o	data availa	able				engthen re al news an		
6.4.e. Engage students, faculty, alumni to promote SPH online		No o	data availa	able			assadors	rk of stud to assist w unication	ith marke	
6.4.f. Publish biannual newsletter & annual reports		No	data availa	able				ewsletters port every		r and an
6.4.f.a. Digital and print newsletter and annual report	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3

6.4.f.b. Dean Grand Round speaker series	0	0	0	0	2	3	6	6	6	8
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GOAL 7: GENERATE AND STEWARD FINANCIAL RESOURCES

	Historical Data Targets									
Goal 7	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall
7.1. Support from Memphis and Surrounding R	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
7.1.a. Engage in continuous exploration of	СБІОП					Engage	in active	and contir	nuous exp	loration
potential support		No	data avail	able			of potentia			
7.1.a.a. Non-Alumni Donor	89	13	29	15	42	29	30	40	50	90
7.1.a.b. Charitable giving (USD)	11,051	20,723	40,276	37,870	500,27 7	103,07 7	20,279	40,000	100,00 0	150,00 0
7.1.a.c. SPH faculty and staff (USD)	865	475	5,069	495	2,927	1,901	1,500	1,500	2,000	3,000
7.1.a.d. Friend of SPH (USD)	776	180	875	875 25 700		450	1,500	3,000	3,500	5,000
7.1.b. Enhance SPH alumni network		No	data avail	able			h a SPH al ement wit			
7.1.b.a. Alumni (USD)	3,750	7,053	34,082	625	396,27 5	10,380	10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000
7.1.b.b. Alumni Donor Count	23 6 7 5 7						26	30	40	50
7.1.b.c. Alumni Giving Rate to the college	5.09%	1.17%	1.24%	0.8%	0.97%	0.26%	3%	4%	5%	10%
7.1.c. Maintain transparent records & acknowledge funders		Was	not being	done		Recogn	ize donors	and fund platforms		various
7.2. External Research Funding										
7.2.a. Provide training and administrative support for grant writing		No cle	ar data av	ailable		Bia	nnual wor	kshops on	grant wri	ting
7.2.b. Diversify funding sources		No cle	ar data av	ailable		Crea	ate a datal o	pase of responditi		ding
7.2.c. Budget in grants for student support		No cle	ar data av	ailable		Purposely budget for student support when preparing grant applications				rt when
7.3. Capturing Internal Efficiencies										
7.3.a. Institute fiscal accountability	N	lo previou	s sustaina	bility mod	el	based	and priorit on the ne dvancing	eds of the	e school to	wards
7.3.b. Initiate academic pipelines		No	data avail	able		from	p and imp high scho undergra	ool and tra	nsfer stud	dents
7.3.c. Implement low-cost non-credit programs		No	data avail	able		crede	elop low o ential prog public hea	grams base	ed on eme	erging
7.4. Fiscal Discipline										
7.4.a. Develop outcome-based financial model	No pre	vious outc	ome-base	d financia	l model		velop and nent (ROI) and o		ffective, e	
7.4.b. Invest in student-centric framework	No p	revious st	udent-cen	tric frame	work	ехре	in student riential le ching lifel	arning, an	d career f	or an
7.4.c. Adjust priorities & budgets responsive to feedback		No	data avail	able		Continue to assess and evaluate academi administrative, and research priorities, ar resources				