Maternal and Child Public Health Nutrition Training Program

The UC Berkeley School of Public Health’s Public Health Nutrition Program holds a training grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The primary purpose of the training program is to train short, medium, and long term MCH Nutrition leaders with the skills to identify, monitor, evaluate and implement public health nutrition programs. We accomplish this goal by:

- Providing at least 2-3 scholarships per year to masters’ and doctoral level students to train them to become skilled maternal and child public health nutrition leaders;
- Strengthening our competency-based PHN MCH curriculum to incorporate a life course model, social determinants of health, and cultural sensitivity;
- Contributing to MCH Nutrition Workforce and Succession management goals by developing a series of public health nutrition and leadership online training modules to provide continuing education to place-based public health nutritionists in the field;
- Providing interdisciplinary training and practice and inter-organizational collaboration to enhance systems of care for MCH populations;
- Supporting and bolster faculty, student and community initiated research.

Each year the UC Berkeley PHN Program can offer at least 2-3 scholarships funded by the MCHB to students while they pursue a public health nutrition graduate degree. Scholarships are intended to assist in tuition/fee payment for graduate education in Public Health Nutrition with a focus on Maternal and Child Nutrition.

Application:
Students interested in a traineeship through the MCH Nutrition Training Program at UC Berkeley should apply to the School of Public Health listing Public Health Nutrition as the intended concentration area as their first choice. You should describe your specific interest in studying MCH nutrition in the personal history statement or statement of purpose. Successful applicants to the training program will have completed, or nearly completed, undergraduate coursework in dietetics or nutrition (didactic program in dietetics). In addition to the same qualifications as listed for the general public health nutrition program, applicants to the training program will also demonstrate commitment to study and work in the field of maternal and child public health nutrition.

Curriculum:
Trainees will be required to complete all the requirements of the MPH in Public Health Nutrition. The 12-week field work requirement should be in an area focused on maternal and child nutrition. In addition, trainees will be required to take PH290 “MCH Leadership Seminar,” and are strongly recommended to complete the MCH Nutrition Specialty Area. Trainees will be provided with opportunities to further develop their skills through attending or presenting at relevant conferences or meetings, providing content to highlight their work or interests on the PHN website or other related publications, or working on specific projects as needed with PHN faculty or partners.