Task Force on Graduate Education: Selective Excellence

Program Ratings and Rationale

Program: Community and Behavioral Health M.S., Ph.D. Program
Rating: Too new to assess

Community and Behavioral Health first admitted students in 2004 and had 16 PhD and 11 MS students enrolled as of summer 2009. Two students have completed the PhD program in 4 years and are employed as an adjunct professor and an assistant professor, respectively. The strategic assessment sees opportunities for growth in the Health Communications subtrack and in research areas related to translation of randomized clinical trial interventions to the community setting which are NIH and CDC funding priorities. This program serves a large number of Masters of Public Health (MPH) students. Although the program appears to be on an upward trajectory, challenges to program growth include faculty size which has not increased since 2000.