



About the Region IV Public Health Training Center

Educating Professionals. Elevating Practice.

Mission and Goals

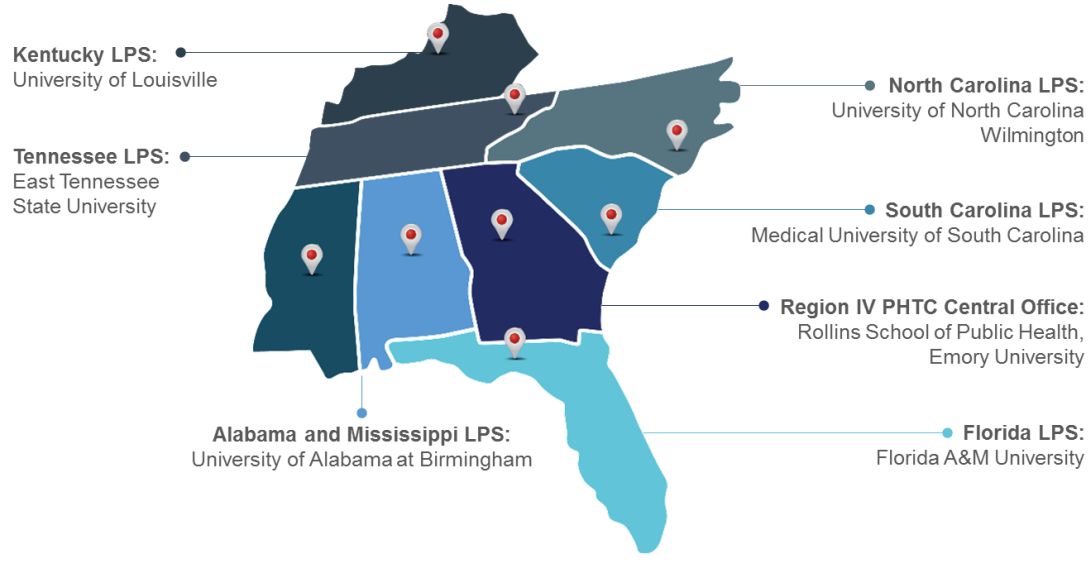
The mission of the Region IV Public Health Training Center (R-IV PHTC) is to strengthen competence of the current and future public health workforce in HHS Region IV (R-IV), develop a learning community within the Central Office and the Local Performance Sites (LPSs), expose public health students to the value of working in underserved areas, advocate for public health systems and policies, and contribute to the work of the national Public Health Training Center (PHTC) program.

The goals of the Region IV PHTC are to:

- 1 Develop a system of Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) to ensure provision of relevant, practical programming to meet the training needs of current and future public health professionals throughout Region IV
- 2 Establish a governance structure for the work of the R-IV PHTC and LPSs
- 3 Develop and implement distance-based programming to train and educate public health professionals using a variety of modalities
- 4 Work with other Regional PHTCs to formalize a nationwide PHTC network, and develop and implement cross-cutting public health trainings to increase the knowledge and skills of public health workers
- 5 Develop and implement plans to establish or strengthen faculty-student collaborative projects and field placements
- 6 Enhance collaborations and linkages with other federal agency programs, local, state, Tribal and national partners
- 7 Establish and implement strategies to promote and market the work of the R-IV PHTC as well as recruit participants for all activities
- 8 Work with governmental public health agencies to develop policies and implement systems changes to motivate public health workers to participate in trainings and to create a culture of learning within the agencies
- 9 Assist and support the implementation of the ACA

Region IV PHTC Learning Community

The R-IV PHTC Central Office is located in the Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH) at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. The designated service area for the R-IV PHTC is the eight states (GA, FL, AL, MS, TN, KY, NC, SC) in HHS Region IV. The priority populations for the R-IV PHTC services are public health and other health professionals in governmental organizations that serve medically underserved populations. The services, provided by the Central Office and six LPSs within the R-IV states, include workforce trainings, faculty and student collaborative projects, and student placements. Together, the Central Office and the six LPSs will assess the training needs, identify training priorities, develop and implement a region-wide training and marketing plan, and evaluate the impact of their collaborative efforts.



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Specific Activities

The Region IV PHTC has organized its training and educational activities into categories that align with the Region IV PHTC primary target audiences: 1.) Training activities for the current public health workforce and 2.) Field placements for the future public health workforce.

Trainings:

- ▶ **Webinars:** These presentations are designed to introduce content areas and skills to the participants in shorter, web-based formats.
- ▶ **Interactive Lectures (includes satellite, archived, and in-person):** These lectures are designed to introduce content areas and skills to the participants. In contrast to the webinars, these lectures provide a greater opportunity for interaction with the presenter and allow for in-person attendance.
- ▶ **Virtual Skill-based Trainings:** The virtual skill-based trainings are in-depth opportunities for the learner to develop needed priority skills and will typically be offered in sessions of 2-3 hours.
- ▶ **Skill-based Trainings:** Like the virtual skill-based trainings, these trainings provide the opportunity for learners to engage with the material and develop a variety of different skills. Unlike the virtual skill-based trainings, these are developed for in-person attendance.
- ▶ **Inter-professional Trainings:** The inter-professional in-person trainings support the priority training needs in Region IV relating to ACA implementation.
- ▶ **Distance Education And Learning (DEAL):** This four-part online course is designed for experienced public health educators who are currently delivering live, in-person trainings and want to adapt existing curricula for a distance-based audience. This training is a pre-requisite for participation in the DEALT course (see below).
- ▶ **Distance Education And Learning Trainings (DEALT):** In an effort to build training capacity throughout Region IV, the DEALT course is designed to teach a subset of the DEAL completers how to implement R-IV PHTC trainings in their own states. The DEALT course will include consultation with participants and didactic interactions. DEALT participants are expected to fully develop a distance-based course at the conclusion of the course. Those implementing a training will receive a Master Trainer Certificate.

Field Placements:

- ▶ **Field Placements (FPs)/Collaborative Projects (CPs):** Each year, the R-IV PHTC selects 20 students as Pathways to Practice Scholars to work with public health agencies in Region IV. A subset of these (CPs) engage academic faculty to work with students and agencies. Placements include a pre-, mid- and post-assessment, work plan based on Council on Linkages competencies, executive summary/reflection, and an abstract worthy of submission to a professional conference.



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