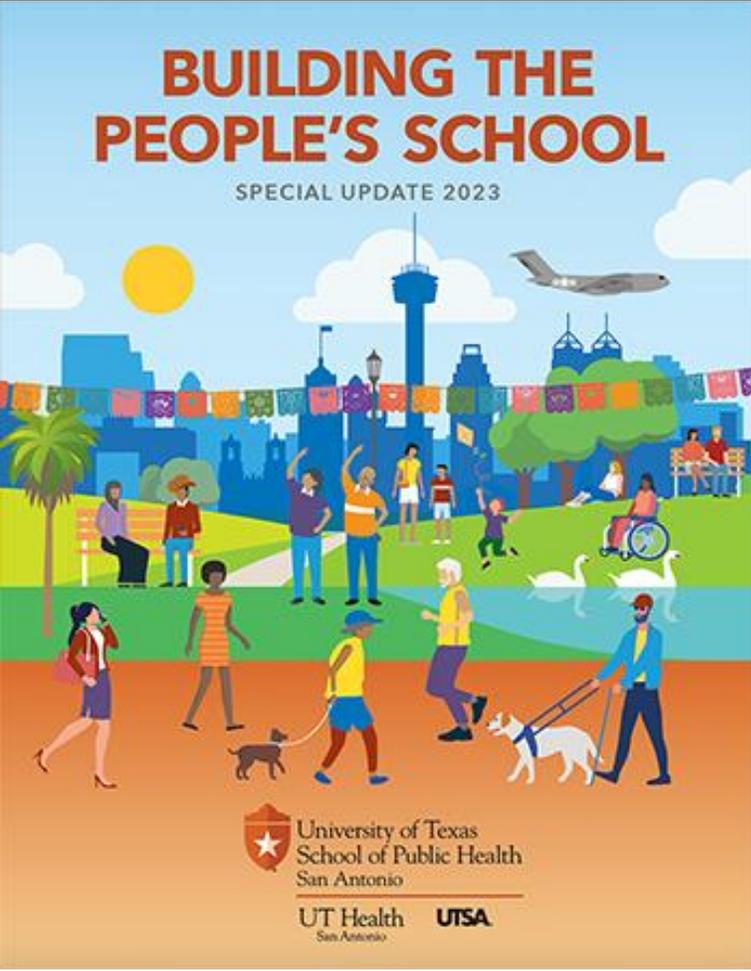


# SPH at 1.5 Year: An Overview

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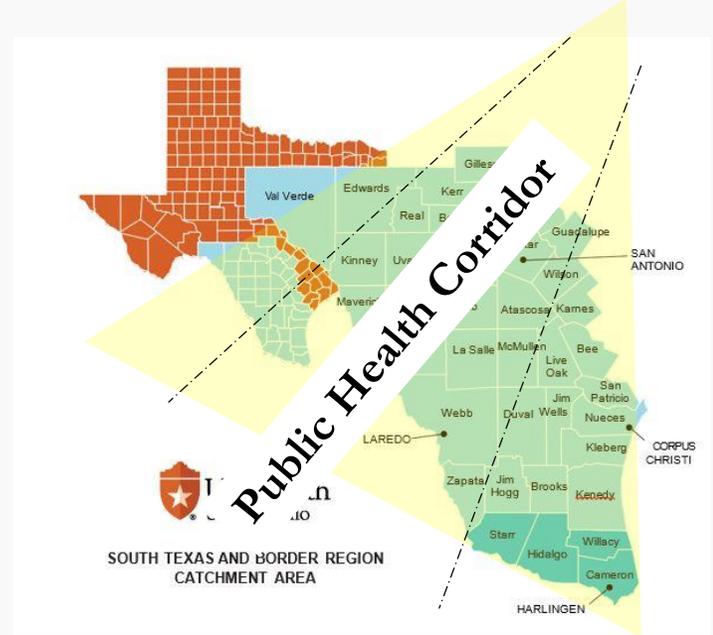
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# Vision



South Texas is in a dynamic condition of health and well-being with the SPH as its regional steward

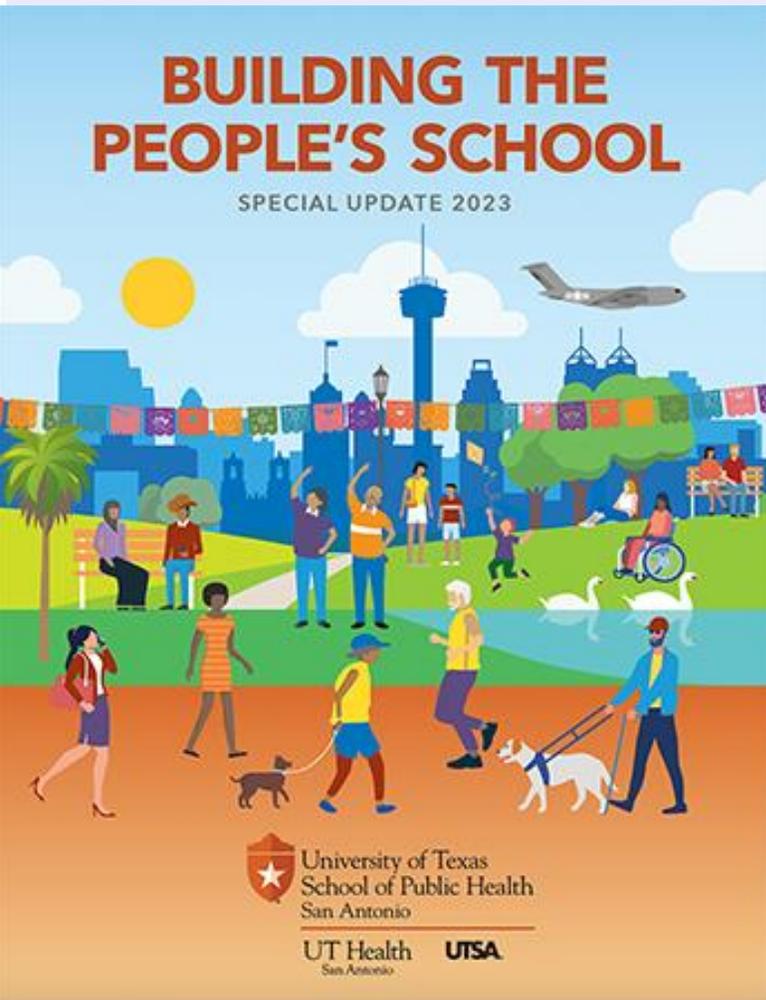


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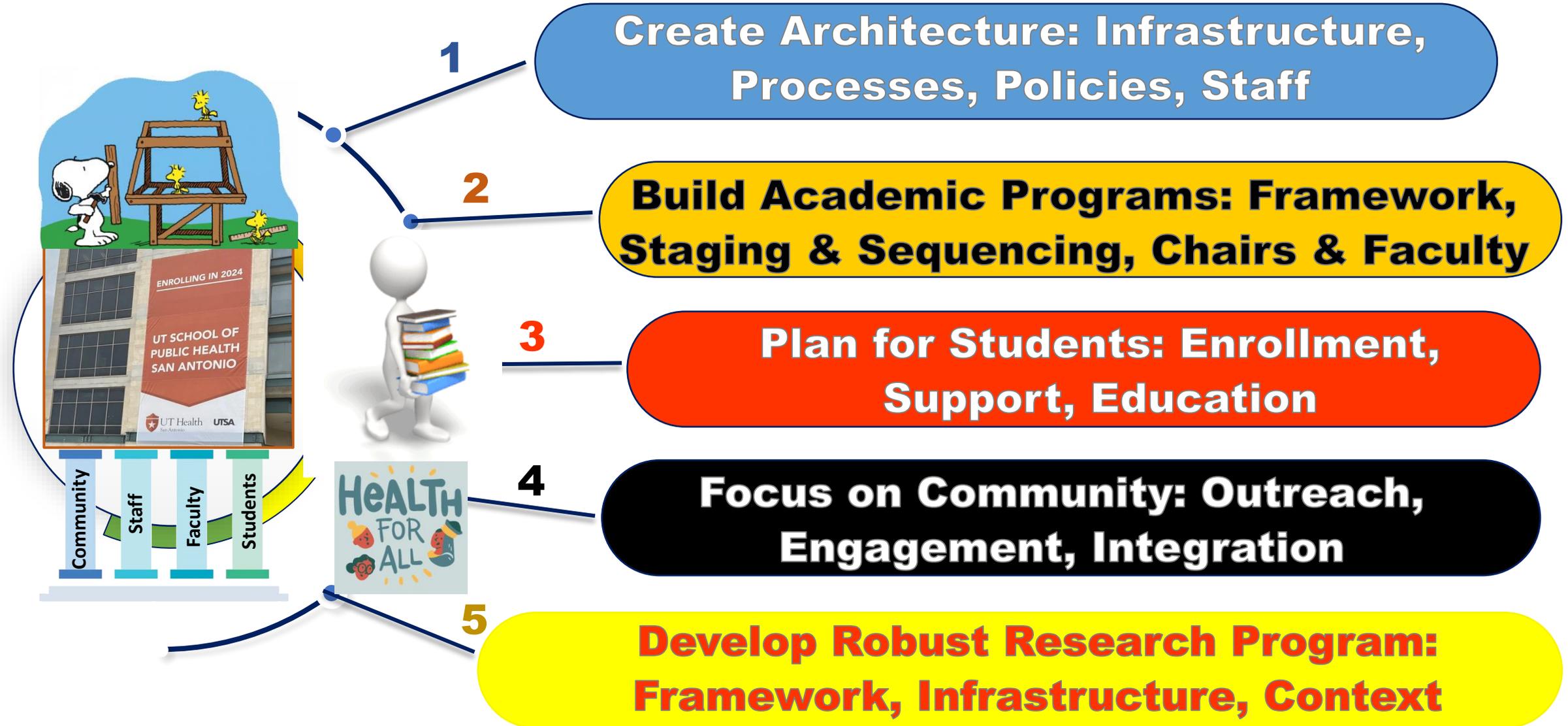
# THE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL

*Sirviendo con conocimiento, trabajando para la comunidad*



*“Serving with knowledge, working for the community”*

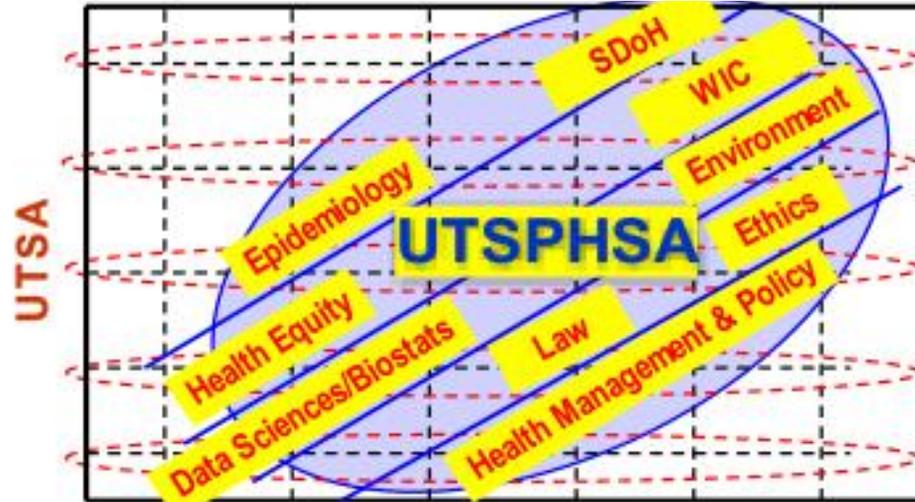
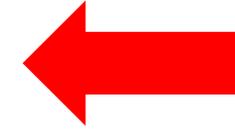
# Executive Summary



# Consolidate Key Partnerships



**A TRANS-UT-CITY-COUNTY COLLABORATION**  
**UTHSCSA**



Bexar County



**Metro Health/ Co SA**



# Tripartite Mission of UTSPHSA

## 01 Education

**Learning that is practical**



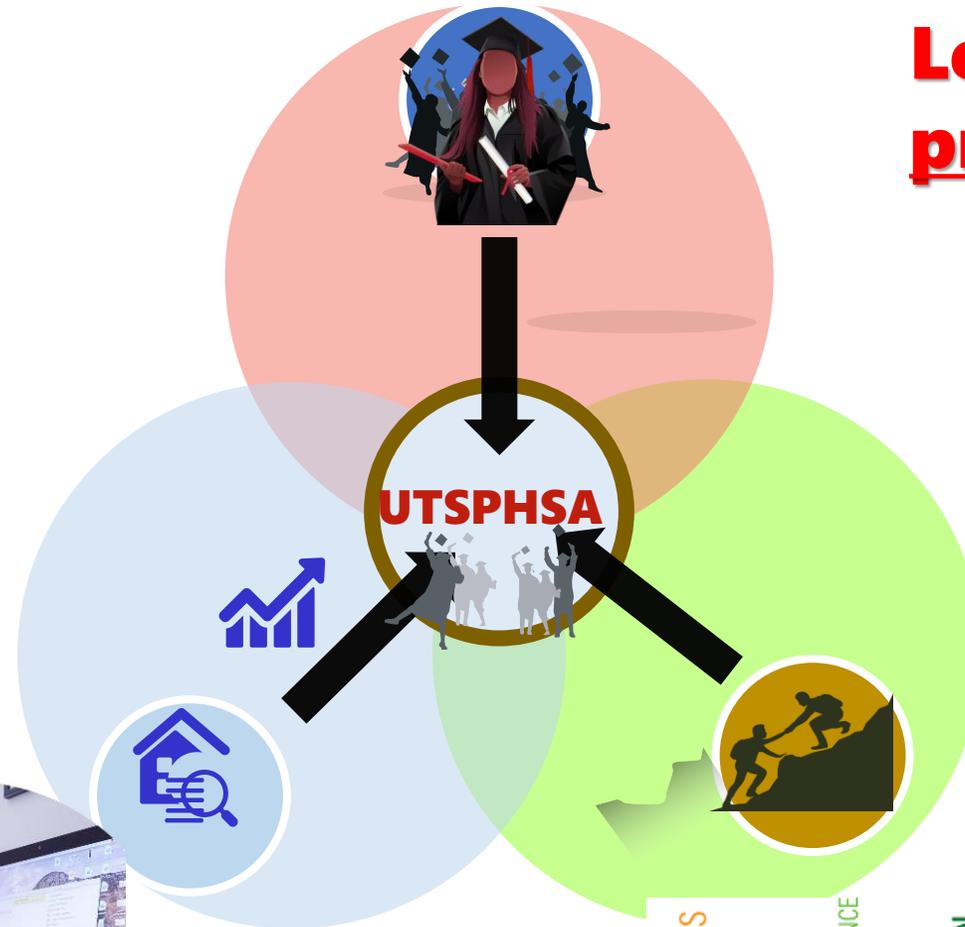
## 03 Service

**Service that counts**



## 02 Research

**Research that matters**



# Academic priorities target public health needs

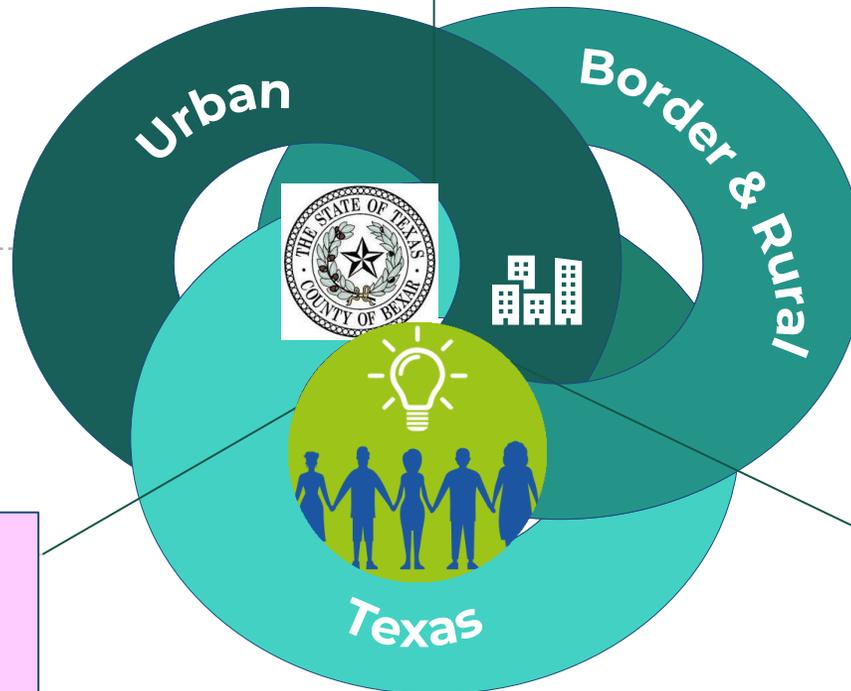
Academic Priorities reflect prevalent Public Health Challenges

Specific focus on **SOCIAL IMPACT**



**Urban Health**

- Support underserved communities
- Address SDOH at scale



**Communities of Interest:**  
Hispanic Communities  
Marginalized and Underrepresented  
Women and Girls  
Children and Elderly

**Border & Rural Care**



- Protecting vulnerable segments
- Address humanitarian crisis

**Enablers:**  
Use-inspired, co-created solutions  
Preventative innovations  
Data Science and Informatics capabilities  
Communications and advocacy functions

**Public Health Challenges:**  
Obesity & Nutrition  
Cancer Treatment & Prevention  
Children's Health  
Behavioral & Brain Health



**Texas Wellness**

- Innovating technology address disparities
- Developing tools that empower communities to be healthy

# Current State Organizational Structure



Dean  
Vasan Ramachandran

Assistant to the Dean  
Joanne Bastien

Director of Operations  
Courtney Peebles

Associate Dean - Finance & Administration  
Deepu Kurian

Associate Dean - Research and Partnerships

Associate Dean - AFSA  
William Garner

Chair - Dept. of Health, Behavior, and Society  
Cristina Barroso

Chair - Dept. of Quant & Qual Health Sciences  
Tracey E Barnett

Chair - Dept. of Env & Occ Health  
David Gimeno Ruiz de Porras

Chair - Dept. of Health Policy & Health Services Administration

Chief of Staff  
LaTicia Douglas

Director of Research and CAPS Lab  
Dritana Marko Serbo

Marketing Manager  
Fidel Flores

Director, Finance & Administration  
Monica Palomo

Senior Project Coordinator

Director, Community Partnerships & Engagement  
Inez Cruz

M.P.H. Program Director  
Immanuel Iyiegbunije

**Faculty - Hiring in progress  
( 4 full-time faculty recruited)**

Executive Assistant  
Stephanie Laque

Financial Analyst

Senior Manager, Research Operations  
Michelle Lopez

Community Engagement Coordinator

Assistant Director of Experiential Learning  
Andres Jaime

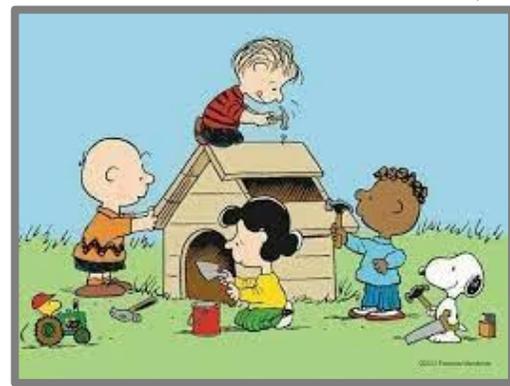
Executive Assistant  
Gloria Vazquez

Sr. Project Manager (RURAL)  
Rachael Langey

Senior Research Coordinator  
Marissa Mexquitic

Senior Research Coordinator

Faculty Process Support Specialist  
Stephanie Gonzalez - Sanabia



Executive Assistant  
Alain Arrieta

Sr. Research Coordinator

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Sarah Zieminski

Research Area Specialist  
Sara Platz

Sr. Academic Programs Coordinator  
Susan Duncan

Academic Programs Coordinator  
Selinda Cortez

Senior Admissions Officer

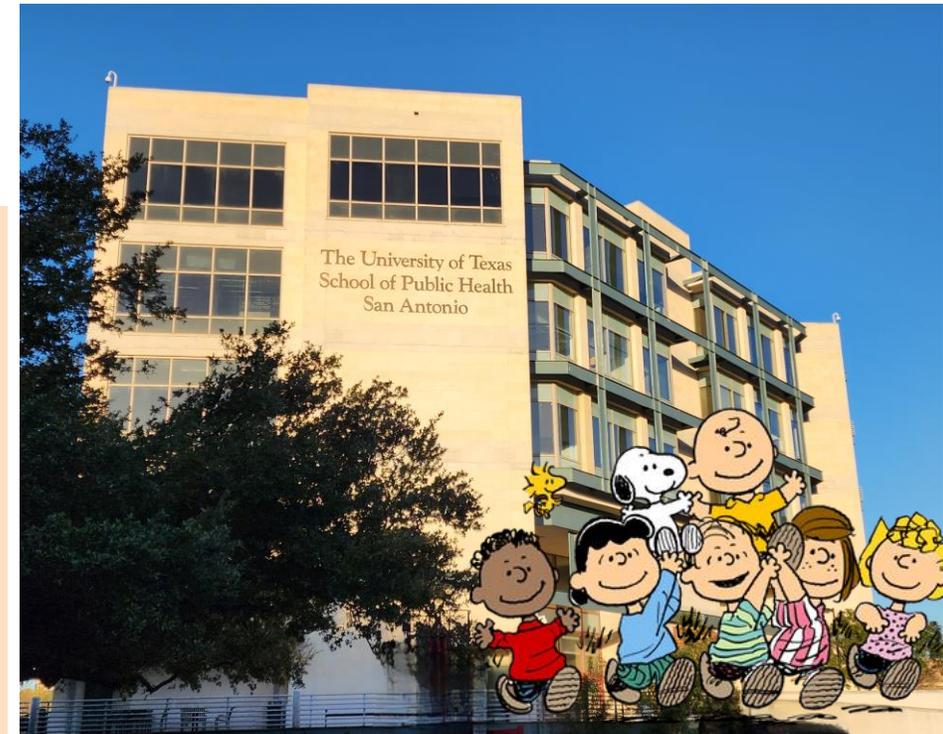
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# SPH Building Renovations

Renovation space	Square Footage
<b>Café</b>	<b>1321</b>
<b>Classroom</b>	<b>18689</b>
<b>Student Lounge</b>	<b>2833</b>
<b>Multi-purpose/Flex Study room</b>	<b>8205</b>
<b>Office/Faculty lounge</b>	<b>17724</b>
<b>Conference</b>	<b>1062</b>

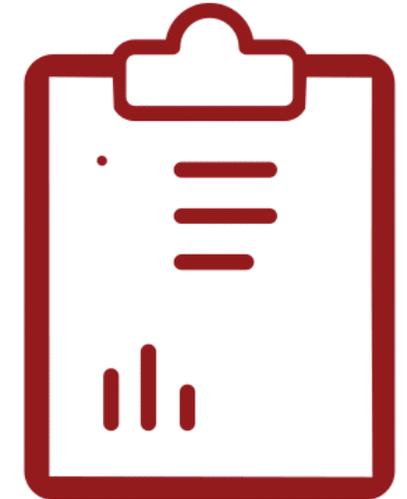
RAB to SPH – On track for completion by August 2024

- **First Floor 90% complete– Classroom, Student lounge, Café, IT Office complete. Common area flooring to be complete by March 24.**
- **Second Floor: Anticipated completion July 24, minimal renovations.**
- **Third Floor: 75% complete – Classroom, office spaces, student lounge complete. Painting ongoing, common area flooring pending**
- **Fourth Floor: 90% complete - Classroom, office spaces, study rooms, breakrooms complete . Common area flooring pending**
- **Fifth Floor: Faculty/Staff Lounge Complete. Dean’s Suite commence on May 24.**
- **UT STARS Lab: 99% Complete – Final Clean up**



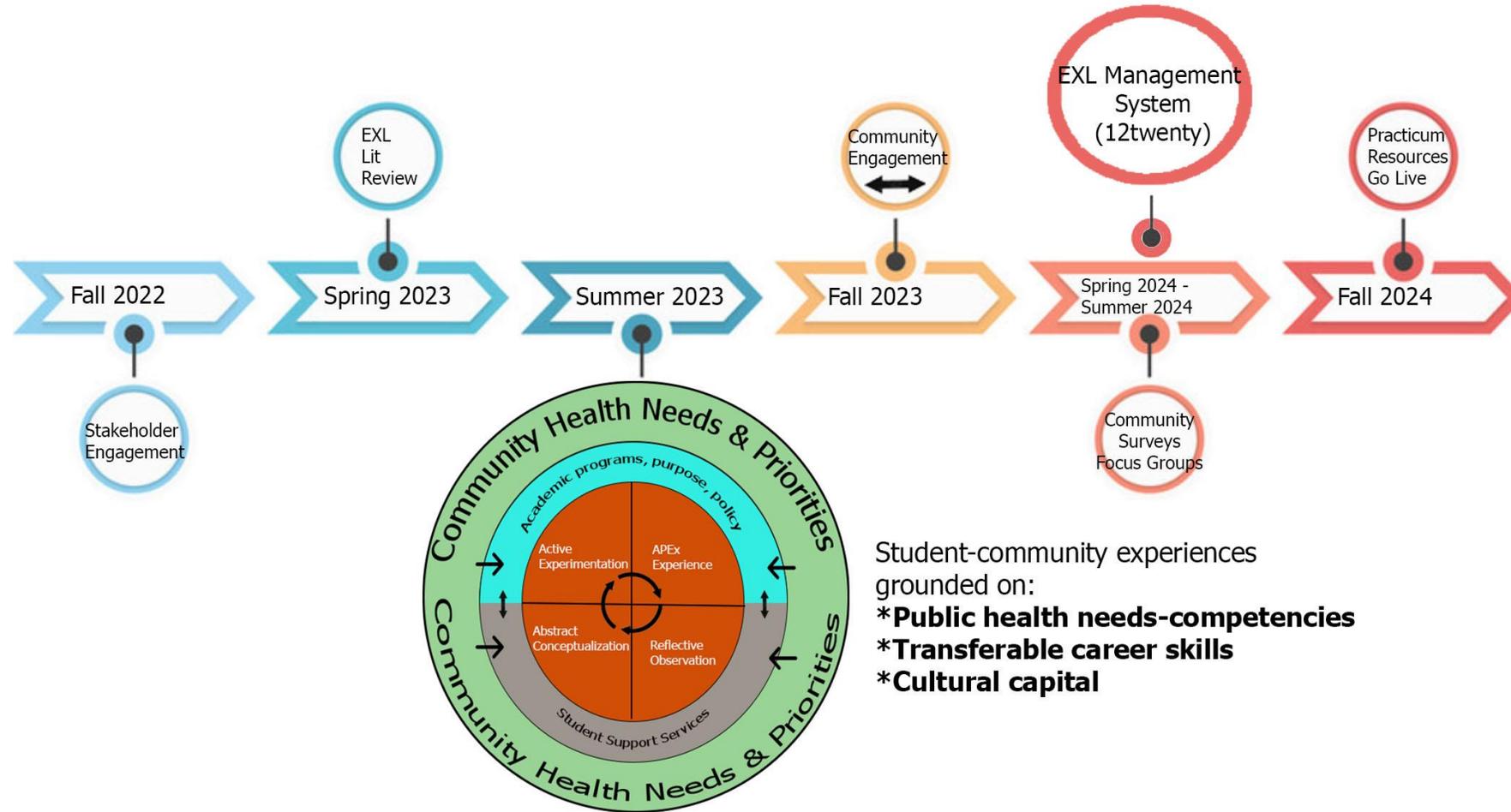
# MPH in Public Health Practice & Administration (PHPA)

MPH in PHPA Curriculum: Course Plan		Credit Hours
1	<b>PHEA 6001. Concepts in Public Health – From Person to Population</b>	3
2	<b>PHEA 6002. Perspectives and Decisions Through Public Health Data</b>	3
3	<b>PHEA 6003. Designing Public Health Inquiry: Quant. &amp; Qual. Research Methods</b>	3
4	<b>PHEA 6004. Health Promotion and Health Behaviors</b>	3
5	<b>PHEA 6005. Health Policy and Public Health Advocacy</b>	3
6	<b>PHEA 6006. Introduction to Occupational and Environmental Health</b>	3
7	<b>PHEA 6007. Leadership in Public Health</b>	3
8	<b>PHEA 6009. Public Health Systems Administration</b>	3
9	<b>PHEA 6011. Continuous Quality Improvement in Public Health</b>	3
10	<b>PHEA 6097. Applied Practice Experience (APE): Practicum</b>	3
11	<b>PHEA 6099. Capstone Experience (Integrative Learning Experience – ILE)</b>	3
12	<b>PHEA 6008. Creating Mechanisms for Prevention &amp; Intervention in Public Health</b>	3
13	<b>PHEA 6010. Structural and Social Determinants of Health</b>	3
14	<b>PHEA 6013. Community Engagement and Health Communications</b>	3
15	<b>PHEA 6015. Program Management, Assessment, and Evaluation</b>	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>45</b>



**KEY:**  *Required Core Course (Foundational Knowledge)*  *Required Core Course (Foundational Competency)*  *Required PHPA Concentration*  *Required Core Course (APE & ILE)*  *Elective Offerings (varies)*

# Experiential Learning (EXL) Framework & Timeline

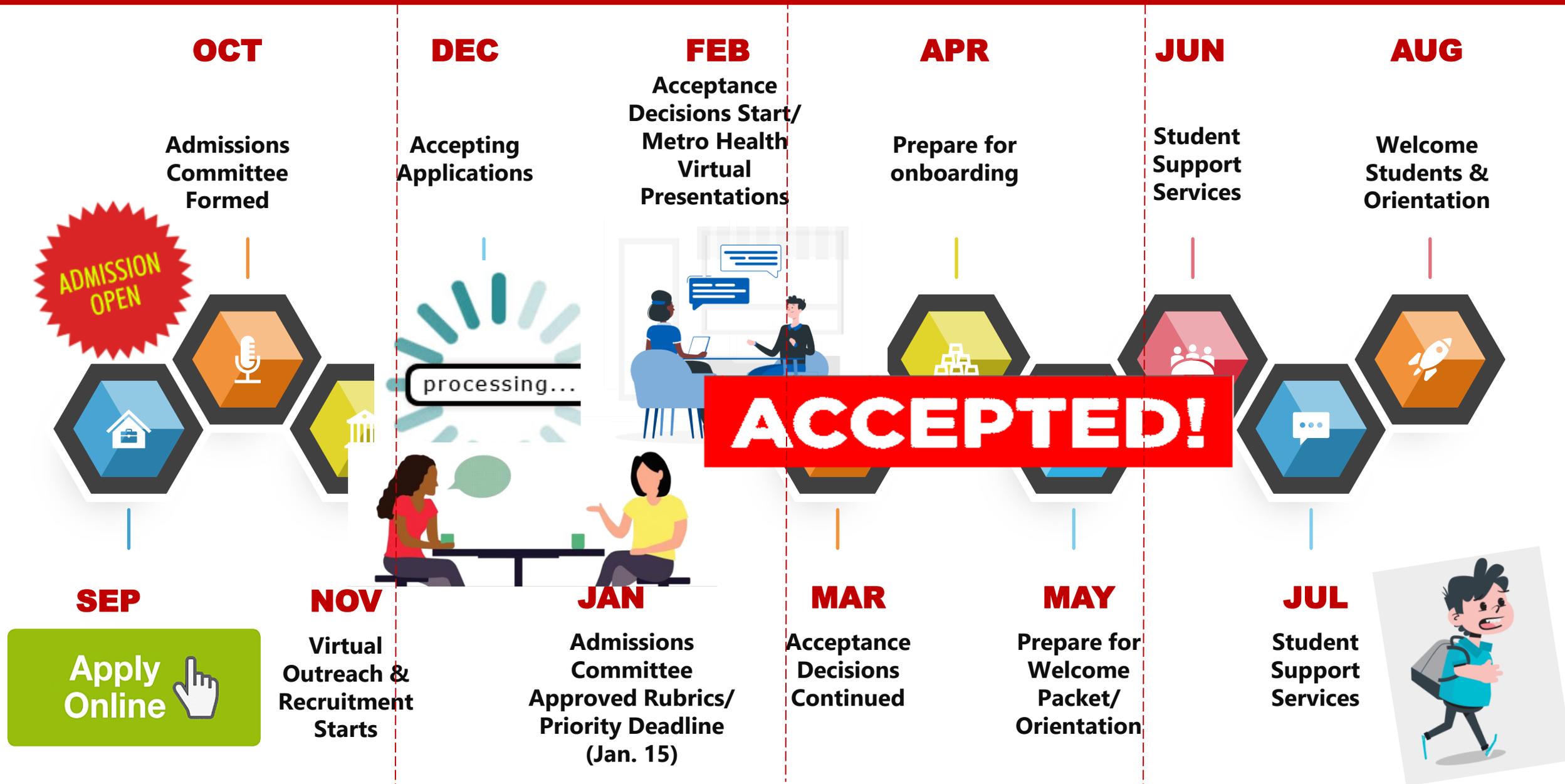


Student-community experiences grounded on:

- \*Public health needs-competencies
- \*Transferable career skills
- \*Cultural capital

**SPH Community-Driven EXL Framework**

# Student Enrollment Timeline



# Community Integration at UT School of Public Health

**Builds long-term relationships**

**Establishes TRUST**

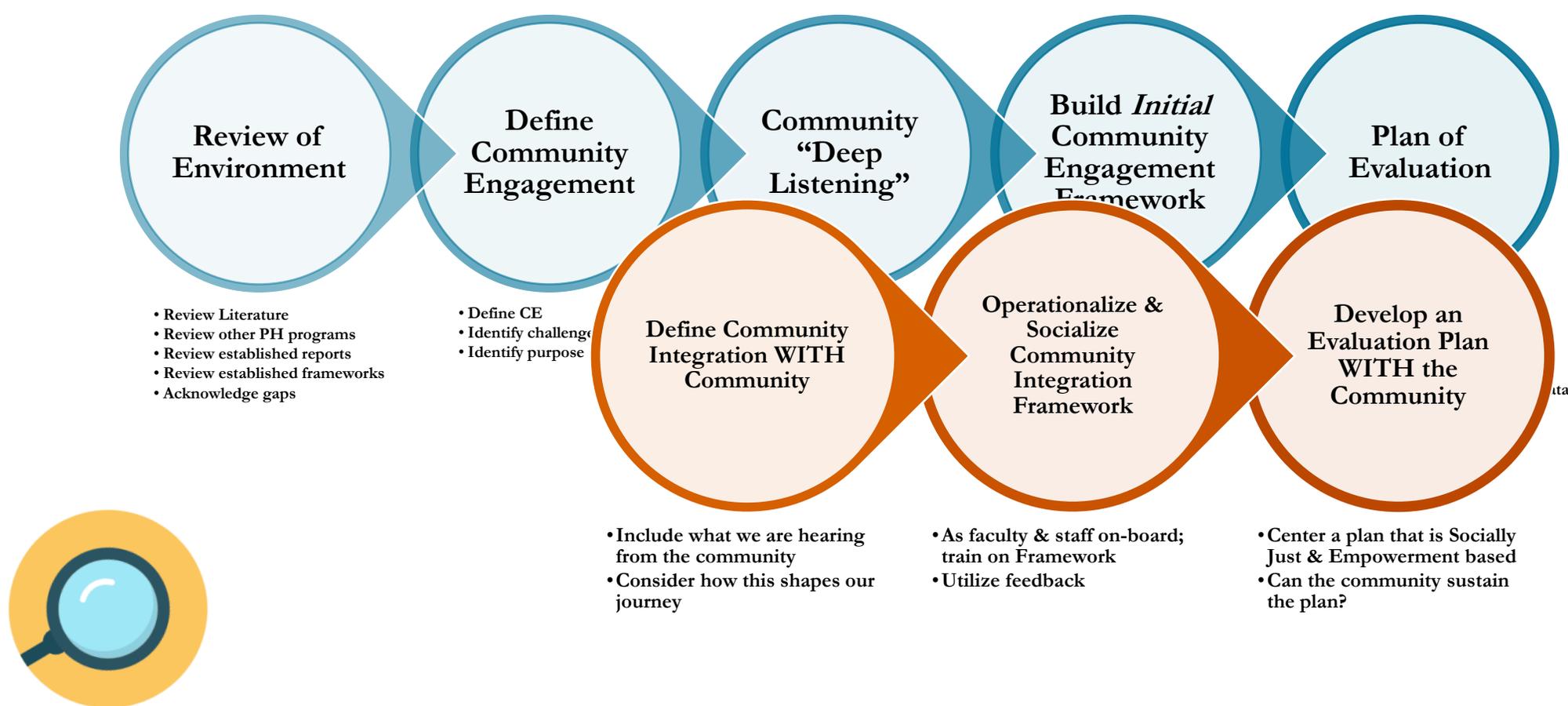
**Emphasizes Fairness & Justice**

**Supports Empowerment & Self-Determination**

**Focuses on commitment to serve community**

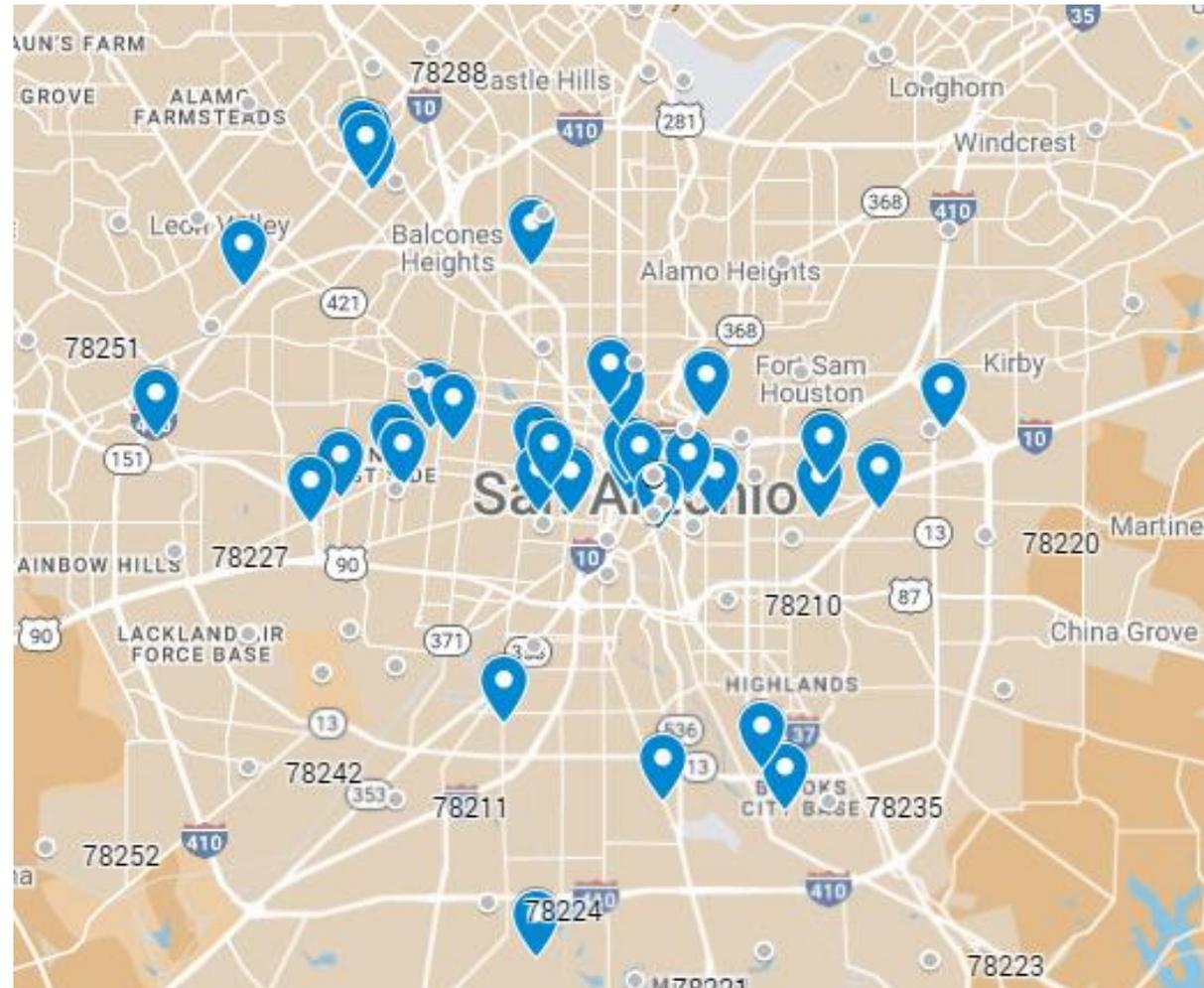
# A Community Engagement *Journey* is an Iterative Expedition

- **Community Engagement is a living strategy that will and should shift as the school grows!**



# Learning FROM Community, IN & WITH the Community

- Visited with 50 community agencies & 9 university departments since June 2023
- Via deep listening sessions-learned about the status of Public Health from a grounded perspective
  - *Deep listening is a way of “learning and togetherness” that requires listening, being present, & developing relationships respectfully, responsibly, and with reciprocity (Brearley, 2014).*
- Our **goal**: build meaningful, long-term partnerships that will impact Public Health in San Antonio & South Texas



## Sample of Sites:

- Metropolitan Health District - COSA
- Bexar County Public Health Department
- CentroMed
- Child Safe
- Children's Hospital of San Antonio
- CommuniCare
- Edgewood Independent School District
- Girl Scouts of San Antonio
- Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center
- House of Neighborly Service
- Region 8- DSHS
- San Antonio Food Bank
- San Antonio for Growth on the East Side
- SAVE Clinic
- Texas BioMedical
- Texas Center for Infectious Diseases
- The Health Collaborative
- University Health

# National Public Health Week

<https://campaigns.uthscsa.edu/nphw/>



**Daily Theme: RURAL Health**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 1**

Protecting, connecting, and thriving the public must include all people, including those living in rural areas of our country.

**Event: RURAL Health Webinar: Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: Rural Public Health and Healthcare**  
Time: 11 a.m. CST  
Venue: Online

[RSVP](#)

**Daily Theme: Healthy Neighborhoods**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

Protecting, connecting, and thriving amid our parks and green spaces around our homes and in our cities is critical to our public health and wellness.

**Event: Parks and Green Spaces in San Antonio**  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Venue: Holly Auditorium, Main UT Health San Antonio Campus

[RSVP](#)

**Daily Theme: Protecting the Arts**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

**Event: Arte y Cultura is Public Health**  
Time: 12 p.m.  
Venue: Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center



**Daily Theme: Educate, Empower, Grow**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

Learning about our community's health challenges and ways to public health and ways to enact change are important to all.

**Event: Commemorative Tree Planting**  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Venue: School of Public Health

We invite you to attend the School of Public Health for a commemorative tree-planting featuring the City of San Antonio Urban Forestry Division. We're not just nurturing its roots in the soil, but fostering a legacy that grows alongside our students, branching out with knowledge, strength, and supporting the health and well-being of all our people.

**Event: Health Literacy Day**  
Time: All Day  
Venue: School of Public Health Social Media channels

**Daily Theme: Protecting the Performing Arts**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

As public health stewards, we vow to protect our performing arts, connect with professional theater, and thrive together.

**Event: Theater + Public Health**  
Time: 11:05 a.m.  
Venue: San Pedro Playhouse

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**Daily Theme: Walk for Wellness**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

It's important to Move! for longevity, wellness, and overall health.

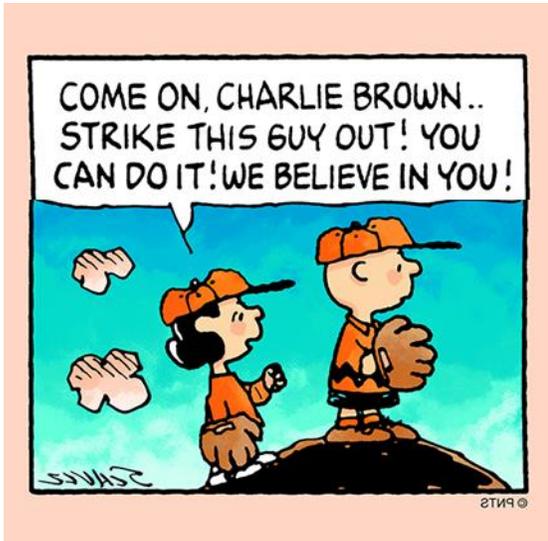
**Event: Walk with a Doc**  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Venue: O. P. Schnabel Park

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