Additional Publications and Reports Related to Public Health Accreditation
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Note: This list is not meant to be exhaustive. It includes resources relevant to accreditation, each of which has been categorized in one of the following topic areas:

- **Impact of accreditation**
  
  This relates to PHAB Research Agenda questions:
  
  o What are the benefits and proximate/intermediate outcomes associated with accreditation for the health departments that undergo the process?
  o How do accredited health departments differ from non-accredited health departments?
  o How does accreditation affect the broader public health system, including health departments that do not apply for accreditation?
  o What impact, if any, does health department accreditation have on health outcomes and health equity?

- **Applicant characteristics, facilitators, incentives, and barriers**

  This relates to PHAB Research Agenda question:
  
  o What are the barriers and facilitators to seeking and obtaining accreditation?

- **Stories from health departments**

- **Standards & Measures**

  This relates to PHAB Research Agenda question:
  
  o Do the PHAB standards and the review process capture what is most meaningful for evaluating the performance of health departments? How could they be improved?

  Focus areas:
  
  o Community health assessment/community health improvement plan (CHA/CHIP)
  o Quality improvement/performance management (QI/PM)

- **Research and academics**

- **Related initiatives**

- **Background and history of accreditation**

Articles with an * can be found in the 2014 *JPHMP* issue on accreditation.
Articles with an + can be found in the 2018 *JPHMP* supplement on the impact of accreditation.
Impact of Accreditation:


https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Has_Voluntary_Public_Health_Accreditation_Impacted.3.aspx

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4202994/


Ingram RC, Mayes GP, Kussainov N. Changes in local public health system performance before and after attainment of national accreditation standards. Supplement, Impact of Public Health

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Public_Health_Accreditation_and_Collaborative.10.aspx


Mays GP. Stimulating public health improvement in complex and constrained delivery systems: findings from the public health PBRNs. *Front Public Health Serv Syst Res.* 2012;1(3). [https://uknowledge.uky.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1046&context=frontiersinphssr](https://uknowledge.uky.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1046&context=frontiersinphssr)


https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Quality_Improvement_and_Performance_Management.2.aspx


**Applicant characteristics, facilitators, incentives, and barriers**


[https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/CDC_NACCHO_Accreditation_Support_Initiative__.6.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/CDC_NACCHO_Accreditation_Support_Initiative__.6.aspx)

National Association of County & City Health Officials. Local health departments' level of engagement in accreditation. [http://nacchoprofilestudy.org/wp-](http://nacchoprofilestudy.org/wp-


**Stories from health departments**

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Using_Quality_Improvement_to_Improv e_Internal_and.15.aspx

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Norwalk_Health_Department___Colead ing_a_Community.20.aspx


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Oregon_Public_Health_Division___Buildi ng_a.27.aspx


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Missoula_City_County_Health_Departme nt_.26.aspx


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Cabarrus_Health_Alliance___Experiences_With_State.22.aspx


**Standards & Measures**

http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(14)00387-0/fulltext


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Workforce_Standards_as_Part_of_Health_Department.33.aspx


https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4313594/


*Standards & Measures – CHA/CHIP*

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Accredited_Health_Department_Partne rships_to.7.aspx


Singh SR, Carlton EL. Exploring the link between completion of accreditation prerequisites and local health departments' decision to collaborate with tax-exempt hospitals around the community health assessment. *J Public Health Manag Pract.* 2017;23(2):138-147.


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Voices_Across_Kansas___Community_H ealth_Assessment.11.aspx


*Standards & Measures – QI/PM*


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Embedding_Quality_Improvement_Into_Accreditation__15.aspx


https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Public_Health_Accreditation_Impact___The.4.aspx


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Sustaining_a_Quality_Improvement_Culture_in_Local.12.aspx
Research and academics


Carman AL. Collective impact through public health and academic partnerships: a Kentucky public health accreditation readiness example. *Front Public Health.* 2015;3(44).
https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2015.00044/full


https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Are_Public_Health_Academia,_Professi onal.9.aspx


**Related initiatives**


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Performance_Management_Models_for_Public_Health__.34.aspx

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Advances_in_Public_Health_Accreditation_Readiness.9.aspx

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Guiding_the_Way_to_Public_Health_Improvement__.30.aspx

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Institutionalizing_Public_Health_Department.37.aspx


http://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(17)30252-0/fulltext

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Connections_in_Communities_Between_Accreditation.28.aspx

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Accreditation_and_Emergency_Preparedness_.32.aspx

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Advancing_Accreditation_Through_the_National.10.aspx


**Background and history of accreditation**

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Transforming_Public_Health_Practice_Through.2.aspx


Also available as:


[https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Looking_Ahead___Applying_Foresight_Principles_to.32.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Looking_Ahead___Applying_Foresight_Principles_to.32.aspx)


[http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Overview_of_the_Public_Health_Accreditation_Board.3.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Overview_of_the_Public_Health_Accreditation_Board.3.aspx)


[http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/PHAB___Reflections_From_the_First_Year_of.4.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/PHAB___Reflections_From_the_First_Year_of.4.aspx)


[https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Public_Health_Accreditation___History_.12.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Public_Health_Accreditation___History_.12.aspx)


