The Pathways Recognition Program supports installation departments of public health (DPHs) in their performance improvement efforts, strengthens public health infrastructure, and aids in modernizing and integrating public health practice for DPHs not quite ready for accreditation. Pathways allows DPHs to increase their accreditation readiness and take steps to better serve their communities.

**Program Structure**

**Two Tracks, 34 Measures**

Measures for Pathways Recognition are a subset of measures from the PHAB Standards & Measures Version 2022, identified as Foundational Capabilities.

Requirements for Pathways Recognition are divided into two tracks; installation departments of public health may choose to complete one or both tracks in any order.

**Track 1: Services & Partnerships**

19 Measures

- Assessment & Surveillance
- Community Partnership Development
- Policy Development & Support
- Emergency Preparedness & Support
- Communications

**Track 2: Health Department Systems**

15 Measures

- Organizational Competencies
- Accountability & Performance Management

**Benefits of Pathways**

- Tangible progress and incentives toward public health accreditation
- A cohort approach that provides peer learning and sharing opportunities
- Objective review of department performance by an external entity on a subset of national standards
- Assures stakeholders that the department of public health is delivering Foundational Capabilities

*To get started*, contact the Defense Health Agency Public Health Accreditation Program Management Team.

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