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


https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6531a3.htm

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


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


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Supporting_Accreditation_in_Tribal_Settings.7.aspx


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/CDC_NACCHO_Accreditation_Support_Initiative__.6.aspx


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Cross_Jurisdictional_Approaches_to_Meeting_PHAB.36.aspx


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/A_Study_of_Incentives_to_Support_and_Promote.29.aspx


**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/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](https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Norwalk_Health_Department__Coleading_a_Community.20.aspx)


[http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Oregon_Public_Health_Division__Building_a.27.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Oregon_Public_Health_Division__Building_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/Missoula_City_County_Health_Departme nt__.26.aspx)


https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Perspectives_on_the_Impact_of_Accreditation_on_the.20.aspx

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Accreditation_s_Role_in_Bolstering_Resilience_in.21.aspx

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/New_Orleans_Health_Department___Using_the.18.aspx

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Kent_County_Health_Department___Using_an_Agency.22.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


[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4313594/](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4313594/)


*Standards & Measures – CHA/CHIP*

https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Accredited_Health_Department_Partnerships_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_Health_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**


Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Advancing public health: The story of the National Public Health Improvement Initiative. 

[https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Driving_Change_and_Reinforcing_Expecations_by.25.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Driving_Change_and_Reinforcing_Expecations_by.25.aspx)

[http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Leveraging_the_Revised_National_Public_Health.35.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Leveraging_the_Revised_National_Public_Health.35.aspx)


[https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Public_Health_Accreditation_Board_s_Innovation.27.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2018/05001/Public_Health_Accreditation_Board_s_Innovation.27.aspx)

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_rough.2.aspx


*Also available as:*


[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)


http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Fulfilling_a_Need___A_20_Year_Focus_on_Public.1.aspx

http://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2014/01000/Accreditation___On_Target.40.aspx

Public Health Accreditation Board. QI leaders academy program report. 

Riley W, Nwoke S. Review and analysis of quality improvement (QI) techniques in police departments. 


