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1 will suffer the health consequences of this undersupply. The shortage will permeate a number of
2 professional categories, including public health physicians, public health nurses, epidemiologists,
3 health care educators, administrators, advocates, policy analysts and researchers. To ameliorate
4 this potential situation, the American Public Health Association (APHA) should adopt policy to
5 support efforts to increase undergraduate public health education. In these efforts, APHA should
6 continually collaborate with the public health practice community, governmental agencies, non-
7 profit organizations and business groups to assure continued and coordinated efforts to
8 strengthen public health education.

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10 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that APHA actively supports efforts to link its members
11 and affiliates with local colleges and universities seeking to teach undergraduate public health
12 courses and concepts. This work dovetails with The Educated Citizen and Public Health
13 Initiative 4 which aims to fulfill the IOM's recommendation that "all undergraduates should have
14 access to education in public health 5" to ensure an educated citizenry capable of responding to
15 our nation's public health problems in both professional and lay roles. Support of undergraduate
16 education will open the pipeline of public health professionals, including a flow of disadvantaged
17 and minority students, to create a diverse body of public health workers.

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19 While acknowledging that APHA has developed policies related to specific aspects of work
20 force development, the support of workforce development should be complemented by support
21 of undergraduate public health education. Currently APHA policies call for: improved
22 recruitment and retention of public health nurses 6 expansion of the maternal and child health
23 work force 7, a strengthened public health work force as a guiding principle for the public health

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1 response to terrorism and emergencies 8, targeted recruitment and retention of Hispanics to be
2 leaders in their field 9 and adequate funding for graduate training programs for public health
3 professionals by governmental entities. 10

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5 Therefore, the American Public Health Association should urge that:

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7 **1) Undergraduate public health education includes perspectives from both**
8 **academic and non-academic public health practice by identifying, developing**
9 **and/or promoting strategies such as visiting lecturers in public health.**

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11 **2) Work be done to bolster the number of professors with adequate teaching and**
12 **practice experience that can provide high quality, effective public health education**
13 **at the undergraduate level.**

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15 **3) Identify and promote opportunities to increase the quality of public health**
16 **education received by undergraduates.**

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18 **4) Schools of public health and applied public health training programs provide**
19 **outreach to respective undergraduate student bodies.**

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21 **5) The Association of American Colleges and Universities educate their members on**
22 **the role of undergraduate public education in creating an informed citizen.**

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