

# **PREREQUISITES FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM: FOOD & HOUSING HANDBOOK**

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This handbook serves as a comprehensive guide, outlining the prerequisites essential for progression through the Local Public Health Training Program (LPHTP) for Food and Housing. It is structured into four distinct sections:

1. Prerequisites required for Tier 2 Housing
2. Prerequisites required for Tier 3 Housing.
3. Prerequisites required for Tier 2 Food.
4. Prerequisites required for Tier 3 Food.

The overarching goal of the LPHTP is to elevate the existing training infrastructure for local public health professionals (LPH). The program is comprised of three tiers.



Tier 1 is composed of asynchronous eLearning modules with curriculum relevant to different LPH topics and is facilitated through online learning platforms, such as TRAIN MA and LearnED/ComplianceWire (FDA LMS). This tier provides LPH professionals the opportunity to develop baseline knowledge on LPH topics.

Tier 2 is the instructor-led component of LPH Training Program. This tier builds upon the knowledge gained in Tier 1 and gives LPH professionals the opportunity to learn about different public health topics in sessions led by experienced instructors. The knowledge gained in this tier will be applied to real public health scenarios in Tier 3.

Tier 3 provides LPH professionals with practice-based learning opportunities using real public health scenarios. This tier is led by experienced trainers who will guide learners through applied practice of LPH topics, such as a food and housing inspection. These opportunities are facilitated by the Local Public Health Training Hubs.

**Please note as the Local Public Health Training program grows and evolves over time the prerequisites are subject to change.**

**\*Any course highlighted in yellow is part of the Foundations for Local Public Health Practice ( you can submit your certificate for those courses).**

<b>LPHIT Housing Prerequisite Courses</b>	
<p>All LPHIT Housing pre-requisite courses can be found on TRAIN MA: <a href="#">MA PHIT Housing Prerequisite Courses</a></p> <p>* = Course is a part of the <i>Foundations for Local Public Health Practice</i></p>	
<p>Tier 2 Housing Prerequisites (To be completed prior to taking the instructor-led housing course)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Search Warrants</li> <li>• <b>Nuisance Control Abatement and Removal*</b></li> <li>• Bed Bugs: A special Housing Topic</li> <li>• Hoarding: A Special Housing Topic</li> <li>• Mold: A Special Housing Topic</li> </ul>
<p>Tier 3 Housing Prerequisites (To be completed before Tier 3 Applied Housing Inspection Practice)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health Promotion and Health Equity*</b></li> <li>• <b>How to Hold a Public Hearing in Massachusetts*</b></li> <li>• Public Health Workforce Protection</li> <li>• <b>Safety: Practical Strategies While Doing Field Work*</b></li> <li>• Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</li> <li>• <b>The 10 Essential Public Health Services in Action*</b></li> <li>• <b>Orientation to Local Public Health in MA*</b></li> <li>• <b>Public Health Law and Legal Issues in MA*</b></li> <li>• Successful Completion of LPHIT Housing (Tier 2)</li> </ul>

<b>LPHIT Food Prerequisite Courses</b>	
<p>Courses with (TMA) can be found on TRAIN MA: <a href="#">MA PHIT Food Prerequisite Courses</a></p> <p>Courses with (CW) can be found on <a href="#">ComplianceWire</a>.</p> <p>Course with (ORA) can be found on <a href="#">ORA LearnED</a>.</p> <p><i>For assistance creating a ComplianceWire account: <a href="#">Job Aid - Creating ComplianceWire Account</a></i></p> <p><i>assistance creating an ORALearnED account: <a href="#">Job Aid: Creating an ORALearnED account</a></i></p> <p>* = Course is a part of the <i>Foundations for Local Public Health Practice</i></p>	
<p>Tier 2 Food Prerequisites (To be completed prior to taking the instructor-led housing course)</p>	<p><u>MA Laws and Regulations (2 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>(TMA) Food Protection for Regulators*</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Prevailing Statutes, Regulations and Ordinances (4 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (CW) FDA35 – Basic Food Law for State Regulators</li> <li>• (CW) FDA38 – Basics of Inspection: Beginning an Inspection</li> <li>• (CW) FDA39 – Basics of Inspections: Issues and Observations</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Public Health Principles (1.5 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (CW) FDA36 – Public Health Principles</li> </ul> <p><u>Microbiology (14 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (CW) MIC01 - Food Microbiological Control 1: Overview of Microbiology</li> <li>• (CW) MIC02 - Food Microbiological Control 2A: Gram-(CW) Negative Rods</li> <li>• (CW) MIC03 - Food Microbiological Control 2B: Gram-Positive Rods &amp; Cocci</li> <li>• (CW) MIC04 - Food Microbiological Control 3: Foodborne Viruses</li> <li>• (CW) MIC05 - Food Microbiological Control 4: Foodborne Parasites</li> <li>• (CW) MIC16 - Food Microbiological Control: Mid-Series Exam</li> <li>• (CW) MIC06 - Food Microbiological Control 5: Controlling Growth Factors</li> <li>• (CW) MIC07 - Food Microbiological Control 6: Control by Refrigeration and Freezing</li> <li>• (CW) MIC08 - Food Microbiological Control 7A: Control by Thermal Processing</li> <li>• (CW) MIC09 - Food Microbiological Control 7B: Control by Pasteurization</li> <li>• (CW) MIC13 - Food Microbiological Control 10: Aseptic Sampling</li> <li>• (CW) MIC15 - Food Microbiological Control 12: Cleaning and Sanitizing</li> </ul> <p><u>HACCP (3 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (CW) FDA16 – Basics of HACCP: Overview of HACCP</li> <li>• (CW) FDA17 – Basics of HACCP: Prerequisite Programs and Preliminary Steps</li> <li>• (CW) FDA18 – Basics of HACCP: The Principles</li> </ul> <p><u>Communication Skills (2 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (ORA) Communication Skills for Regulators (CC8011W)</li> </ul>
<p>Tier 3 Food Prerequisites (To be completed before Tier 3 Applied Food Inspection Practice)</p>	<p><u>MA Laws and Regulations (9 hours)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (TMA) Health Promotion and Health Equity*</li> <li>• (TMA) How to Hold a Public Hearing in Massachusetts*</li> <li>• (TMA) Public Health Workforce Protection</li> <li>• (TMA) Safety: Practical Strategies While Doing Field Work*</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• (TMA) Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</li><li>• (TMA) The 10 Essential Public Health Services in Action*</li><li>• (TMA) Orientation to Local Public Health in MA*</li><li>• (TMA) Public Health Law and Legal Issues in MA*</li></ul> <p><u>PHIT Tier 2:</u> Completion of LPHIT Food (Tier 2)</p>
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