

Preparing future public health professionals to address mental health challenges

What guidance do we need to better equip the next generation?

Brown Bag Lunch Workshop
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Room T.O.1

For decades, mental health sat at the margins of public health education. Today, educators increasingly recognize that mental health is not another topic competing for space in the curriculum, but a dimension of nearly every public health challenge our graduates will face.

Join ASPHER and the WHO Regional Office for Europe to explore:

- which mental health competencies should be considered essential for the future public health workforce?
- what should public health graduates be capable of doing in practice?
- how can schools integrate these competencies without further overloading already crowded curricula?
- what support, tools and implementation mechanisms would schools require to adapt and embed these competencies within different educational contexts?