

Classics

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Current available Classics include:

- On the Mode of Communication of Cholera, John Snow, MD (1836)
- Notes on Nursing, Florence Nightengale (1860)
- State of Public Health Work, Charles V. Chapin, MD (1915)
- Observations Made During the Epidemic of Measles on the Faroe Islands in the Year 1846, Peter Ludwig Panum
- The Aetiology of Tuberculosis, Robert Koch (1882)
- Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts 1850, Lemuel Shattuck
- An Essay Concerning the Cause of Endemial Colic of Devonshire, George Baker (1767)
- The People's Misery: Mother of Diseases, Johann Peter Frank (1790)
- Typhoid Fever, William Budd (1874)
- The Mosquito Hypothetically Considered as an Agent in the Transmission of Yellow Fever Poison, Carlos Juan Finlay (1881)
- Report on the Sanitary Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain, 1842 Edwin Chadwick
- The Contagiousness of Puerperal Fever, Oliver Wendell Holmes (1843)



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What is Delta Omega?

Delta Omega is the honorary society for graduate studies in public health. The society was founded in 1924 at the then School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, when only a few graduate schools of public health existed in the United States. The Society now has chapters in over 70 Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)-accredited schools and programs providing advanced public health degrees. A “History of the Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society” can be found online at www.deltaomega.org/history.pdf.

Who Belongs to Delta Omega?

Membership in Delta Omega reflects the dedication of an individual to quality in the field of public health and to protection and advancement of the health of all people. The chapters elect new members each year from four groups: (1) students who are candidates for a graduate degree in public health, (2) faculty members at the schools and programs of public health, (3) alumni actively engaged in public health work, and (4) honorary members who possess exceptional qualifications and have attained meritorious distinction in the field of public health. Election from each group is based on outstanding performance: scholarship in students, teaching and research in faculty members, and community service and leadership in alumni and honorary members.

What Are the Benefits of Membership?

Chapters hold a number of activities for their members, such as lectures, grand round series, and social events. The Delta Omega National Office also sponsors several activities for students and faculty. Each year the society hosts a student poster session at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. This competition allows chapters to nominate exceptional student research to be presented.

Delta Omega presents a curricula award for faculty each year at its annual business meeting, which honors an innovative public health curriculum that bridges the gap between public health academia and practice. Winners of the award can be found at www.deltaomega.org/CurrAward.cfm.

Benefits of membership also include discounts on publications such as the *Public Health Reports* journal and the CPH Study Guide, and a discounted membership to the American Public Health Association. Benefits are being added all the time, so please see www.deltaomega.org/benefits.cfm for an up-to-date list.



Interested in Establishing a Chapter at Your School or Program?

The establishment of a Delta Omega chapter is open to all CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health.

To establish a chapter an interested school or program must:

- Submit a **letter of interest** to the National President and National Executive Secretary. The letter should be sent with **a timeline for the first year's activities and two additional letters of support**.

The letter of interest should be written by from the dean of the school or chair of the department/program of public health. The two remaining letters of support should be from faculty named by the dean or chair to lead the process of established the chapter. If possible, these individuals should be members of Delta Omega.

- **This application will be reviewed and approved by** the national council at either the annual Delta Omega meeting or via electronic correspondence.

Once new chapters are approved by the National Council, they can begin inducting members. Information on how to remain active and other resources for chapters can be found at www.deltaomega.org/ForChapters.cfm.