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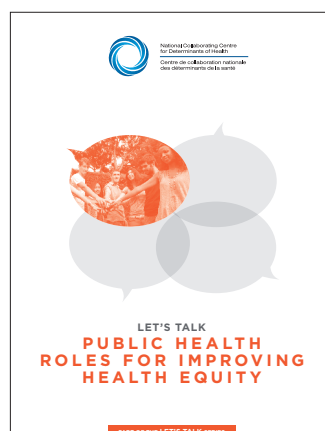
# KEY PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES FOR MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS: A CURATED LIST

This curated list from the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (NCCDH) outlines key resources to support Master of Public Health students looking to incorporate health equity action into their career in Canadian public health. The resources are organized into three main categories: **introductory resources**, **online tools** and **guidance documents**.

All resources listed here are available on the NCCDH website at [www.nccdh.ca](http://www.nccdh.ca).

## INTRODUCTORY RESOURCES

For students needing an introduction to the concept of health equity or to the social determinants of health (SDH), the NCCDH offers a number of different resources for self-learning.



### Let's Talk series

*National Collaborating  
Centre for Determinants  
of Health. [2013–present].*

The Let's Talk series is a collection of short publications highlighting key concepts related to health equity in the context of public health practice.

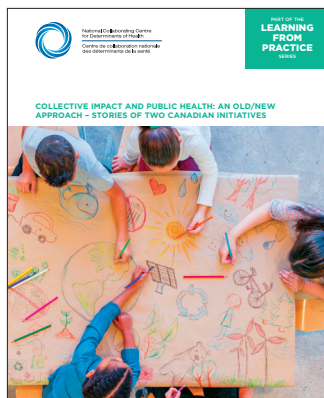
Each resource is meant to help practitioners broaden their understanding of the SDH, with discussion questions to promote dialogue and action on health equity. We especially recommend Let's Talk: Public health roles for improving health equity, which offers an action framework for health equity work.



### Glossary of essential health equity terms

*National Collaborating  
Centre for Determinants  
of Health. [2014].*

This glossary contains 15 essential terms for public health staff using health equity in their work, used by English-speaking practitioners around the world. Each glossary entry includes a definition and an example of how the term might be used in real-life public health practice. The resource is available as an interactive page on the NCCDH website, as well as in a downloadable PDF format.



health staff as they share insight on the successes and challenges of incorporating health equity into their work.

### Case studies

The NCCDH has produced a number of Canadian case studies highlighting action on health equity and the SDH. Spanning topics from leadership capacity to poverty reduction, these resources draw upon knowledge from public



an intentionally anti-racist organization.

### Blog posts

In order to respond to current issues relating to health equity and the social determinants of health, the NCCDH blog offers insight from knowledge translation specialists on issues ranging from Tuberculosis as a SDH to the NCCDH's own process of becoming



and practitioners alike can use to inform themselves on the basic concepts and considerations of a particular determinant as it relates to health equity.

### Curated reading lists

The NCCDH's curated reading lists offer a snapshot of resources on a variety of SDH, including environmental public health, racism and food insecurity. Though not exhaustive, the lists highlight key sources of knowledge that students



policy efforts and other interventions. Participants, either individually or listening in groups, have the opportunity to engage with presenters and fellow attendees during the session. Archived versions of past webinars are available on the NCCDH YouTube channel.

### Webinars

The NCCDH's monthly webinar series features presentations by leading public health practitioners on current topics relating to health equity action. In each session, presenters share strategies, insight and lessons learned from their own programming,

## ONLINE TOOLS

For those seeking opportunities to connect with fellow practitioners or with organizations demonstrating a commitment to health equity, the NCCDH offers the following networking tools.



### [Health Equity Clicks: Community](#)

The Health Equity Clicks: Community is an online forum that is freely available to anyone looking to discuss health equity issues in public health. In 2018, the Community will

be revitalized and regularly moderated by the NCCDH. The Community is an ideal place to seek advice from working practitioners in the public health field.



### [Resource Library](#)

The NCCDH Resource Library is a digital collection of over 150 resources created by the NCCDH and its like-minded peers in the field. Resources are chosen for their ability to support and promote action on health equity and the SDH. The Resource Library

includes websites, reports, modules and videos created in English, French or both, with a bilingual description available for each entry.

## GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

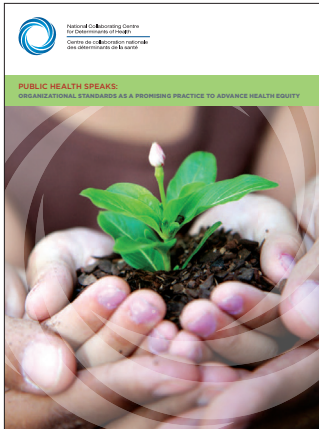
The documents below can be used to help students orient their future work in the public health field towards action that promotes health equity.



### [Common agenda for public health action on health equity](#)

*National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health. [2016].*

The Common Agenda was developed through collaborative knowledge exchange with public health practitioners, decision-makers and researchers from every province and territory in Canada. It is designed to capture their challenges, priorities and areas for more focus and collaboration. The report and the subsequent summary document are a key starting point for understanding the current priorities for work on health equity in Canadian public health.



**Public Health Speaks:  
Organizational standards  
as a promising practice for  
health equity**

*National Collaborating  
Centre for Determinants  
of Health. [2013].*

This resource features interviews with four public health experts as they reflect on their experiences of establishing organizational standards and the process of implementing these changes to promote growth. For students, this offers a snapshot into the challenges that leaders face while bringing health equity work to the forefront of an organization's work.

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