

Academic reform of the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico: putting public health at the center

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Introduction

- ✓ The National Institute of Public Health-Mexico (INSP) hosts the School of Public Health of Mexico (ESPM)
 - Diverse community of health professionals, researchers and students.
 - Doctoral, master and specialization degrees
 - Continuous education program
 - National and international accreditations
- ✓ Great resource for the training of health professionals in Mexico and Latin America.
 - Over 95% of graduates between 2000-2023 are working on the health system, research, or conducting further graduate studies.



Context

✓ Changes in the Mexican context:

- Changes in Mexican health profile
- Implementation of new health system that gives emphasis to primary health care

✓ Needs posed by the new health context and model

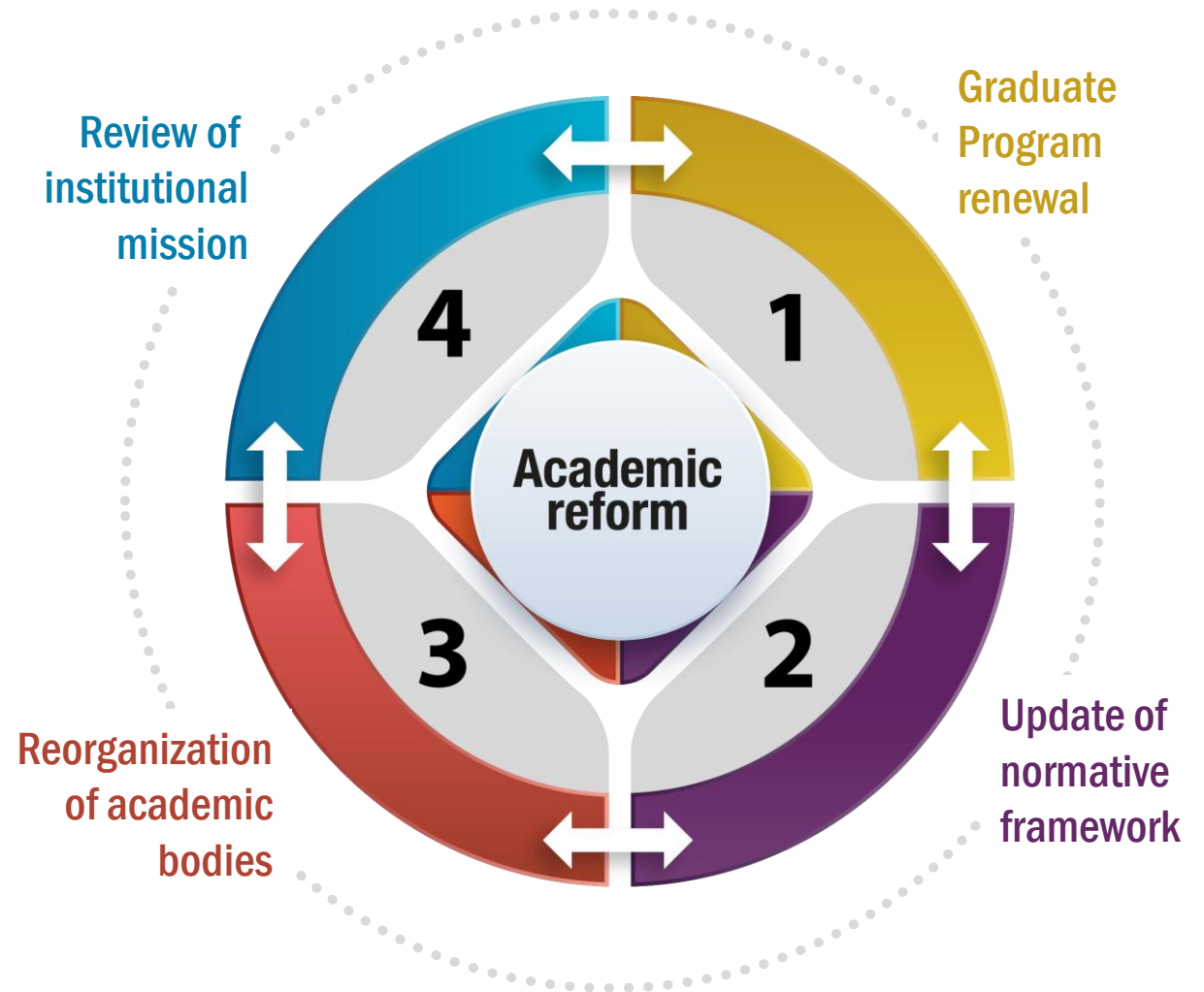
- Different competencies in health personnel to operate the new health model
- Research and evaluation to guide appropriate health actions.



Achievement description: actions to face new health challenges

✓ Over 2023-2024, INSP implemented an academic reform, aiming to put public health at the center of its agenda.

- Involved the whole organization and community
- Direct impact in research and education activities
- Aims to give more flexibility and encourage debate and participation of the whole academic community

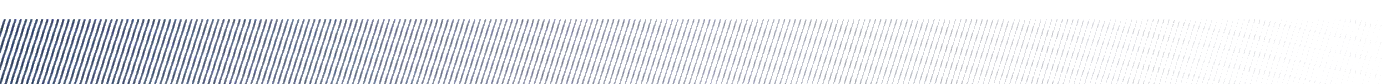


Action 1: review of institutional mission

✓ **Revise mission to:**

- Better reflect the scope of action of INSP
- Incorporate new paradigms in public health
- Promote a non-discriminatory working and academic environment

✓ **INSP mission: “to contribute to social equity and public health protection through the generation of knowledge, development of health professionals, participation in the design of cross-sector and evidence-based public policies, as well as relationships with the communities using a holistic, humanist, environmentally sustainable approach with gender perspective and under the principles of universality of health access, equity and social justice”.**

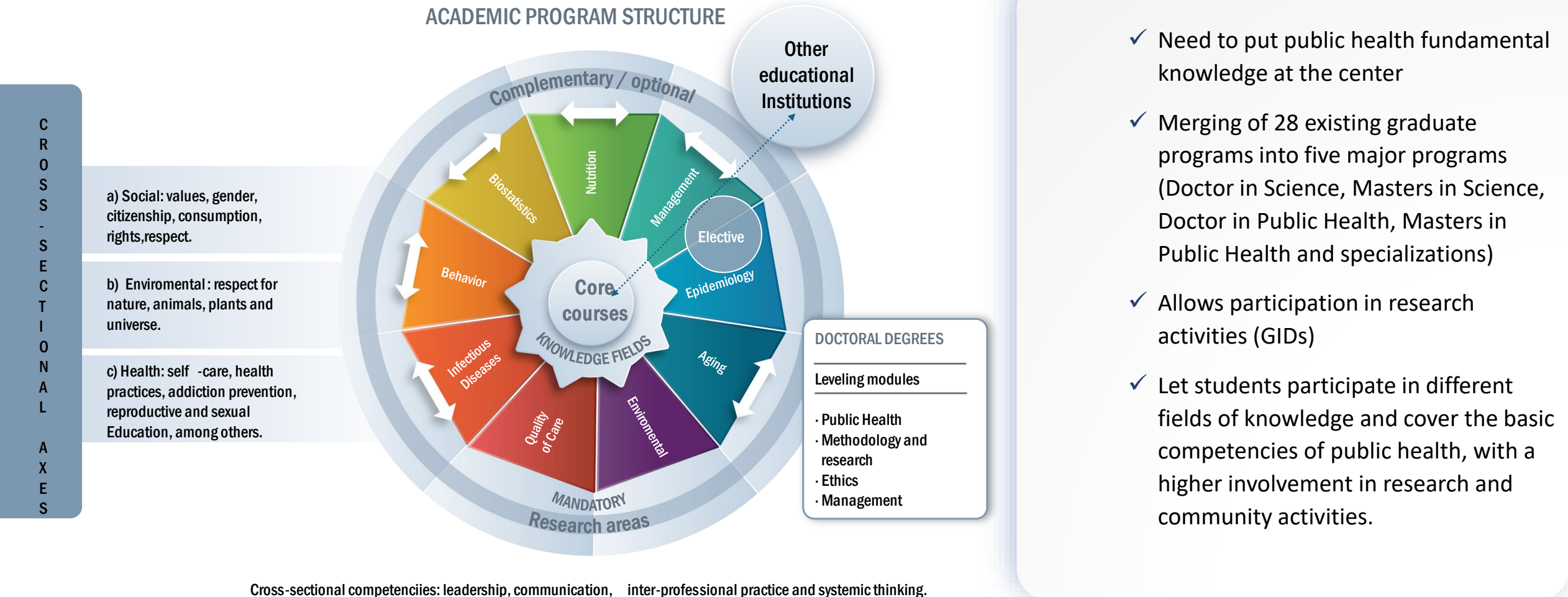


Action 2: reorganization of academic bodies to improve governance

- Aims to give more flexibility and to open spaces for debate across academic bodies.
- New structure of academic bodies:
 - Six Academic Research and Education groups (GADIs), in charge of supervising all education and research activities in each of the six Research Centers of INSP
 - 50 Research and Education groups (GIDs), which conduct research in specific areas of public health integrating students into their activities.
 - Transition from individual to group mentoring of students



Action 3: Graduate program renewal



- ✓ Need to put public health fundamental knowledge at the center
- ✓ Merging of 28 existing graduate programs into five major programs (Doctor in Science, Masters in Science, Doctor in Public Health, Masters in Public Health and specializations)
- ✓ Allows participation in research activities (GIDs)
- ✓ Let students participate in different fields of knowledge and cover the basic competencies of public health, with a higher involvement in research and community activities.

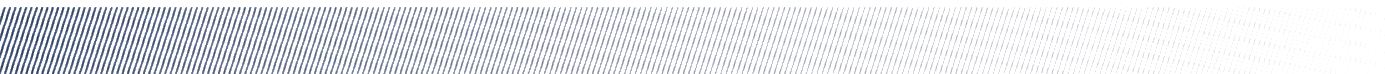


Action 4. Update of norms and regulations

- ✓ Necessary to formalize INSP reform
- ✓ Provides an updated normative framework for our activities, and includes not only academic procedures, but also non-discrimination, gender and ethical considerations.
- ✓ Emphasis of ethical issues
 - Acquisition of the Mexican norm 025 for non-discrimination

Institutional relevance of the reform: how can it improve our performance as a public health institute?

- ✓ **The spirit of this reform is to put public health at the center of our research, education and service activities.**
- ✓ **Expected impact of the reform: to better meet our mission by**
 - making our academic programs more adequate to the national context
 - better respond to the diverse community at INSP and national needs
 - have a more efficient and participative institutional functioning to contribute to a better global health.





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