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Dr. Michael Thompson is an Associate Professor in the UNC Charlotte Department of Health Management and Policy. During the 2024-2025 Academic Year, he served as Interim Chair of this newly organized department. He has previously directed UNC Charlotte's graduate programs in health administration, public health, and health informatics & analytics and served as the Associate Director of APHI the Academy for Population Health Innovation, a unique partnership between the university and Mecklenburg County Public Health, and as Associate Chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences. He has over 20 years' experience in actively developing, leading, and seeing accredited public health and health administration programs domestically and internationally.

Dr. Thompson earned his doctorate in public health (DrPH) in 2002 specializing in Health Services Research and Evaluation through the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. His professional practice focuses on competency-based workforce development and assessment as well as community-driven programmatic interventions. He has led domestic and international projects covering the expanse of public health practice, from maternal, child and reproductive health to blindness prevention to hospital quality assurance.

Through his competency-based, global workforce development initiatives, Dr. Thompson currently serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor of Public Health and external advisory board member at the American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia. Past efforts include supporting public health and health administration program development in Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Lebanon, among other locations. He currently serves as the national president of Delta Omega, the Public Health Honorary Society.

Research Interests:

Competency-based education; accreditation; community assessment; program evaluation; chronic disease; health disparities; community-based research; translational research; international/global health; health services research; survey design; quality of care.