

MPH in Community Health

Academic Year 2016-2017

Program Profile

The community health concentration prepares professionals from a variety of backgrounds (nursing, medicine, dentistry, allied health, social work, health education, nutrition, psychology, anthropology, sociology) for public health careers. This concentration uses a multidisciplinary approach to identify community, family, social, and behavioral factors in both the onset of and solution to public health problems through disease prevention, health promotion, or health care. Community health contributes to the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs and policies that promote healthy environments and healthy lives for individuals and populations. Students will learn social and behavioral theories and methodologies that are used to plan, implement, and evaluate health promotion and disease prevention programs and interventions. Students will also be prepared to perform community-based research, communicate findings to the public and policymakers, and advocate for evidence-based programs and policies. Traditionally, program graduates have assumed positions in public health departments, health and human service agencies, and other health care settings. Students in the community health concentration will complete a minimum of 48 semester credit hours to earn the MPH degree.

Community Health Concentration Competencies

Competency Description
Comprehend, apply, and evaluate multi-level and inter-disciplinary theories and models used to solve community health problems.
Identify and evaluate the relative contribution of ecological determinants to health outcomes among populations, including vulnerable populations and disadvantaged communities.
Understand, select and employ appropriate quantitative and qualitative research methods for testing community health interventions and resolving community health problems.
Plan, implement, administer, and evaluate community-based initiatives and programs using asset-based and data-driven approaches.
Understand, administer, and evaluate community-based participatory approaches for reducing health disparities and improving community health outcomes.

MPH Core Competencies

The Master of Public Health degree program prepares students to address the following core competencies while advancing their knowledge of public health:

Competency	Competency Description
Public Health Knowledge & Skills	The MPH student will apply basic knowledge and skills of the core public health sciences that include: biostatistics, epidemiology, health management and policy, behavioral and community health, and environmental and occupational health, to the prevention of illness and injury and the promotion of population health.
Integration of Theory and Practice	The MPH student will demonstrate the effective integration of theory and practice related to public health issues that affect diverse populations, through a thesis or comprehensive examination and a practice experience.
Communication and Informatics	The MPH student will gather, organize, and manage data and information effectively to address public health issues through oral and written communications to diverse professionals and lay audiences.
Diversity and Culture	The MPH student will demonstrate the ability to interact with both diverse individuals and communities to produce or impact an intended public health outcome.
Professionalism	The MPH student will apply ethical principles to the practice of public health in a variety of settings, demonstrating personal integrity while embracing diverse communities.

Master of Public Health: Community Health

48 Credit Hours Required

Fall 1		SCH
BACH 5300	Theoretical Foundations of Individual and Community Health	3
BIOS 5300	Foundations of Biostatistics	3
EPID 5300	Principles of Epidemiology	3
EOHS 5300	Environmental Determinants of Health	3
Spring 1		
HMAP 5300	Introduction to Health Management and Policy	3
EPID 5313	Introduction to Data Management and Statistical Computing	3
BACH 6310	Qualitative Research Methods	3
	Elective 1	3
Summer 1		
	Elective 2	3
	Elective 3	3
PHED 5197	Professional and Academic Development	1
Fall 2		
BACH 5340	Community Assessment and Program Planning	3
BACH 5314	Quantitative Research Methods	3
	Elective 4	3
PHED 5000	Certified in Public Health (CPH) Exam	0
Spring 2		
BACH 5345	Participatory Approaches to Improving Community Health	3
BACH 5350	Community Health Program Evaluation	3
BACH 5297	Practice Experience in Public Health	2
BACH 5001	MPH Comprehensive Exam	0
	Total Degree Hours	48

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SPH Advisor _____

Student _____