

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MPH Professional Option Academic Year 2011-2012

The Master of Public Health (MPH)-Professional Option is an interdisciplinary degree that provides education and training for professionals in any field who want to strengthen their general knowledge and skills in public health. Students in this “generalist,” practice-oriented curriculum will complete a common set of required courses and then have the opportunity to tailor their electives to meet their individual career goals. Students will gain knowledge, skills and approaches that emphasize the core functions of public health, including the assessment of health risks and current levels of disease; the development of public health policies; the assurance of health improvement through health promotion, disease prevention and health services; and the management of health systems and settings. Ultimately, graduates of this program will contribute to the expansion and enhancement of a competent public health workforce that is advancing the well-being of Texas’ citizens and beyond.

Applicants must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- Applicants with an advanced degree e.g., PhD, DO, MD, JD, MSN, MBA, PA; or
- Applicants currently enrolled in a master’s degree program other than an MPH; or
- Applicants currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program; or
- Three years of work experience in the health professions

Professional Option Curriculum (42 Semester Credit Hours)

REQUIRED COURSES:			24 SCH
BIOS	5300	Biostatistics for Public Health 1	3 SCH
EOHS	5300	Environmental Health	3 SCH
EPID	5300	Principles of Epidemiology	3 SCH
HMAP	5300	Introduction to Health Management and Policy	3 SCH
HMAP	5320	Health Services Management	3 SCH
HMAP	6320	Leadership for Public Health	3 SCH
PHED	6360	Ethical Issues in Public Health	3 SCH
SABS	5300	Theoretical Foundations of Individual & Community Health	3 SCH
PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:			3 SCH
PHED	5397	Public Health Practice Experience*	3 SCH
<i>*Carefully designed experience at the student’s current place of employment or a traditional experience in a health-related organization</i>			
ELECTIVE COURSES:			15 SCH
CULMINATING EXPERIENCE:			0 SCH
PHED	5000	MPH Comprehensive Examination	0 SCH