

MPH Professional Option

The program is not accepting applications for the Masters of Public Health Professional Option at this time.

The MPH professional option provides an opportunity for U.S. physicians with earned doctorates and those who are in a U.S. residency program. The option requires completion of the 32 hours of core courses including the internship and eight hours of general electives (40 hours total). Other applicants may be eligible for admission to this option and will be considered by the admissions committee on a case-by-case basis. Included are:

1. Those currently enrolled in a U.S. physician residency-training program, or
2. Those who are in the process of completing a doctoral-level, health-related degree and who have at least one year of health-related experience.

Interested applicants should contact the MPH Department for information about the application process.

Requirements

MPH Core Courses

MPH 501	Introduction to Public Health	4
MPH 503	Biostatistics	4
MPH 506	Research Methods in Public Health	4
MPH 511	Epidemiology	4
MPH 521	Introduction to Environmental Health	4
MPH 531	Public Health Policy	4
MPH 561	Public Health Education	4
MPH 579	Comprehensive Examination	0
MPH 581	Internship	4
MPH Electives		8
Total Hours		40

Master's Closure

Students in all degree programs offered through the MPH program take a comprehensive written examination based on a case study with questions designed to test students' ability to integrate the knowledge and skills they have gained from the curriculum. MPH students complete an Integrative Learning Experience (i.e., MPH comprehensive exam) that demonstrates syntheses of foundational and concentration competencies designed by the Council of Education for Public Health. A student may request to take the comprehensive exam during the prior spring semester with a Student Petition.

A student must complete all core courses (except the internship) prior to taking the comprehensive exam, but may take the exam concurrently with electives or the internship during the last semester of study. When students need to take the comprehensive exam to graduate, the students must complete the comprehensive exam eligibility survey before the end of Week 3 of each semester except the summer semester. The student must successfully complete the exam within one year after completing course work for the degree. Students who take MPH 579 and do not pass, must enroll in MPH 583 (zero

credit hour, one billable credit hour) each regular semester (fall/spring) until they pass the exam. Students must pass this exam within one year of completing course work with a maximum of three consecutive attempts.