

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

Program Overview

This program is designed to prepare individuals with the expertise to work in the field of public health, working to protect and improve maternal and child health. The program will prepare graduates for a range of public health jobs, and students will have the opportunity to work with the numerous organizations that currently have partnerships with Columbus State University.

Students will use the maternal and child health-specific coursework in multiple professional applications. The core and elective course options will allow students to address specific areas related to child and maternal health. Students will have the opportunity to apply course material in practical settings and through research while enrolled, as the program will include the option for a thesis or practicum capstone.

The institution plans to seek accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health.

Career Opportunities

Students who successfully graduate from the Master of Public Health degree program will have the opportunity to work with county and state departments of public health, and other health-related agencies at the local, regional and national levels. Graduates from the program will be well equipped with public health competencies and skills to serve as program directors and managers, program coordinators, public health educators, health analysts, health administrators, and many more. There are potentials for successful graduates to work in the international public health arena, especially in the areas of women, mothers, children, infants and family health.

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Area 1 Program Core		
MPH 6105	Foundations in Public Health	3
MPH 6106	Public Health Administration	3
MPH 6107	Environmental Health Issues	3
MPH 6108	Epidemiology	3
MPH 6109	Public Health Planning & Evaluation	3
MPH 6111	Biostatistics	3
MPH 6112	Research Methods in Public Health	3
MPH 6117	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
Area 1 Total		24
Area 2 Concentration Requirements		
MPH 6185	Contemporary Issues in Women's Health	3
MPH 6186	Maternal & Child Health	3
MPH 6187	Adolescent Health	3
Electives - Select 3 credits from the following (advisor approval required):		3
HESC 5108G	Consumer Health	
HESC 5109G	Grant Writing for the Health Professions	
HESC 5188G	Contemporary Health Problems	

HESC 5795G	Seminar in Alcohol and Drug Abuse	
MPH 6189	Rural Health Issues	
MPH 6188	International Family Health Programs	
MPH 6795	Seminar in Public Health Ethics	
Area 2 Total		12
Area 3 Capstone		
MPH 6698	Practicum in Public Health	6
or MPH 6981	Thesis Research	
MPH 6000	Capstone Comprehensive Exam / Thesis Defense	0
Area 3 Total		6
Total Credit Hours		42

Admission Requirements

Beyond the general graduate program requirements, the Master of Public Health degree program also has the following additional requirements:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on all undergraduate work earned in fulfillment of the baccalaureate degree\
- A GPA between 2.99 – 2.50 for conditional or provisional admission
- Two letters of recommendation from personnel qualified to attest to the applicant's potential for success in the program. At least one of your letters should come from an academic professor (current or previous instructor/professor)
- A statement of interest for the program
- Current resume or CV
- No GRE requirement for this program
- Transcripts and experiences will be reviewed for students who do not have an undergraduate degree in a health-related discipline

Additional Program Requirements

There are no program-specific academic regulations.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Identify and explain health disparities at the region, national, and global levels
- Design, implement, and evaluate public health programs to address all levels of prevention
- Critically analyze and apply public health research to reduce health disparities and advance knowledge in order to prevent chronic diseases, improve health, and inform public health decisions
- Apply the principles of public health to address health concerns and disparities associated with maternal and child health