



Twin Cities Campus

Public Health Administration and Policy M.P.H.

School of Public Health - Adm

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2019
- Length of program in credits: 42 to 44
- This program requires summer semesters for timely completion.
- PCAS Data Entry
- Degree: Master of Public Health

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The Public Health Administration and Policy (PHAP) program offers a core curriculum centering on managing organizations to improve the health of certain populations. Throughout the program, there is a strong emphasis on developing effective communication skills and the ability to work well with various cultures and communities.

To receive this degree, students will need to complete the curriculum, a field experience, and a master's project. Graduates pursue public health careers in a variety of settings including non-profit organizations, state and local public health agencies, and healthcare companies.

Accreditation

This program is accredited by Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

Preferred GRE performance expectations (test taken post August 2011): A combination of 300 on the quantitative and verbal sections of the test and a score of 3.5 on the analytical writing assessment. Some programs may have higher preferred minimum scores. Check specific programs for details.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE
 - General Test - Verbal Reasoning: 500
 - General Test - Quantitative Reasoning: 500
 - General Test - Analytical Writing: 3.5
- GMAT
- MCAT
- LSAT
 - Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score: 150

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 100
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 600



- IELTS
 - Total Score: 7
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

Key to [test abbreviations](#) (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, LSAT, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 42 to 44 major credits and up to null credits outside the major. There is no final exam. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: Culminating Experience

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for students to remain in good standing.

At least 3 semesters must be completed before filing a Degree Program Form.

Required SPH Core Courses

M.P.H. Core Courses

- PUBH 6020 - Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (2.0 cr)
- PUBH 6751 - Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (2.0 cr)
- PUBH 6101 ~~(Inactive)~~ (2.0 cr)
 - or PUBH 6102 - Issues in Environmental Health (2.0 cr)
- PUBH 6320 - Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3.0 cr)
 - or PUBH 6341 - Epidemiologic Methods I (3.0 cr)
- PUBH 6414 - Biostatistical Literacy (3.0 cr)
 - or PUBH 6450 - Biostatistics I (4.0 cr)
- PUBH 6741 - Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1.0 cr)
 - or PUBH 6742 - Ethics in Public Health: Research and Policy (1.0 cr)

PHAP Core Courses

- PUBH 6700 ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)
- PUBH 6724 - The Health Care System and Public Health (3.0 cr)
- PUBH 6755 - Planning and Budgeting for Public Health (2.0 cr)
- PUBH 6806 - Principles of Public Health Research (2.0 cr)
- PUBH 7796 - Applied Practice Experience: Public Health Administration and Policy (2.0 cr)
- PUBH 7784 - Master's Project Seminar: PHAP and HSRP&A (1.0 cr)
- PUBH 7794 - Integrative Learning Experience: Public Health Administration and Policy (2.0 cr)
- PUBH 6780 - Topics in Public Health Administration and Policy (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

Specialty Areas (includes concentrations, emphasis)

Students must complete 7 credits within one specialty area. NOTE: If a student chooses an interdisciplinary concentration, a specialty area need not be chosen.

Management

For this area, PubH 6727 is a required course; remaining credits will be chosen along with the advisor from a list of courses.

PUBH 6727 - Health Leadership and Effecting Change (2.0 cr)

-OR-

Analysis

For this area, PubH 6717, 6811, 6845 and 6852 are required courses; remaining credits will be chosen along with the advisor from a list of courses.

PUBH 6717 - Decision Analysis for Health Care (2.0 cr)

PUBH 6811 ~~(Inactive)~~ (2.0 cr)

PUBH 6845 - Using Demographic Data for Policy Analysis (3.0 cr)

PUBH 6852 - Program Evaluation in Health and Mental Health Settings (2.0 cr)

-OR-



Policy

For this area, PubH 6711 and 6835 are required courses; remaining credits will be chosen along with the advisor from a list of courses.

[PUBH 6711](#) - Public Health Law (2.0 cr)

PUBH 6835 *{Inactive}*(2.0 cr)

-OR-

General Health Policy and Management

For this area, PubH 6726 and 6835 are required courses; remaining credits will be chosen along with the advisor from a list of courses.

[PUBH 6727](#) - Health Leadership and Effecting Change (2.0 cr)

PUBH 6835 *{Inactive}*(2.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Executive Public Health Administration and Policy

This sub-plan is limited to students completing the program under Plan C.

The e-PHAP degree is a 42 credit program designed to be completed in 25 months. It is designed for working public health professionals who are in, or would like to move into, leadership or managerial roles in organizations that provide core public health functions. Students enrolled in the program will spend 17 days on campus where they will complete four intensive (7 credits total) in-person courses that include an online component. The remainder of the program is delivered in an online environment.

Three years of professional public health experience.

ePHAP Core Courses

These courses are required for students enrolled in the Executive Public Health Administration and Policy program, along with the required M.P.H core courses (14 credits), plus two credits of electives.

Course will review how to use and understand data to help make decision within a public health organization. First time offered fall 2014. Syllabus currently in development. Course is two credits.

PUBH 6700 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

[PUBH 6724](#) - The Health Care System and Public Health (3.0 cr)

[PUBH 6727](#) - Health Leadership and Effecting Change (2.0 cr)

[PUBH 6755](#) - Planning and Budgeting for Public Health (2.0 cr)

PUBH 6835 *{Inactive}*(2.0 cr)

[PUBH 7796](#) - Applied Practice Experience: Public Health Administration and Policy (2.0 cr)

Course will review how to lead an organization through changes determined via evaluating program effectiveness. First time offered fall 2015. Syllabus currently in development. Course is two credits.

This course will address basic concepts of public health law and the legal bases for the existence and administration of public health programs. First time offered spring 2015. Syllabus currently in development. Course is one credits.

[PUBH 6765](#) - Continuous Quality Improvement: Methods and Techniques (3.0 cr)

[PUBH 6780](#) - Topics in Public Health Administration and Policy (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

Global Health Interdisciplinary Concentration Area

The Global Health Interdisciplinary Concentration (GHIC) provides graduate students who are pursuing an M.P.H. with information necessary to define the constitution, cause, and consequences of health problems worldwide. The program offers a unique opportunity to explore the relationships between health, environment, politics, culture, and economic pressures in developed and developing nations.

Developing countries are currently undergoing profound demographic changes--changes that are accompanied by shifts in patterns of illness. In many of these nations, the major causes of morbidity and mortality are mutating from traditional infectious diseases to chronic, non-communicable maladies like cardiovascular diseases, cancer, and diabetes. As a result, there is increasing demand for qualified public health practitioners who can identify and help reduce the vast and varied global vectors for chronic disease.

Practical application of theory in the field is a major component of the GHIC. Students are encouraged to hone their expertise by pursuing an international field experience. The School of Public Health has established relationships with collaborative institutions abroad.

SPH graduate students must complete a formal program plan if they want the GHIC to appear on their transcripts. For more information, contact Carol Francis, interdisciplinary concentrations coordinator, at franc004@umn.edu or 612-624-6952.



Health Disparities Interdisciplinary Concentration Area

The Health Disparities Interdisciplinary Concentration (HDIC) addresses the unequal burden of health risks, morbidity, and mortality experienced by minority cultural and social groups in the U.S., as well as unequal quality of and access to health care. Achieving optimum health for all segments of our society is a central goal of Healthy People 2020, and a concern in Minnesota as well. Despite Minnesota's ranking as one of the nation's healthiest states, Minnesota has some of the largest gaps among cultural and social groups in health indicators. According to the Minnesota Department of Health:

- Infant mortality rates among the American Indians and African Americans are two to three times higher than for the state as a whole.
- Among African American youth aged 15-24, firearm injury mortality rates are 15 times greater than the rates of all ages, races, and genders combined.
- Women from minority communities are less likely to receive sufficient prenatal care compared to other women.
- Death rates for African Americans and American Indians are two to three times that of the state as a whole. Rates of diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and HIV/AIDS are higher for many minority communities compared to the state as a whole.

SPH graduate students must complete a formal program plan if they want the HDIC to appear on their transcripts. For more information, contact Carol Francis, interdisciplinary concentrations coordinator, at franc004@umn.edu or 612-624-6952.

Public Health Policy Interdisciplinary Concentration Area

Public Health Policy Interdisciplinary Concentration (PHPIC) coursework provides a better understanding of the health care system as a whole and prevention policy. The challenging curriculum helps M.P.H. majors hone practical skills that are highly sought after in the public health and policy arenas. Students who pursue the concentration can choose courses that emphasize:

- understanding community dynamics
- developing advocacy skills for public health
- analyzing legal and policy structures
- evaluating and implementing policies and programs
- influencing community health
- motivating and educating stakeholders and decision-makers
- using policy as prevention strategy
- eliminating health disparities through policy

SPH graduate students must complete a formal program plan if they want the PHPIC to appear on their transcripts. For more information, contact Carol Francis, interdisciplinary concentrations coordinator, at franc004@umn.edu or 612-624-6952.

Arizona State University

The Public Health Administration & Policy (PHAP) program hosted by Arizona State University is a 44 credit program designed to be completed by students located in the Phoenix area in a hybrid format.

Students earn a University of Minnesota MPH degree, by taking a combination of online classes from the University of Minnesota and in-person classes at the Arizona State University Campus.

The program is targeted to students in Phoenix and the surrounding area interested in working with government agencies, nonprofits, or private health care organizations that seek to advance public health.

This program prepares students to:

- Lead, manage and evaluate public health programs and agencies
- Design and implement research to guide evidence-based decision-making
- Evaluate and inform public policy that impacts population health

MPH Core

Students will be required to take the MPH core courses for a total of 14 credits.

- [PUBH 6020](#) - Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (2.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6102](#) - Issues in Environmental Health (2.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6320](#) - Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6414](#) - Biostatistical Literacy (3.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6741](#) - Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6751](#) - Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (2.0 cr)

PHAP Core

Students will be required to take the PHAP Core courses for a total of 17 credits.

- [PUBH 6700](#) *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6724](#) - The Health Care System and Public Health (3.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6755](#) - Planning and Budgeting for Public Health (2.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6806](#) - Principles of Public Health Research (2.0 cr)
- [PUBH 6780](#) - Topics in Public Health Administration and Policy (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- [PUBH 7784](#) - Master's Project Seminar: PHAP and HSRP&A (1.0 cr)
- [PUBH 7794](#) - Integrative Learning Experience: Public Health Administration and Policy (2.0 cr)



[PUBH 7796](#) - Applied Practice Experience: Public Health Administration and Policy (2.0 cr)

General Health Policy and Management Specialty Area

These courses are required for students enrolled in the Public Health Administration and Policy program located at Arizona State University. Students will choose an additional 3 credits (for a total of 7) to complete the specialty area from the University of Minnesota approved by the advisor and program coordinator.

[PUBH 6727](#) - Health Leadership and Effecting Change (2.0 cr)

[PUBH 6835](#) ~~{Inactive}~~(2.0 cr)

Electives

Students will take 6 elective credits from the University of Minnesota that have been approved by the advisor and program coordinator.

JD/MPH with William Mitchell College of Law

The University of Minnesota (UMN) School of Public Health (SPH) created a Joint Degree Program through which qualified students may combine a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Public Health Administration & Policy (PHAP) with a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from William Mitchell College of Law (WMCL JD).

The PHAP MPH degree requires 44 credits, 12 of which may include approved WMCL course credits. The JD requires 83 credits, 12 of which may include approved SPH course credits. Each institution will be entitled to make determinations about which courses from the other program will count towards that institutions degree requirements. Allowing cross-counted (double-counted) transfer credits to fulfill requirements in each degree program will have the effect of reducing the length of the overall joint degree program by two semesters. Careful attention to the content of courses that cross count will ensure that neither institution comprises the core competencies of their individual programs.

MPH Core

([PUBH 6020](#) and [PUBH 6751](#) and ([PUBH 6101](#) or [PUBH 6102](#)) and ([PUBH 6320](#) or [PUBH 6341](#)) and ([PUBH 6414](#) or [PUBH 6450](#)) and ([PUBH 6741](#) or [PUBH 6742](#)))

[PUBH 6020](#) - Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (2.0 cr)

[PUBH 6751](#) - Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (2.0 cr)

[PUBH 6101](#) ~~{Inactive}~~(2.0 cr)

or [PUBH 6102](#) - Issues in Environmental Health (2.0 cr)

[PUBH 6320](#) - Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3.0 cr)

or [PUBH 6341](#) - Epidemiologic Methods I (3.0 cr)

[PUBH 6450](#) - Biostatistics I (4.0 cr)

or [PUBH 6414](#) - Biostatistical Literacy (3.0 cr)

[PUBH 6741](#) - Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1.0 cr)

or [PUBH 6742](#) - Ethics in Public Health: Research and Policy (1.0 cr)

PHAP/WMCL Core

[PUBH 6700](#) ~~{Inactive}~~(3.0 cr)

[PUBH 6724](#) - The Health Care System and Public Health (3.0 cr)

[PUBH 6835](#) ~~{Inactive}~~(2.0 cr)

[PUBH 7784](#) - Master's Project Seminar: PHAP and HSRP&A (1.0 cr)

[PUBH 7794](#) - Integrative Learning Experience: Public Health Administration and Policy (2.0 cr)

[PUBH 7796](#) - Applied Practice Experience: Public Health Administration and Policy (2.0 cr)

Electives

Remaining courses are a combination of PubH courses with 12 credits transferred from William Mitchell College of Law.