

PUBLIC HEALTH, MPH

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Program Description

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a 42-credit hour graduate program designed to provide students with core knowledge and skills necessary for the development, implementation, and advancement of evidence-based public health policies, programs and initiatives. The MPH includes a single concentration in "Global Health". The MPH program is accredited by the Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH).

Admissions

The admissions requirements for this program include an undergraduate degree with a minimum cumulative 3.2 GPA, TOEFL scores (for international applications), undergraduate transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and a resume and personal statement.

Part-Time Study

Part-time study is acceptable; however, time to degree completion depends on available course offerings and number of courses enrolled. Time limit to degree completion is 7 years.

Financial Support

Limited department financial aid is available in the form of graduate assistantships and scholarship credits for students enrolled in masters and doctoral programs. Financial aid is determined based on merit.

Additional information regarding graduate financial aid can be found at <https://financialaid.syr.edu/typesofaid/graduatestudentaid/>

Satisfactory Progress

Certification for a graduate degree at Syracuse University requires a minimum average of 3.0 for work comprising the program for the degree and a 2.8 average for all credits earned.

Facilities

Courses are taught in classrooms across Syracuse University. In addition, research laboratories currently housed in White Hall will provide students opportunities to engage in scholarship with faculty mentors.

Degree

MPH, 42 credits

Student Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes for MPH Core

1. Apply epidemiological, quantitative, and qualitative data methods to public health challenges.
2. Examine structural biases and systemic factors of health care, public health, and regulatory systems across diverse socio-cultural, national and international settings

3. Design population-based policies, programs, and interventions using scientific principals, assessment and evaluation
4. Apply culturally relevant and effective public health communication strategies using verbal, visual, and written methods
5. Use systems thinking tools and leadership principles and skills to understand and address organizational or community challenges
6. Engage with non-public health fields and settings to cultivate diverse perspectives of addressing public health issues

Additional Learning Outcomes for Global Health Concentration

1. Evaluate governance approaches and responses to global health problems within diverse sociocultural and political settings
2. Differentiate among the roles of public and private actors including global organizations, consortiums, and networks in responses to global health problems
3. Propose solutions to eliminate environmental exposures using principles of sustainable development, justice, and accountability
4. Propose strategies to address health equity and social justice challenges affecting underserved populations
5. Evaluate prevention and control strategies for infectious disease

Required Courses

The 42-credit MPH program includes MPH core courses and Global Health concentration courses. The credit distribution and requirements are outlined below:

Code	Title	Credits
MPH Core		
PHP 627	Health Leadership and Management	3
PHP 630	Analysis of Public Health Data	3
PHP 664	Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health	3
PHP 665	Public Health Policy	3
PHP 667	Public Health Applied Practice Experience	3
PHP 675	Internship/Practicum Pre-Planning	0
PHP 668	Applied Epidemiology	3
PHP 661	Development and Evaluation of Public Health Programs	3
or PHP 624	Introduction to Prevention Science	
Concentration: Global Health		
<i>Required</i>		
PHP 704	Infectious Disease: Epidemiology and Control	3
PHP 705	Global Health Governance	3
PHP 706	Environmental Determinants of Global Health	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHP 612	Global Perspectives in Alcohol & Other Drug Policies	
PHP 616	Global Health and Aging	
PHP 617	Indigenous Peoples, Colonization, and Global Health	
PHP 642	Substance Use and Mental Health: Global Contexts	
PHP 648	Global Health Communication and Advocacy	
PHP 669	Disability and Global Health	
<i>Elective</i>		

Select one of the following or any course not completed in the required/choice course option list above: 3

FST 703	Transnational Food, Health and the Environment
FST 705	Rights-based Approaches to Food and Agriculture
FST 706	Gender, Food, Rights
NSD 627	Public Health Nutrition
MFT 689	Migration and Mental Health
PHP 615	Public Health Ethics
PHP 618	Alcohol, Other Drugs, Sex and Gambling: Dynamics of Addiction
PHP 633	Spatial statistics for public health
PHP 662	Culture and Reproductive Health and Medicine
PHP 663	Global Health
SOC 667	Population Processes

Directed Elective

Directed Elective - 3 credits. chosen in consultation with advisor. 3

Capstone

PHP 707 Integrative Learning Experience 3

Total Credits 42

Program Milestones

These non-credit bearing experiences are required.

- **Foundational Public Health Training:** By the end of their first semester, students entering the MPH degree program must successfully complete the Public Health Foundations Training requirement. 0 credit requirement. Exception: Students who have graduated from a CEPH accredited BSPH program are exempt from this requirement
- **Interprofessional Education:** Students enrolled in the MPH program participate in an Interprofessional Practice (IPP) event. Students must successfully complete all required assessments and interactive experiences associated with this event. 0 credit requirement.
- **Applied Practice Experience Pre-Planning:** Prior to registering for PHP 667 Public Health Applied Practice Experience, MPH students must complete the planning steps (agency identification, competency mapping and products) required for this course. 3 credits.

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 9 credits. Substituted/transferred course work should cover material equivalent to that which is covered in the relevant required course. Substitution/transfer requests will need to be approved by the graduate director. Students transferring courses from another institution must file a program of study prior to completing 12 credits at Syracuse University.