

School of Public Health

Degree Information & Curriculum



Executive Program in Public Health Practice—M.P.H.

The Executive Program in Public Health Practice (EPPHP) is part of the Public Health Practice Major. It offers a flexible curriculum that students can tailor to fit their career and practice goals. The program is designed for people with an advanced degree, such as an M.S., M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., Ph.D. or who have completed a Public Health Core Concept Certificate.

The Executive Program in Public Health Practice provides an opportunity for students to network with other professionals from a variety of backgrounds and earn a MPH that complements their practice/advance degree.

Program

The major in Public Health Practice brings together the science and the art of public health. In keeping with the vision of Healthy People in Healthy Communities, this major addresses public health as a broad social and interdisciplinary enterprise that seeks to extend the benefits of current knowledge in ways that will have the maximum impact on the health status of populations. This calls for collective action to protect, promote, and improve health, through education, engineering, and enforcement strategies.

This major offers academic programs at the master's level that prepare students to be leaders and practitioners in the application of public health principles in agencies delivering preventive health services and public health programs.

Curriculum

42 credits minimum

Basic Core Curriculum

(18 min credits)

- Students may complete the Executive Program in Public Health Practice (EPPHP) in as little as 16 months of full-time

study and complete the majority of courses online, minimizing the time on campus and maximizing flexibility.

- Public Health is a Team Sport: Lessons in Collaboration (PubH 6299, 1 credits)*
- Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (PubH 6020, 3 credits)**
- Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (PubH 6102, 2 credits)**
- Fundamentals of Epidemiology (PubH 6320, 3 credits)**
- Biostatistical Methods I (PubH 6414, 3 credits)**
- Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (PubH 6741, 1 credit)**
- Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (PubH 6751, 2 credits)**
- Master's Project (PubH 7294, 1-4 credits)
- Field Experience (PubH 7296, 2- 4 credits)

* This course is offered over a weekend before or during the Public Health Institute.

** These courses are offered online and in-person.

Focus/Elective Curriculum

(24 max credits)

Students have the opportunity to select their elective courses and

More Information

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focus on one or more areas of public health practice.

The program is designed for students to complete the basic core curriculum courses online and complete their elective courses during the May session at the Public Health Institute (PHI). The PHI offers in-class courses on a variety of current topics in a concentrated format over three weeks.

Examples of PHI courses titles include: Farm to Table Study, Global Food Systems, Principles of Risk Communication, Data Driven Decision Making and Social Epidemiology. Students may attend one or all three weeks dependent upon their flexibility and can complete up to 7 credits at the PHI. Other elective courses are offered

online and in-class during the fall and spring terms.

Within the elective courses, students are required to complete one course in each of the four core domain/competencies. Courses offered at the PHI can easily fulfill the domain requirements. The domains for public health practice are a set of skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for the broad practice of public health.

The four domains are:

1. Public policy development using a systems framework
2. Interventions based on the dimensions of community and culture
3. Assessment and application of basic public health sciences
4. Program management and communications principles

Application Process

- Completed Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) application and application fee, designating the University of Minnesota School of Public Health
- Statement of purpose and objectives describing your professional experience, career goals, and type of setting in which you plan to work
- Résumé or C.V.
- Official transcripts of record from each college/university attended
- Three (3) completed Recommendation Forms with attached letters of recommendation from persons qualified to assess the your academic work; clinical, public health or professional experiences; or leadership potential in public health
- TOEFL or IELTS test scores (international applicants only)

How Often Do I Need To Be on Campus?

Approximately 22 credits of the program (out of a total of 42) can be completed at your location or taken online, including the core curriculum, the MPH culminating and field experiences.

Plus, a wide variety of elective courses are offered during a concentrated three-week Public Health Institute held every spring. Attendance at the Public Health Institutes and participation in the online classes allows students to continue their current practice at their location while earning the credits necessary for an M.P.H. degree.

Examples of MPH culminating experience/project

- Pay for Performance: an effective or ineffective way to improve the quality of healthcare?
- Exposure to Paratuberculosis at a University of Wisconsin Research Facility
- Motor Vehicle Restraint Use in Minority vs. Caucasian Children in Olmsted County, MN
- Factors Affecting the Length of Stay in Pneumonia Patients
- Antimicrobial Resistance & Pets: A Teaching Module

Example of Field experiences

- American Refugee Committee
- Departments of Health
- Center for Health Promotion
- Migrant Health Services, Inc
- CDC, NCEH, DEHHE, EHTB

Tuition

- All students in this distance-based program are charged resident rate tuition.

Qualifications for Admission

- Applicants must have significant work experience in the area of health or human service; and an advanced degree, such as M.S., M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., Ph.D. or complete the Public Health Core Concept Certificate

Application Deadlines

- July 15 to start fall term
- November 15 to start spring term
- March 15 to start summer term
- February 1 for international applicants