Welcome to the SPH Executive Program in Public Health Practice

Online Orientation

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PHP Major

MPHs:
- Executive Program in Public Health Practice
- Public Health Medicine
- Veterinary Public Health
- Dual degrees with DDS, DNP, Law, MPP, MURP & PharmD

Certifications:
- Core Concepts
- Food Protection
- Global Health
- Preparedness, Response and Recovery
PHP Major designed for students who are practicing and want to bring together the art and science of public health. There are approx. 200 students in PHP.

There are over 90 students EPPHP and Dual Degrees, including:
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- PharmDs
- Dentists
- Veterinarians
- Certificate in Public Health Core Concepts
- Graduate degrees: MS, PhD, MBA
- DDS, DNP, Law, MPP, MURP & PharmD students
Curriculum

Section 1 - Core Courses (15 credits):
• PubH 6299 Public Health as a Team Sport: the Power of Collaboration (0.5 credits)
• PubH 6020 Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (3 credits)**
• PubH 6102 Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (2 credits)**
• PubH 6320 Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3 credits)**
• PubH 6414 Biostatistical Literacy (3 credits)**
• PubH 6741 Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1 credits)**
• PubH 6751 Principles of Management in Health Services Org (2 credits)**

** offered online & inclass
Dual Degrees

- Each Dual Degree program is uniquely designed, including the curriculum.
- Often the MPH project, Field experience and electives may double count and satisfy both curriculum requirements.
- Students may transfer up to 14 credits from the other program with approval.
MPH Culminating Experience

Section 2 - PubH 7294 Master's Culminating Experience
(4 credits)

1) Research paper

2) Systematic literature review

3) Consultative report

4) Grant proposal

5) Passing the Certification in Public Health exam.
   Recommended for students who entered with the PubH Core Concept Certificate
The use of the word Master's Project signifies a planned undertaking involving studious inquiry or examination.

The product of that undertaking is a formal, written, scholarly report that demonstrates writing proficiency; and the ability to critically approach a topic, synthesize, interpret, and successfully convey information to the appropriate audience.

The Master’s Project provides a culminating experience for the student that allows the student to demonstrate the use of public health principles and competencies.
MPH Project examples

- Pay for Performance: an effective or ineffective way to improve the quality of healthcare?
- A population based retrospective study of small animal veterinary practices.
- Factors Affecting the Length of Stay in Pneumonia Patients
- A Functional Exercise Curriculum
- The Impact of the fully implemented Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on patient use of pharmacy services in North Minneapolis
Curriculum

Section 3 - PubH 7296 Field Experience (2-4 credits)

Students learn first hand about an organization, operations and special activities of selected agencies, institutions and industries concerned about public health.

Examples of Field Experiences:
• Polk County Health Department
• World Health Organization (WHO)
• CIC
• Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)
Field experience - how to make it happen

Before you go on the field experience, complete a field experience contract on-line.

1. You will fill out the demographic information, your goals and objectives of the experience. Then, the contract will automatically be emailed to your preceptor and advisor to review. They will electronically sign off on it.

2. After the field experience is done, you and your preceptor need to complete a field experience evaluation, stating how you meet your goals and objectives.

To access the online field experience contract, go to this page: www.ahc.umn.edu/sphfieldexp/index.cfm and click the link that says “login in for official forms and documents.” You will then have to enter your UMN ID and password to access the site.

Register for the field experience credits for the term that you will be doing the field experience.

If you are planning on an international field experience, be sure to complete the on-line contract early and complete the "Release and Waiver" form and health insurance form (approx. $30.00/mth). Those forms are available on-line when you complete the contract.
Section 4 - Elective courses

Elective credits provide you with the freedom to investigate one or more public health topics, complete an established concentration or take courses to satisfy a broad interest in public health.

The SPH has the following established concentration in Health Disparities, which would be stated on your transcript:

http://www.sph.umn.edu/programs/ic/

Another option is complete a graduate minor

Other possible themes:
- Public Health Leadership/Policy
- Infectious Disease
- Food Protection
- Preparedness, Response and Recovery
- Global Health
The Public Health Institute is offered during the three week May session (May 22 – June 9, 2017). Course content emphasizes theory to practice with opportunities for field trips, case studies, hands-on labs and simulations.

A typical course is offered for one week, in the AM or PM allowing you to take 2 courses/week, earning 2 credits. Come for 1 week or all 3 weeks, depending on your availability.
Sample titles of PHI courses

- Globalization and Health
- Public Health Law
- Data Driven Decision Making
- War and Public Health
- Introduction to R
- Born a Girl
- PubH Surveillance
- Risk Communication
Important Policies:

- You are required to achieve no less than a B- grade in each core course. If needed, you may retake public health core courses once. However, a retaken course may be counted only once toward degree requirements in your study plan.

- You must achieve a grade point average of no less than 3.0 (B) across your entire program to receive an MPH degree.
MPH Culminating Experience

- Example outlines for the MPH Culminating Experience options are available in the Dual Degree and EPPHP Student Guidebook, found on the web at http://sph.umn.edu/students/current/guidebooks/
Helpful websites

- Library – There is a reference librarian who focuses on public health research has an online tutorial to help you become familiar with the library resources. Go to http://www.lib.umn.edu/indexes/moreinfo?id=16614

- Boynton – Health insurance and Immunizations

- Onestop – registration, billing, deadlines, calendars, etc.

- SPH current student resources

- SPH syllabi
Action items:

1. **Tell** us you are coming.
2. **Initiate** your email account.
3. Take care of your **health insurance** cover when you register.
4. Complete all required **immunizations** by next term.
5. Read the guidebook
6. **Register** for courses.
7. Schedule advising meetings with your advisor as needed

Contact Kate Hanson with any questions.

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FAQs

- How long does the program take?
  On an average students take 3.5 years to complete the degree.

- How often do I need to be on campus?
  Students can expect to attend at least two three week Public Health Institutes offered during the May Session for elective courses. The rest of the curriculum is available online.

- Which electives must I take?
  You may choose your elective courses based on your interest and career goals. The only requirement is that you complete one course from the Council on Linkages 4 domains. This is easily accomplished at the PHI. Each summer the PHI courses are divided into the domain for your convenience and the list is available from Kate Hanson at hanso041@umn.edu.
FAQs cont.

➢ Who can help me with identifying a field experience?
Your academic advisor and check out field experience resources. If you have not inform who that is, please contact Kate.

➢ Who will explore the MPH options with me, including the CPH?
Your academic advisor.

➢ Who can help me with registration and enrollment questions? How to manage the “system”?
Kate Hanson, PHP Coordinator

➢ What is it like to take on-line courses?
The SPH courses are being converting from a WebCT format to a Moodle format. A Moodle tutorial should be available soon.
Students quotes:

“Network and preserve”

“Branch out to take courses that are outside your field”

“The program incorporates a combination of online and inclass courses ensuring core competency coverage while allowing for a selection of electives in a variety of public health fields.”

“Talk to fellow students to get tops on scheduling, what classes to take and when, etc. Don’t procrastinate too much on field experience and making a decision on the MPH project/CPH exam.”

“Stick with it, have fun and enjoy the learning process!”