

# School of Public Health

## Degree Information & Curriculum



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## Public Health Administration & Policy MPH Hosted by Arizona State University (ASU)



The Public Health Administration & Policy (PHAP) MPH degree program focuses on managing organizations and influencing policy to improve population health. The program is targeted toward students interested in working with government agencies, nonprofits, or private health care organizations that seek to advance public health.

This 44-credit program is offered to students online, and through courses taught in the classroom by Arizona State University faculty who have adjunct faculty status with the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

### PHAP Core Courses

#### **(17 credits)**

- Foundations of Public Health (PubH 6700, 3 credits)
- The Health Care System and Public Health (PubH 6724, 3 credits)
- Planning and Budgeting for Public Health (PubH 6755, 2 credits)
- Principles of Public Health Research (PubH 6806, 2 credits)
- Public Health Leadership (PubH 6729, 1 credit)
- Master's Project Seminar (PubH 7784, 2 credits)
- Master's Project (PubH 7794, 2 credits)
- Field Experience (PubH 7796, 2 credits)

### MPH Core Courses

#### **(14-15 credits)**

- Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (PubH 6020, 3 credits)
- Environmental Health (PubH 6101, 2 credits) or Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (PubH 6102, 2 credits)
- Fundamentals of Epidemiology (PubH 6320, 3 credits) or Epidemiologic Methods (PubH 6341, 3 credits)
- Biostatistical Literacy (PubH 6414, 3 credits) or Biostatistics I (PubH 6450, 4 credits)
- Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice (PubH 6741, 1 credit) or Ethics in Public Health: Research and Policy (PubH 6742, 1 credit)
- Principles of Management in Health Services Orgs (PubH 6751, 2 credits)

### General Health Policy & Management

#### **(4 credits)**

- Health Leadership and Effecting Change (PubH 6727, 2 credits)
- Principles of Health Policy (PubH 6835, 2 credits)

### Electives

#### **(8-9 credits)**

Elective credits must be graduate level courses that are relevant to the student's area of study and approved by the student's advising team.

### Field Experience

The required field experience provides an opportunity to apply administration, research and policy skills and theories learned in the classroom in a real-world setting. The purpose is to build competencies in public health administration and policy that will enhance job skills and career prospects after graduation.

### Master's Project

The required Master's Project demonstrates familiarity with the tools of research and scholarship in public health administration and policy, the capacity to work independently or in group collaborations, and the ability to present work effectively.

### Admission Preferences and Prerequisites

- Admission requires a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university.
- The admissions committee reviews applicants according to their personal statements, background and experience, record of academic achievement, demonstrated academic potential, letters of recommendation, compatibility of interests with program faculty, and other factors.
- Test scores and GPAs are not used exclusively in the admissions review. Applicants should have some work experience in public health, such as serving as a volunteer, completing an internship, or full-time employment in a public health setting.

### Preferred Performance Levels

- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00
- A GRE score of 300 combined verbal and quantitative, and 3.5 analytic writing assessment. Also acceptable: GMAT, LSAT, DAT, MCAT. (Test not required for applicants with a doctoral degree from an accredited U.S. school.)
- TOEFL scores of 600 on the paper test or 250 on the computer-based test or 90 on the internet-based (iBT) test for applicants whose native language is not English

### Application Deadlines

- Priority: December 1
- Final: April 1 (or until all seats are filled)

### Admission Decisions

Applicants are notified by mail about admission decisions approximately six weeks after their completed application is received by the program coordinator.

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