

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

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The mission of GW's master of public health (MPH) in global health policy program is to prepare professionals to assist in public health decision-making related to national, regional, and global interventions and institutions. Students learn to support policy analysis and use diverse analytic tools, including epidemiology and international comparative policy methods, with attention to culture and equity. Program graduates integrate scientific knowledge and global evidence to advise decision making and action by diverse global health systems and other sectors, and to provide insight into policies and processes that impact population health, all with an emphasis on underserved populations and development.

Students enrolled in the global health policy program are committed to improving public health on a global scale and engaging in and promoting public service. These qualities are essential for future health professionals and public health practitioners.

Graduates of the global health policy program can expect to be able to:

- Assess the burden and determinants of health problems, their social distribution and inequities, and the interdependence of countries.
- Apply common economic, epidemiological, and comparative policy analysis methods and tools for evidence to assess the burden of disease, determining efficacy and effectiveness of interventions for global infectious and chronic disease control.
- Use global evidence for local action using systematic reviews and local facts to drive well-informed health policy decisions. Translate evidence to support program and health systems policy recommendations.
- Work with other disciplines and with sectors beyond health to develop innovative policy options.
- Develop strong cultural sensitivity and intercultural competency within diverse health and political systems
- Act in global health diplomacy in policy-shaping and negotiations to improve health while strengthening relations among nations.
- Assume leadership roles in the global health policy development process.
- Work with methodological rigor of international policy design, program priority setting, and negotiation.
- Communicate the results of research to a culturally broad set of constituents.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/global-health-policy-mph/>) for additional program information.

ADMISSIONS

Deadlines: Fall - March 15 (Applications must be complete by December 15 for priority scholarship consideration.)
Spring - October 1
Summer - December 15

Individuals interested in applying to this program should submit their application and supporting documents through SOPHAS, (<http://www.sophas.org>) a general online application for Schools of Public Health. A graduated fee is charged for this application, depending on the number of accredited schools to which you apply.

Standardized test scores: GRE general test (institutional code 5268), LSAT, MCAT, or GMAT. *Not required for Fall 2021 application, although students may submit their scores if they feel it would be beneficial.*

Recommendations required: Two (2) recommendations

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded to SOPHAS in their original sealed envelopes directly from the institution. Official transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. Please see the list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services (<http://www.naces.org/members/>).

Statement of purpose:

In no more than 1500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned in the application.

The Committee reviews your Statement of Purpose to determine your motivation for pursuing a career in public health.

International applicants only:

Please review International Applicant Information (<http://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-applicants/>) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 GW, and English language requirements. Detailed documentation needed for this program is available here (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/>). PLEASE NOTE that all programs in the Milken Institute School of Public Health require the following minimum English language test scores for admission:

- Academic IETLS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0.
- TOEFL: 100 on Internet-based.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Admissions
Suite 200
Milken Institute School of Public Health
950 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:

GWSPHAdmit@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-2160 (phone)
<http://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions> (<http://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/>)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits, including 17 credits in core courses, 14 credits in program-specific courses, 4 credits in selective coursework, 8 credits of electives, and 2-credits for the culminating experience.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Core courses		
PUBH 6000	MPH Applied Practice Experience	
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practices of Epidemiology	
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Public Health Program Evaluation	
PUBH 6011	Environmental and Biological Foundations of Public Health	
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy	
PUBH 6021	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership I	
PUBH 6022	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership II	
PUBH 6023	Interprofessional Education Experience	
Program-specific		
PUBH 6315	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis	
PUBH 6400	Global Health Frameworks	
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods	
PUBH 6416	Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs	
PUBH 6417	Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice	
PUBH 6441	Global Health Organizations and Regulations	

PUBH 6450	Global Health Diplomacy
Selectives	
Two courses (4 credits), one from each of the two sets below. Alternative courses may be taken with prior permission of the advisor.	
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
or PUBH 6355	Comparative Health Policy
PUBH 6440	Global Health Economics and Finance ¹
or PUBH 6399	Topics in Health Policy
or PUBH 6466	Health Financing in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
(Note: PUBH 6399 counts toward this requirement only when taken in the topic Cost-Benefit Analysis in Healthcare.)	
Electives	
8 credits in elective courses. These may be taken from the following list or they may be additional selective courses.	
ECON 6284	Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender, Disaster and Policy) ²
IAFF 6158	Special Topics in International Science and Technology Policy (Policy of Science, Technology and Development) ²
IAFF 6198	Special Topics in International Economic Policy (International Trade and Investment Policy) ²
IAFF 6502	Professional Skills I ³
or IAFF 6503	Professional Skills II
ORSC 6224	Persuasion and Negotiation
PMGT 6404	Principled Political Leadership
PPPA 6056	Regulatory Comment Clinic
PPPA 6062	Community Development Policy and Management
PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design
PUBH 6411	Global Health Qualitative Research Methods
PUBH 6435	Global Health Program Development and Implementation

PUBH 6436	Global Health Program Management and Leadership
PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Settings
PUBH 6482	International Food and Nutrition Policy
PUBH 6486	Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Infectious Diseases
PUBH 6492	Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Chronic Diseases
PUBH 6499	Topics in Global Health (National and Global Public Health Systems) ²
PUBH 6499	Topics in Global Health (Synthesizing Evidence) ²
PUBH 6575	Communication Skills for Public Health Professionals

Culminating experience	
PUBH 6418	Global Health Culminating Experience I
PUBH 6419	Global Health Culminating Experience II

¹For PUBH 6399, only the topic Cost-Benefit Analysis in Healthcare counts toward program requirements.

²For IAFF 6138, IAFF 6158, IAFF 6198, and PUBH 6499, only the specific topics listed count toward program requirements.

³See program guide for IAFF 6502 and IAFF 6503 topics that qualify as preapproved electives.

- MPH graduation requirements**
1. Graduate credit requirement: 45 graduate credits.
 2. Course requirements: Successful completion of core and program-specific courses.
 3. Practicum Requirement: Students are required to fulfill all requirements of the Applied Practice Experience (Practicum) to receive credit for PUBH 6000 MPH Applied Practice Experience.
 4. Interprofessional Education Experience (IPE): Students are required to enroll and participate in an authorized IPE activity (PUBH 6023 Interprofessional Education Experience).
 5. Minimum grade-point requirement: minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative grade-point average.
 6. Time limit requirement: The degree must be completed within five years.
 7. Transfer credit policy: With approval, up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to any previous graduate degree may be transferred to the master of public health program. External credits must have been earned from an

accredited institution in the last three years with a minimum grade of 3.0 (B) in each course. Students in SPH graduate certificate programs can transfer as many credits earned toward the certificate to the MPH degree as meet MPH degree requirements, to a maximum of 18 credits.

8. Graduate certificate students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so after completion of three or more courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 via the online change of concentration petition (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics/forms/>). A minimum grade of B is required for a specific course to be eligible for transfer.
9. CITI Training requirement: All students are required to complete training regarding human subject protection regulation and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
10. Integrity Quiz and Plagiarism requirement: All students are required to review the George Washington University Code of Academic Integrity (<https://studentconduct.gwu.edu/code-academic-integrity/>) and take the SPH Academic Integrity Quiz at GWSPH Source (<https://source.publichealth.gwu.edu/user/login/?destination=node/193>). within their first semester of study.
11. Professional Enhancement requirement: Students must participate in eight hours of public health-related lectures, seminars, and symposia, related to their field of study.

COMBINED PROGRAM

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- Dual Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in any Elliott School graduate program (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/dual-ma-esia-mph/>)
- Joint Master of Public Health or SPH graduate certificate and Juris Doctor or Master of Laws (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/jd-mph/>)