MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH POLICY

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Mission Statement
The Department of Health Policy and Management of the Milken Institute School of Public Health is an intellectual and practice-oriented community in the nation’s capital dedicated to advancing innovative and effective health policy education, research, and service to improve public health and health services domestically and globally.

We are committed to:

• Offering a cutting-edge, multidisciplinary curriculum that provides students with deep content knowledge and the analytic, communication, and professional skills needed to be the next generation of health policy leaders.
• Conducting rigorous multidisciplinary research that addresses significant health challenges, is objective, and is translated to inform and impact health policy and public health practice.
• Being a trusted resource for shaping and advancing health policy options because of our research rigor, the real-world health policy leadership experiences of our faculty and staff, our deep expertise regarding a wide range of policy issues, and our exceptional students.
• Leveraging our unique location which allows for strong collaborations with health policy leaders and practitioners in Washington, DC.
• Improving the health and health care of underserved and vulnerable populations.
• Learning from the diversity among our faculty, staff, and students in terms of background, experience, and thought.

Overview
The Department of Health Policy and Management is the home for health policy studies and research at the Milken Institute School of Public Health (SPH). The Department focuses on virtually all facets of U.S. health policy related to both public health and health services, and emphasizes preparing students to understand and analyze health policy matters in a broad, cross-cutting, and real-world context. Among schools of public health, the Milken Institute SPH Department of Health Policy and Management is unique, having been created to take maximum advantage of its location in Washington, DC, the nation’s health policy-making epicenter. The MPH in Health Policy is for students who wish to develop in-depth policy analysis skills for use in various practice settings, including both federal and state levels of government, private-sector health policy consulting, and not-for-profit advocacy. Additionally, this program is available to GW medical students (the MD/MPH and PA/MPH programs) who wish to enhance their clinical training with a thorough understanding of health policy.

REQUIREMENTS
The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits, including 12 credits in core courses, 19 to 20 credits in program-specific courses, 9 to 10 credits in elective courses, a 2-credit practicum, and a 2-credit culminating experience.

Program Requirements

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Required program-specific courses (19 to 20 credits):

- PUBH 6305 Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
- PUBH 6310 Statistical Analysis in Health Policy
- PUBH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
- PUBH 6325 Federal Policymaking and Policy Advocacy
- PUBH 6330 Health Services and Law
- or PUBH 6335 Public Health and Law
- PUBH 6340 Health Economics and Finance
- or PUBH 6242 and PUBH 6243

Advanced health policy requirement
One of the following:

- EMSE 6740 Systems Thinking and Policy Modeling I
- PUBH 6399 Topics in Health Policy (Cost-Benefit Analysis ONLY)
Graduation Requirements
1. Graduate credit requirement: 45 graduate credits.
2. Course requirements: Successful completion of core and program-specific courses.
3. Grade point requirement: 3.0 (B average) overall grade-point average.
4. Time limit requirement: The degree must be completed within four years.
5. Transfer credit policy: Up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to a 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 grade of 3.0 (B) or above. SPH graduate certificate students can transfer as many credits as meet program requirements—up to 18 credits—to the MPH degree. Graduate certificate students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so via the online change of concentration petition after completion of three or more courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A grade of B or above is required for a course to be eligible for transfer.