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 home to
health policy studies and research at the Milken Institute 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 policymaking
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 law
students through joint JD/MPH and LLM/MPH programs (http://
bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/graduate-programs/md-
mph) and PA/MPH (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/medicine-health-
sciences/graduate-programs/dual-pa-mph) programs who wish
to enhance their clinical training with a thorough understanding
of health policy.

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

REQUIREMENTS
The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits,
including 17 credits in core courses, 18 credits in program-
specific courses, 8 credits in elective courses, and a 2-credit
capstone.

Program Requirements

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<td>PUBH 6315</td>
<td>Introduction to Health Policy Analysis</td>
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<td>PUBH 6320</td>
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<td>PUBH 6325</td>
<td>Federal Policymaking and Policy Advocacy</td>
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<td>PUBH 6330</td>
<td>Health Services and Law</td>
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Health policy selective

2 credits from the following:

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<td>State Health Policy</td>
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<td>PUBH 6367</td>
<td>Population Health, Public Health, and Health Reform</td>
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<td>PUBH 6370</td>
<td>Medicare/Medicaid Law and Policy</td>
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<td>PUBH 6384</td>
<td>Health Care Quality and Health Policy</td>
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<td>PUBH 6399</td>
<td>Topics in Health Policy (ONLY Comparative Health Policy)</td>
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Capstone

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<td>PUBH 6350</td>
<td>Health Policy Capstone</td>
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Electives

8 credits in any graduate-level PUBH or HSML courses.

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 6022.
4. Interprofessional Education Experience (IPE): Students are required to enroll and participate in an authorized IPE activity (PUBH 6023).
5. Minimum grade-point requirement: minimum 3.0 (B average) 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 grade of B or above 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.