

# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED PRIMARY CARE

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The community oriented primary care (COPC) program offers a unique master of public health (MPH), designed to train health professionals and public health practitioners to develop and evaluate interventions to improve community health, clinical care outcomes, and patient experience while maximizing resources and eliminating health disparities.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/community-oriented-primary-care-mph/>) for additional program information.

## ADMISSIONS

Visit the Milken Institute School of Public Health website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/>) for additional information about academic programs and information about GWSPH. Graduate admissions information, including application requirements and deadlines, can be found on the GWSPH Graduate Admissions website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/>).

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits, including 15 credits in core courses, 6 credits in departmental core courses, 12 credits in program-specific courses, 10 credits in elective courses, and a 2-credit culminating experience.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required</b>		
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 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	

Departmental courses	
PUBH 6500	Planning and Implementing Health Promotion Programs
PUBH 6501	Program Evaluation
Program-specific courses	
PUBH 6504	Social and Behavioral Science Research Methods
PUBH 6510	Community-Oriented Primary Care Principles and Practice
PUBH 6512	Community-Oriented Primary Care Policy and Issues
PUBH 6513	Community Health Management
PUBH 6514	Preventing Health Disparities
<b>Electives</b>	
10 credits taken in any graduate-level PUBH courses.	
<b>Culminating experience</b>	
PUBH 6015	Culminating Experience (taken for two credits)

### 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) program 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 can 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 can 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. 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 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 PROGRAMS

### Combined programs

- Joint Master of Science in Health Sciences in the field of physician assistant and Master of Public Health (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/mshs-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/>)