MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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Mission Statement

The maternal and child health program (MCH) at the Milken Institute School of Public Health (SPH) is a master of public health (MPH) degree program designed to train individuals to become responsible and productive public health professionals with an emphasis on MCH populations. This program investigates maternal and child health from a multi-disciplinary perspective that integrates the life course, biological, demographic, epidemiological, developmental, environmental, behavioral, and social characteristics that are unique to the health and well-being of women, children, and families.

Goals

The goals of this educational program are to provide and improve:

- Knowledge and skills to assess the health care needs of women, children, and families; and
- Ability to plan, design, implement, evaluate, and communicate programs and research targeted toward health promotion and disease prevention among women, children, and families.

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

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits, including 15 credits in core courses, 6 credits in departmental core courses, 16 credits in program-specific courses, 6 credits in elective courses, and a 2-credit culminating experience.

Begin planning practicum during year 1; complete culminating experience in year 2.

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Program-specific electives

10 credits from the following courses. See the advisor for modifications/additions.

- PUBH 6503: Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing
- PUBH 6552: Women’s Health
- PUBH 6553: Adolescent Health
- PUBH 6555: Reproductive Health: U.S. and Global Perspectives
- PUBH 6560: School Health and Safety
- PUBH 6561: Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis
- PUBH 6563: Global Child Health
- EXNS 6242: Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle

Additional electives

6 credits in any SPH graduate-level course(s).

Culminating experience

- PUBH 6015: Culminating Experience

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.