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.

REQUIREMENTS
MPH students who select the Maternal and Child Health Program enroll in Core Courses (15 credits), Department and Program-Specific Required Courses (12 credits), Program-Specific Electives (11 credits), and an additional 3 credits of any SPH elective(s). The 45 total credit requirements include a Practicum and Culminating experience (4 credits), where students apply their classroom education in a Maternal and Child Health organization and/or research endeavor.

Begin planning Practicum during Year 1; complete Culminating Experience in Year 2.

Program Requirements

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<td>PUBH 6001</td>
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<td>PUBH 6002</td>
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Required core courses (15 credits)

Required department courses (6 credits)

- PUBH 6500 Planning and Implementing Health Promotion Programs
- PUBH 6501 Program Evaluation

Required program-specific courses (6 credits)

- PUBH 6550 Maternal and Child Health I
- PUBH 6551 Maternal and Child Health II

Program-specific electives

- 10 credits from the following: (see 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 6556 Maternal and Child Nutrition
  - PUBH 6557 Child Development and Public Health
  - PUBH 6560 School Health and Safety
  - PUBH 6561 Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis
  - PUBH 6562 Physical Activity and Obesity Interventions: From the Individual to the Environment
  - PUBH 6563 Global Child Health
  - HDEV 6109 Child Development
  - EXNS 6242 Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle

Electives

- 4 credits selected from any SPH graduate course(s)
Practicum and culminating experience (4 credits)

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**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.