The mission of GW's master of public health (MPH) in global environmental health program, offered jointly by the Departments of Environmental and Occupational Health and Global Health, is to prepare students to work in resource-poor settings and apply analytic skills to prevent or lessen problems associated with environmental hazards for human health. The program focuses on traditional environmental health hazards, such as lack of access to clean water, inadequate sanitation, poor hygiene, household air pollution, solid waste disposal, and vector-borne diseases such as malaria.

In addition, the program curriculum is designed to enhance students’ capacity to think critically and creatively. The global environmental health program enrolls students who are committed to improving public health around the globe and engaging in and promoting public service. The emphasis on these qualities is essential for future environmental and occupational health professionals and public health practitioners. Graduates of the program can expect to be prepared to:

- Assess environmental exposures and understand the effects of these exposures on human health.
- Interpret epidemiologic and other research findings related to global environmental health risks.
- Assume leadership roles in designing, implementing, and evaluating programs that focus on modification of environmental health-related behaviors at local, regional, national, and/or global levels.

Visit the program website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/global-environmental-health-mph/) for more 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 17 credits in core courses, 17 credits in program-specific courses, 9 credits in elective courses, and a 2-credit culminating experience.
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) 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 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 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.

COMBINED PROGRAMS

Combined programs

• Joint Master of Public Health in the field of global environmental health and Juris Doctor (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/jd-mph/)
• 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/)