MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY

Program Director: W. Munar

The mission of GW’s master of public health (MPH) in global health policy program is to prepare professionals to assist in public health decision-making related to national, regional, and global interventions and institutions. Students learn to support policy analysis and use diverse analytic tools, including epidemiology and international comparative policy methods, with attention to culture and equity. Program graduates integrate scientific knowledge and global evidence to advise decision making and action by diverse global health systems and other sectors, and to provide insight into policies and processes that impact population health, all with an emphasis on underserved populations and development.

Students enrolled in the global health policy program are committed to improving public health on a global scale and engaging in and promoting public service. These qualities are essential for future health professionals and public health practitioners.

Graduates of the global health policy program can expect to be able to:

- Assess the burden and determinants of health problems, their social distribution and inequities, and the interdependence of countries.
- Apply common economic, epidemiological, and comparative policy analysis methods and tools for evidence to assess the burden of disease, determining efficacy and effectiveness of interventions for global infectious and chronic disease control.
- Use global evidence for local action using systematic reviews and local facts to drive well-informed health policy decisions. Translate evidence to support program and health systems policy recommendations.
- Work with other disciplines and with sectors beyond health to develop innovative policy options.
- Develop strong cultural sensitivity and intercultural competency within diverse health and political systems
- Act in global health diplomacy in policy-shaping and negotiations to improve health while strengthening relations among nations.
- Assume leadership roles in the global health policy development process.
- Work with methodological rigor of international policy design, program priority setting, and negotiation.
- Communicate the results of research to a culturally broad set of constituents.

Visit the program website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/global-health-policy-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 19 credits in core courses (including the culminating experience), 16 credits in program-specific courses, 4 credits in selective courses, and 6 credits in electives courses.

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or PUBH 6423  Ethics in Public Health Practice and Policy

PUBH 6417  Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice

PUBH 6441  Global Health Organizations and Regulations

PUBH 6450  Global Health Diplomacy

PUBH 6045  National and Global Public Health Systems

PUBH 6047  Systematic Reviews to Synthesize Evidence in Public Health Practice

**Selectives**

Two courses, one from each of the following sets. Alternative courses may be taken with prior permission of the advisor.

PUBH 6442  Comparative Global Health Systems

or PUBH 6355  Comparative Health Policy

PUBH 6440  Global Health Economics

or PUBH 6399  Topics in Health Policy

or PUBH 6466  Health Financing in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

(Note: PUBH 6399 counts toward this requirement only when taken in the topic Cost-Benefit Analysis in Healthcare.)

**Electives**

6 credits in elective courses. These may be taken from the list below or they may be other courses approved by the advisor.

ECON 6284  Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy

IAFF 6138  Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender, Disaster and Policy)

IAFF 6158  Special Topics in International Science and Technology Policy (Policy of Science, Technology and Development)

IAFF 6198  Special Topics in International Economic Policy (International Trade and Investment Policy)

IAFF 6502  Professional Skills I

or IAFF 6503  Professional Skills II

ORSC 6224  Persuasion and Negotiation

PMGT 6404  Principled Political Leadership

PPPA 6056  Regulatory Comment Clinic

PUBH 6262  Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

PUBH 6410  Global Health Study Design

PUBH 6411  Global Health Qualitative Research Methods

PUBH 6435  Global Health Program Development and Implementation

PUBH 6436  Global Health Program Management and Leadership

PUBH 6475  Theory Building in Health Systems Research

PUBH 6480  Public Health in Humanitarian Settings

PUBH 6482  International Food and Nutrition Policy

PUBH 6486  Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Infectious Diseases

PUBH 6492  Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Chronic Diseases

PUBH 6575  Communication Skills for Public Health Professionals

1 For IAFF 6138, IAFF 6158, IAFF 6198, and PUBH 6399, only the specific topics listed above count toward program requirements.

2 For IAFF 6502 and IAFF 6503 see the Milken Institute SPH program guide for preapproved topics.

**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 PROGRAM**

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- Joint Master of Public Health or SPH graduate certificate and Juris Doctor or Master of Laws (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/jd-mph/)