

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH POLICY

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Dedicated to health policy education and research, our faculty members include some of the nation’s best-known health policy experts, as well as leaders from the public and private health policy sectors. Our program joins stimulating classes with hands-on experience with critical health policy issues. Our graduates can be found in congressional offices, federal health agencies, the most prominent professional health societies in Washington, D.C., trade associations, and health policy consultancies. With courses scheduled in the late afternoons and early evenings, our programs allow students to attain valuable career experience while they earn their degrees.

The MPH in health policy provides students with in-depth analysis skills for employment in government, private sector health policy consulting, and not-for-profit advocacy. Additionally, this program is available to attorneys, GW law students, and GW medical students who wish to enhance training with a thorough understanding of health policy.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/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 17 credits in core courses, 20 credits in program-specific courses (including the 2-credit Health Policy Capstone), and 8 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
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 6009 Fundamentals of Public Health Program Evaluation

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

Program-specific courses

PUBH 6310 Statistical Analysis in Health Policy

PUBH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis

PUBH 6320 Advanced Health Policy Analysis

PUBH 6325 Federal Policymaking and Policy Advocacy

PUBH 6330 Health Services and Law

or PUBH 6335 Public Health and Law

PUBH 6340 Health Economics and Finance

PUBH 6350 Health Policy Capstone

One 2-credit health policy selective course from the following:

PUBH 6355 Comparative Health Policy

PUBH 6356 State Health Policy

PUBH 6361 Health Workforce Policy

PUBH 6367 Population Health, Public Health, and Health Reform

PUBH 6370 Medicare/Medicaid Law and Policy

PUBH 6384 Health Care Quality and Health Policy

PUBH 6399 Topics in Health Policy (in topic Value-Based Payment Reform or Maternal and Child Health Policy)

or PUBH 6561 Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis

Electives

8 credits in any graduate-level PUBH or HSML courses.

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 Science in Health Sciences in the field of physician assistant and Master of Public Health (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/mshs-mp/>)
- Joint Master of Public Health or SPH graduate certificate and Juris Doctor or Master of Laws (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/jd-mp/>)