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

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The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program is committed to improving the health and well-being of women, children, adolescents, and families through teaching, research, practice, policy, and service. The MCH Master of Public Health (MPH) program is grounded in a life course perspective as an organizing framework that acknowledges distinct periods in human development and presents both risks and opportunities for interventions. Further, the academic program explores MCH from an interdisciplinary perspective that integrates the biological, demographic, epidemiological, developmental, environmental, behavioral, and social characteristics unique to the health and well-being of women, children, adolescents, and families in the United States and around the world.

Visit the program website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/maternal-and-child-health-mph/) for additional 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 15 credits in core courses, 12 credits in program-specific required core courses, and 10 credits in program-specific selectives, 6 credits in elective courses, and a 2-credit culminating experience.

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<td>PUBH 6000</td>
<td>MPH Applied Practice Experience</td>
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<td>PUBH 6002</td>
<td>Biostatistical Applications for Public Health</td>
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<td>Principles and Practices of Epidemiology</td>
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<td>Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health</td>
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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

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Program-specific selective courses

- 10 credits in courses selected from the following. Students should consult with their academic advisor.
  
  EXNS 6242 Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle
  
  HDEV 6109 Child Development
  
  PUBH 6235 Epidemiology of Obesity
  
  PUBH 6240 Pediatric HIV/AIDS
  
  PUBH 6262 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
  
  PUBH 6269 Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology
  
  PUBH 6299 Topics in Epidemiology (LGBTQ Health)
  
  PUBH 6335 Public Health and Law
  
  PUBH 6359 Reproductive Health Policy
  
  PUBH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
  
  PUBH 6452 Social and Behavior Change Communication in Middle- to Low-Income Countries
  
  PUBH 6455 Global Vaccinology
  
  PUBH 6481 Global Mental Health
  
  PUBH 6499 Topics in Global Health (Structural Racism and Public Health)
PUBH 6503  Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing
PUBH 6514  Preventing Health Disparities
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 6562  Physical Activity and Obesity Interventions: From the Individual to the Environment
PUBH 6563  Global Child Health
PUBH 6620  Designing Healthy Communities
PUBH 6853  Use of Statistical Packages for Data Management and Data Analysis

Electives
6 credits in any graduate-level courses.

Culminating experience
PUBH 6015  Culminating Experience *

*Planning for the practicum begins during year 1, the culminating experience is completed in year 2.

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