

# COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES, MPH

The Master's of Public Health Degree in Community Health Sciences focuses on developing knowledge and skills to work with communities in order to address health disparities and improve quality of life for its members. Using a social and behavioral lens, this unique program teaches students how to plan, design, implement, and evaluate community-based interventions to promote health and well-being. Effective translation of scientific evidence and active engagement within the community will inform this community health approach.

## Program Competencies

Students who graduate from this degree program can expect to develop the following competencies as they successfully meet and complete the program degree requirements.

- Analyze public health issues within the context of a specific community and environment, generate solutions, and apply solutions with communities.
- Design theoretically informed and culturally appropriate interventions by applying public health theory and principles to a diverse set of problems at the community level.
- Develop an effective plan to monitor and evaluate a community-based public health intervention or program based on translation of scientific evidence.
- Collaborate effectively with members of a community through engagement in the process of public health programming.
- Effectively communicate in both oral and written forms to a variety of audiences and purposes related to community health.

This program only accepts online students.

## Requirements

The MPH degree in Community Health Sciences requires a total of 45 credits that include:

Course ID	Title	Credits
<b>SPHTM Foundational Requirements</b>		
SPHL 6020	Foundations in Public Health	3
SPHL 6050	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
SPHL 6060	Epidemiology for Public Health	3
SPHL 6070	Health Systems Policy and Management	3
SPHL 6080	Design Strategies in Public Health Programs	3
<b>Program Course Requirements</b>		
SBPS 6030	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3
SPHL 6100	Health Equity	3
SBPS 6340	Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Programs	3
SBPS 6700	Social Innovation Tools	3
SBPS 7010	Health Communication Theory and Practice	3
Elective Courses		15
SPHL 9980	Applied Practice Experience	0
SPHL 7950	Integrative Learning Experience	0
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>45</b>

## Model Course Schedule

This is an example of a course schedule. Students work with their faculty and staff advisors to create a course schedule to meet their individual needs.

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
SPHL 6020	Foundations in Public Health	3
SBPS 6030	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3
SPHL 6050	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

**Spring**

SPHL 6060	Epidemiology for Public Health	3
SPHL 6080	Design Strategies in Public Health Programs	3
SPHL 6100	Health Equity	3
Elective		3

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<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>
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**Summer Session**

SBPS 6340	Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Programs	3
SBPS 7010	Health Communication Theory and Practice	3
SPHL 9980	Applied Practice Experience	0
Elective		3

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<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>9</b>
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**Year 2**
**Fall**

SPHL 6070	Health Systems Policy and Management	3
SBPS 6700	Social Innovation Tools	3
Elective		3

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<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>9</b>
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**Spring**

SPHL 7950	Integrative Learning Experience	0
Electives		6

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<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>45</b>
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