

SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND POPULATION SCIENCES, MPH

Overview

The MPH program in the Department of Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences provides advanced training and field applications in basic and applied public health program development, evaluation, and research to promote health equity. Our mission is to define and address the societal and structural bases of health inequities. The program has a strong emphasis on social determinants of health and theoretically based multi-level models of health promotion. The program prepares individuals for further graduate training or professional practice where graduates progress to careers in national and international government agencies (i.e., the Centers for Disease Control and state health departments), global nonprofit organizations, public health institutes, and academia. Graduates are expected to have responsibilities that include program leadership, planning and evaluation, and applied research.

MPH in Social, Behavioral and Population Health Competencies:

- Employ social, behavioral, and population sciences theories across levels of a socioecological framework to inform interventions.
- Develop a monitoring and evaluation plan for community-based public health programs.
- Apply appropriate data management and analysis methods for social, behavioral, and population sciences.
- Examine social justice and health equity frameworks as applied to public health practice and to professional development.
- Utilize community-engaged research methods to improve social, behavioral, and population health.

Requirements

The MPH in Social, Behavioral and Population Sciences requires 45 credits that include:

MPH in Social, Behavioral and Population Sciences Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
SPHTM Foundational Requirements		
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
Program Core Requirements		
SBPS 6030	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3
SBPS 7250	Evidence-Based Research Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
SPHL 6100	Health Equity	3
SBPS 6340	Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Programs	3
SBPS 7220	Community Organization: Community Work for Social Justice	3
Electives		12
Additional Courses		
SPHL 6000	Fundamentals of Interprofessional Collaboration & Practice	1
SPHL 9980	Applied Practice Experience	1
SPHL 7950	Integrative Learning Experience	1
Total Credit Hours		45

Model Schedule

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

Year 1

Fall	Credit Hours	
SPHL 6000	Fundamentals of Interprofessional Collaboration & Practice	1
SBPS 6030	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3
SPHL 6100	Health Equity	3
SPHL 6020	Foundations in Public Health	3

SPHL 6050	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
SBPS 7250	Evidence-Based Research Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences	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
Credit Hours		12
Summer Session		
SPHL 9980	Applied Practice Experience	1
Credit Hours		1
Year 2		
Fall		
SBPS 6340	Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Programs (or other methods option)	3
SBPS 7220	Community Organization: Community Work for Social Justice	3
Electives		3
Credit Hours		9
Spring		
SPHL 7950	Integrative Learning Experience	1
Electives		9
Credit Hours		10
Total Credit Hours		45

Contact

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