

PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H.

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The Master of Public Health degree prepares students to become public health professionals capable of addressing local to global health problems with multidisciplinary, evidence-based and culturally appropriate approaches. This MPH program prepares students for positions in diverse areas of public health through training in quantitative, qualitative and community-engaged approaches to research and practice. More specifically, the health equity framework that shapes the concentration in Health Equity empowers students to aid communities by becoming experts in assessing social determinants of health and structural inequities and devising community-engaged solutions to address them.

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits
Core Courses and Practicum	22
Health Equity Requirements	12
Restricted Electives	9
Total Credit Hours	43

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
MPHN 600	Introduction to Public Health Practice	1
MPHN 605	Intro to Biostatistics for Public Health	3
MPHN 608	Environmental and Public Health	3
MPHN 611	Soc and Beh Sciences for Public Health	3
MPHN 614	Epidemiology	3
MPHN 616	Research Methods in Public Health	3
MPHN 620	Health Mngt and Sysms Thinking	3
Practicum		
MPHN 669	Public Health Practicum	3
Health Equity Requirements		
MPHN 650	Foundations of Health Equity	3
MPHN 651	Community Health Assessment	3
MPHN 652	Public Health Informatics	3
MPHN 653	Public Health Leadership	3
Restricted Electives (Select 3 courses)		
MPHN 680	Community-Based Participatory Research	3
MCM 620	Media Theory	3
MCM 652	Public Relations	3
UAF 580	Urban Health and Disparities	3
UAF 611	Urban Problems in Contemporary America	3
SWK 639	Diversity, Inclusion, and Oppression	3
SWK 651	Social Welfare Policy and Services	3

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
MPHN 600	Introduction to Public Health Practice	1
MPHN 605	Intro to Biostatistics for Public Health	3
MPHN 611	Soc and Beh Sciences for Public Health	3
MPHN 620	Health Mngt and Sysms Thinking	3
Credits		10
Spring		
MPHN 608	Environmental and Public Health	3
MPHN 614	Epidemiology	3
MPHN 650	Foundations of Health Equity	3
Credits		9
Summer		
MPHN 616	Research Methods in Public Health	3
MPHN 652	Public Health Informatics	3
Credits		6
Second Year		
Fall		
MPHN 651	Community Health Assessment	3
MPHN 653	Public Health Leadership	3
Elective 1		3
Credits		9
Spring		
MPHN 669	Public Health Practicum	3
Elective 2		3
Elective 3		3
Credits		9
Total Credits		43

Admission to the Master of Public Health in Public Health degree program is for fall semesters only. Students apply by completing the online application (<https://www.nsu.edu/applyonline/>). All application materials must be submitted electronically via the application portal.

If accepted for admission, prior to enrollment official transcripts must be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies. When the applicant's file is complete, the departmental admission's committee will review the application, make a decision regarding admission, and the School of Graduate Studies will convey the decision in writing to the applicant.

Specific requirements include:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
- An unofficial transcript will be accepted for review
- A minimum GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale for conferred degree(s). (3.0 preferred)
- CV/Resume
- No GRE, MCAT, or GMAT required.
- Recommendations: Two (2) academic and/or professional

- Essay: 500-word personal statement detailing reasons for interest in the MPH Program and health equity.

If admitted official transcripts are required by the deadlines established in the catalog. Official transcripts can be submitted electronically or mailed from the granting institution to:

School of Graduate Studies and Research
700 Park Ave
MCAR, Suite 602
Norfolk, VA 23504

International students who attended undergraduate school at a non-U.S. institution must submit an official, evaluated transcript from an approved agency such as the World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE). All foreign applicants whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate the necessary level of proficiency in English Language by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

To ensure adequate time for processing prior to enrollment, the Graduate School must receive an application, transcript(s), and supplemental materials by May 1 for the fall semester enrollment.