PUBLIC HEALTH, MPH

for the Master of Public Health in Public Health

MPH Admissions and Requirements (https://ahs.illinois.edu/application-requirements/)

How to Apply for MPH (https://ahs.illinois.edu/how-to-apply/)

How to Apply for BS-MPH (https://ahs.illinois.edu/how-to-apply-bs-mph/)

The MPH degree program requires a minimum of 48 hours. The program includes:

1. Five required core courses in basic content areas of public health
2. Five required courses in the Health Behavior and Promotion concentration, as well as one additional concentration course from an approved list
3. An Applied Practice Experience (practicum)
4. An Integrative Learning Experience (capstone)
5. Seminars and electives

MPH students must complete all core coursework before enrolling in the MPH applied practice experience. It is highly preferable for the applied practice experience to occur during summer term. The integrative learning experience must be completed in the last term of study. There is no thesis requirement. A prerequisite for applying to the MPH program is a college level course in mathematics, statistics, biostatistics, or epidemiology.

Applications for the Master of Public Health (MPH) are only accepted for Fall admission. The program generally takes 1.5 to 2 years to complete. University of Illinois undergraduate students who major in Kinesiology, Community Health, or i-Health are eligible to apply for a 5 year joint BS-MPH degree program after their 3rd (junior) year of undergraduate study. Students in the BS-MPH program begin some MPH coursework in their 4th (senior) year of undergraduate study, and take MPH coursework in a 5th year of study.

The current list of MPH Electives are linked from here (https://ahs.illinois.edu/curriculum-overview/).

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Handbook (http://kch.illinois.edu/kch-grad-handbook/) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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<td>Public Health Practice</td>
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<td>CHLH/KIN 540</td>
<td>Health Behavior: Theory</td>
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<td>Health Policy: United States</td>
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<td>CHLH 572</td>
<td>Principles of Epidemiology</td>
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<td>Biostatistics in Public Health</td>
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<td>CHLH 594</td>
<td>Special Topics</td>
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Area of concentration coursework from approved list (min 3)
Electives and seminars (min 3)

Total Hours

48

Other Requirements

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<td>Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall:</td>
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<td>Minimum GPA:</td>
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1. **Content Knowledge**: Students will demonstrate an advanced understanding of current and historically significant theories, models, themes, and ideas related to health promotion, the prevention of chronic illnesses, and the reduction of health disparities.

2. **Critical Thinking and Discovery**: Students will demonstrate ethical practices while applying advanced quantitative and/or qualitative methods in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data which could then be disseminated through publications and/or oral presentations.

3. **Awareness and Understanding**: Students will understand and appreciate the diverse environmental, biological, psychological, socioeconomic, sociocultural, philosophical, and historical factors that influence health promotion, chronic illness prevention, and the reduction of health disparities.

4. **Programming and Assessment**: Students will apply best practices in developing, implementing, assessing, and evaluating programs and interventions related to health promotion, chronic illness prevention, and the reduction of health disparities within culturally diverse populations.

5. **Leadership and Engagement**: Students will demonstrate leadership and effective communication skills, while promoting effective public health practices as they develop and sustain productive relationships and work for the common good at local, national, and global levels.

- Joint Programs in Public Health
  - Public Health, MPH & Community Health, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/joint-degree/public-health-mpchuman-nutrition-phd-public-health-mpch/)  
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