COMMUNITY HEALTH, MS

for the Master of Science in Community Health

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Graduate Degree Programs

Major: Community Health
Degrees offered: M.S., Ph.D.

Major: Public Health
Degrees offered: M.P.H.

Major: Rehabilitation
Degrees offered: M.S.

The Community Health Program in the Department of Kinesiology & Community Health offers programs of study leading to the Master of Science in Community Health, Master of Science in Rehabilitation, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), and Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health degrees.

The Chronic Disease, Disability, and Society specialization prepares graduates for advanced research or as health specialists who are well versed in social determinants of health. Graduates from this specialization will have a strong foundation related to health disparities, chronic disease and disability. The specialization in Epidemiology prepares students for the analysis of disease occurrences and problems in populations and instruction in the various methodologies, statistical techniques and designs for obtaining such understanding. The Global Health specialization focuses on international health from an interdisciplinary perspective. Students in this concentration may take courses that provide a broad view of global health contexts from various departments across campus. Finally, the specialization in Health Policy and Administration prepares students for the examination of management principles related to health care institutions and in procedures and methods for the analysis of health policy development, implementation and evaluation.

Admission

Applications for all degrees except the Master of Public Health (MPH) are due on January 15 for fall admission. Applications for spring semester are due October 1. Applications for the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree are only accepted for Fall admission until April 1.

The Graduate College admission requirements apply for all applicants. Candidates for admission to master's degree programs should have a grade point average of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last 60 semester hours of their undergraduate degree work (excluding fieldwork, student teaching, and physical activity courses). In addition, satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are required. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree in a health or disability-related discipline and/or a strong background in social and biological sciences and quantitative methods. A statement of education and career goals, and three letters of recommendation are required. All degree programs with the exception of the Master of Public Health (MPH) require one example of professional writing with the date of its completion.

Admission requirements for the Ph.D. program include the following: a grade point average of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate degree work (excluding fieldwork, student teaching, and physical activity courses), a GPA of 3.6 for master's degree work with thesis, and acceptable scores on the Graduate Record Examination. Candidates are encouraged to have a personal interview with the coordinator of graduate studies or other representative of the department. Preference is given to students who have had at least two years of professional experience.

Applicants for all degrees whose native language is not English, or who have not obtained a university degree from an institution in a country where the native language is English, are required to submit the results of the TOEFL or IELTS as evidence of English proficiency. Applicants submitting TOEFL scores must obtain a minimum score of 611 on the paper-based, 254 on the computer-based, or 103 on the internet based (IBT) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants submitting IELTS scores must obtain a 6.5 on all sub-sections. Applicants whose native language is not English and who are seeking a teaching assistantship must provide evidence of spoken English language proficiency by meeting minimum score requirements specified by the University (see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm)).

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

Faculty Research Interests

Faculty research interests cover a wide range of subjects, including global health, health education, community health development, health behavior, health policy, health planning and management, rehabilitation and disability studies, chronic disease, epidemiology, biostatistical and epidemiologic research methodology, health economics, evaluation research, and aging studies.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available on a competitive basis to qualified students in the form of teaching and research assistantships, as well as tuition and service fee waivers.

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The specializations in Epidemiology and Health Policy & Administration require completion of 12 hours of core courses, which are intended to provide overall knowledge of the public health field and the tools necessary for successful functioning as a health specialist.

Students entering the Epidemiology specialization will be expected to have completed undergraduate coursework in data collection and processing, including issues of measurement and questionnaire design, computerization, descriptive health measures, and statistical analysis through regression. Courses must have been completed with grades of B
or better. Deficiencies in these areas will require additional coursework, as necessary, for successful completion of the Master of Science degree.

The specialization in Health Policy and Administration generally takes two years, depending upon prior education and experience. Students entering the program are expected to have completed undergraduate coursework in economics, social sciences, and data collection and processing, which includes issues of measurement, questionnaire design, computerization, descriptive health measures, and statistical analysis through regression. Courses must have been completed with grades of B or better. Deficiencies in these areas will require additional coursework, as necessary, for successful completion of the degree.

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**Total Hours**: 32

### Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

- Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 28
- Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 12 (8 within the unit)
- Minimum GPA: 3.0

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).

### Health Policy and Administration Specialization

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**Total Hours**: 48

### Other Requirements

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- Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 20
- Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 24 (12 within the unit)
- Minimum GPA: 3.0

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