

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF HUMANITARIAN HEALTH AND DISASTER RESPONSE

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The master of public health in humanitarian health program equips students with the necessary knowledge, attitudes, and self-efficacy/skill-sets to assess needs, design and implement programs, and contribute to better decision-making, performance efficiency, and sound policymaking within aid systems and in disaster and humanitarian settings.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/humanitarian-health-mp/>) for additional program information

ADMISSIONS

Visit the Milken Institute School of Public Health website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/>) for additional information about academic programs and information about GWSPH. Graduate admissions information, including application requirements and deadlines, can be found on the GWSPH Graduate Admissions website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/>).

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits, including 19 credits in core courses, 15 credits in program-specific courses, 6 credits in selective courses, and 5 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Core courses		
PUBH 6000	MPH Applied Practice Experience	
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practices of Epidemiology	
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Public Health Program Evaluation	
PUBH 6011	Environmental and Biological Foundations of Public Health	
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy	
PUBH 6021	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership I	
PUBH 6022	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership II	

PUBH 6023	Interprofessional Education Experience
PUBH 6418	Global Health Culminating Experience I
PUBH 6419	Global Health Culminating Experience II
Program-specific courses	
PUBH 6400	Global Health Frameworks
PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods
PUBH 6416	Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs
or PUBH 6423	Ethics in Public Health Practice and Policy
PUBH 6462	Nutrition and Food in Large Humanitarian Emergencies
PUBH 6467	Accountability and Ethics in Humanitarian and Disaster Settings
PUBH 6468	Preparation and Response to Epidemics, Pandemics, Mass Health Emergencies, and Disasters
PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Settings

Selectives

6 credits in courses selected from the list below.

Students may take all courses on this list. Credits received in excess of 6 count toward the elective requirement.

PUBH 6132	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Low-Income Countries
PUBH 6423	Ethics in Public Health Practice and Policy
PUBH 6463	Communication Strategies and Planning in Humanitarian Settings
PUBH 6464	Mental Health in Humanitarian Settings
PUBH 6465	Reproductive Health and Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Settings
PUBH 6470	Topics in Global Public Health and Human Rights
PUBH 6492	Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Chronic Diseases
PUBH 6499	Topics in Global Health (Specifically: Humanitarian Assistance; Governance, Coordination and Practice)

Electives

5 credits in PUBH courses. Common electives include:

PUBH 6047 Systematic Reviews to Synthesize Evidence in Public Health Practice

PUBH 6262 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

PUBH 6263 Advanced GIS

PUBH 6435 Global Health Program Development and Implementation

PUBH 6436 Global Health Program Management and Leadership

PUBH 6440 Global Health Economics

PUBH 6441 Global Health Organizations and Regulations

PUBH 6442 Comparative Global Health Systems

PUBH 6445 Quantitative Methods for Impact Evaluation

PUBH 6455 Global Vaccinology

PUBH 6484 Prevention and Control of Vector Borne Diseases

PUBH 6486 Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Infectious Diseases

PUBH 6493 Fundamentals of Supply Chain Management in Developing Countries

PUBH 6496 Global Public Health and Human Rights Praxis: From Research to Practice and Policy

PUBH 6501 Program Evaluation

PUBH 6563 Global Child Health

PUBH 6850 Introduction to SAS for Public Health Research

PUBH 6851 Introduction to R for Public Health Research

PUBH 6852 Introduction to Python for Public Health Research

PUBH 6853 Use of SAS for Data Management and Analysis

3. Practicum Requirement: Students are required to fulfill all requirements of the Applied Practice Experience (Practicum) to receive credit for PUBH 6000 MPH Applied Practice Experience.
4. Interprofessional Education Experience (IPE): Students are required to enroll and participate in an authorized IPE activity (PUBH 6023 Interprofessional Education Experience).
5. Minimum grade-point requirement: minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative grade-point average.
6. Time limit requirement: The degree must be completed within five years.
7. Transfer credit policy: With approval, up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to any previous graduate degree may be transferred to the master of public health program. External credits must have been earned from an accredited institution in the last three years with a minimum grade of 3.0 (B) in each course. Students in SPH graduate certificate programs can transfer as many credits earned toward the certificate to the MPH degree as meet MPH degree requirements, to a maximum of 18 credits.
8. Graduate certificate students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so after completion of three or more courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 via the online change of concentration petition (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics/forms/>). A minimum grade of B is required for a specific course to be eligible for transfer.
9. CITI Training requirement: All students are required to complete training regarding human subject protection regulation and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
10. Integrity Quiz and Plagiarism requirement: All students are required to review the George Washington University Code of Academic Integrity (<https://studentconduct.gwu.edu/code-academic-integrity/>) and take the SPH Academic Integrity Quiz at GWSPH Source (<https://source.publichealth.gwu.edu/user/login/?destination=node/193>). within their first semester of study.
11. Professional Enhancement requirement: Students must participate in eight hours of public health-related lectures, seminars, and symposia, related to their field of study.

COMBINED PROGRAM

Combined Program

- Joint Master of Public Health or SPH graduate certificate and Juris Doctor or Master of Laws (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/jd-mph/>)

MPH graduation requirements

1. Graduate credit requirement: 45 graduate credits.
2. Course requirements: Successful completion of core and program-specific courses.