

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program is committed to improving the health and well-being of women, children, adolescents, and families through teaching, research, practice, policy, and service. The MCH Master of Public Health (MPH) program is grounded in a life course perspective as an organizing framework that acknowledges distinct periods in human development and presents both risks and opportunities for interventions. Further, the academic program explores MCH from an interdisciplinary perspective that integrates the biological, demographic, epidemiological, developmental, environmental, behavioral, and social characteristics unique to the health and well-being of women, children, adolescents, and families in the United States and around the world.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/maternal-and-child-health-mph/>) for additional 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 15 credits in core courses, 12 credits in program-specific required core courses, and 10 credits in program-specific selectives, 6 credits in elective courses, and a 2-credit culminating experience.

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 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
Program-specific courses	
PUBH 6500	Planning and Implementing Health Promotion Programs
PUBH 6501	Program Evaluation
PUBH 6550	Maternal and Child Health I
PUBH 6551	Maternal and Child Health II
Program-specific selective courses	
10 credits in courses selected from the following. Students should consult with their academic advisor.	
EXNS 6242	Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle
HDEV 6109	Child Development
PUBH 6235	Epidemiology of Obesity
PUBH 6240	Pediatric HIV/AIDS
PUBH 6262	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
PUBH 6269	Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology
PUBH 6299	Topics in Epidemiology (LGBTQ Health)
PUBH 6335	Public Health and Law
PUBH 6359	Reproductive Health Policy
PUBH 6400	Global Health Frameworks
PUBH 6452	Social and Behavior Change Communication in Middle- to Low-Income Countries
PUBH 6455	Global Vaccinology
PUBH 6481	Global Mental Health
PUBH 6499	Topics in Global Health (Structural Racism and Public Health)
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communication and Marketing
PUBH 6514	Preventing Health Disparities
PUBH 6552	Women's Health

PUBH 6553	Adolescent Health
PUBH 6555	Reproductive Health: U.S. and Global Perspectives
PUBH 6560	School Health and Safety
PUBH 6561	Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis
PUBH 6562	Physical Activity and Dietary Interventions for Promoting Healthy Weight
PUBH 6563	Global Child Health
PUBH 6620	Designing Healthy Communities
PUBH 6853	Use of SAS for Data Management and Analysis

Electives

6 credits in any graduate-level courses.

Culminating experience

PUBH 6015 Culminating Experience *

*Planning for the practicum begins during year 1, the culminating experience is completed in year 2.

MPH graduation requirements

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

Combined programs

- Joint Master of Science in Health Sciences in the field of physician assistant and Master of Public Health (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/mshs-mp/>)
- Joint Master of Public Health or SPH graduate certificate and Juris Doctor or Master of Laws (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/jd-mp/>)