ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

The Master of Public Health degree is designed for individuals with a range of academic and professional backgrounds. Public health professionals are concerned with disease prevention, health promotion, and clinical intervention. Learning occurs in interdisciplinary teams and builds on professional expertise (nursing, medicine, pharmacology, social work, dentistry, veterinary science, allied health) and the social and basic sciences. The five core areas of public health are biostatistics, epidemiology, health behavior, environmental health, and health care administration.

The Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice (MPH-PHP) prepares graduates with the knowledge and skill to conduct culturally competent public health research, to plan and evaluate health programs in diverse settings, and to contribute to the science of disease prevention and health promotion.

The Master of Public Health in Public Health Methods in Urban Health (MPH-PHM) prepares graduates with the knowledge and skills that include surveillance activities, survey development, geographic information systems, knowledge of advanced statistical methods, population based interventions, and the preparation of timely reports on the health in a population.

The Bridge Graduate Certificate in Public Health Practice (BGC-PHP) provides a basic foundation in Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Environmental Health and the Social Basis of Healthcare. Students in the BGC-PHP program may apply to the MPH degree and transfer course credits at a later date.

The public health programs are administered by the School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences in accordance with WSU Graduate School policy. (http://www.med.wayne.edu/fam).  

The mission of the MPH Program is to educate and engage students in theory, practice and interdisciplinary research focused on understanding and improving the public health of urban and underserved communities on a local, national, and global scale.

MPH-PHP DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of **42 credit hours** are required for graduation. A minimum grade point average of **3.00** in coursework must be maintained. All work must be completed within six years.

The following lists courses required in three areas: the core, the concentration and electives. All students are required to complete a practicum experience and a final project as part of their concentration requirements.

**MPH-PHP Foundation Courses (16 credit hours)**

- FPH 7015 Biostatistics I
- FPH 7100 Health Care Organization and Administration
- FPH 7240 Epidemiology
- FPH 7320 Social Basis of Health Care
- FPH 7420 Principles of Environmental Health

**MPH-PHP Concentration Courses (12 credit hours)**

- FPH 7010 Seminar in Public Health
- FPH 7210 Research Methods for Health Professionals
- FPH 7230 Health Program Evaluation
- FPH 7250 Applied Epidemiology
- FPH 7430 Application of Public Health Principles in Practice
MPH-PHP Applied Learning Courses (3 credit hours)
  FPH 7440  Public Health Practicum

MPH-PHP Integrated Learning Course
  FPH 8990  MPH Project

MPH-PHP Elective Courses (8 credit hours)

MPH-PHM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

MPH-PHM Foundation Courses (16 credit hours)
  FPH 7015  Biostatistics 1
  FPH 7100  Health Care Organization & Administration
  FPH 7240  Epidemiology
  FPH 7320  Social Basis of Health Care
  FPH 7420  Principles of Environmental Health

MPH-PHM Concentration Courses (16 credit hours)
  FPH 7010  Seminar in Public Health
  FPH 7020  Biostatistics 2
  FPH 7250  Applied Epidemiology
  FPH 7270  Applied Research Methods in Urban Public Health
  FPH 7280  Public Health Community Level Intervention Science
  FPH 7350  Advanced Statistical Programming

MPH-PHM Applied Learning Course (3 credits)
  FPH 7440  Public Health Practicum (3 credits)

MPH-PHM Integrated Learning Course (3 credits)
  FPH 8990  Master’s Project (3 credits)

Elective Courses (5 credits)

BRIDGE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The BGC-PHP requires the completion of 15 credit hours and must be completed within three years.

BGC-PHP Foundation Courses (13 Credit Hours)
  FPH 7240  Epidemiology (3 credits)
  FPH 7015  Biostatistics 1 (4 credits)
  FPH 7420  Principles of Environmental Health (3 credits)
  FPH 7320  Social Basis of Health Care (2-3 credits)

Elective Courses (2-3 credits)