

## **Emphasis - Community Health (Online)**

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### **M.P.H. in Public Health Description**

#### **MPH Program Description (On Campus):**

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree prepares future public health professionals for roles in health policy, research, education, and administration. Courses such as our health equity class will prepare students to work with diverse populations, and applied learning experiences ensure MPH graduates are ready to join the workforce to promote health and tackle pressing public health issues. Our on-campus MPH is 42 total credit hours, including a practicum and capstone experience, and our curriculum will prepare graduates for both the Certified in Public Health (CPH) and Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) exams.

#### **MPH Admission Requirements (On Campus):**

##### **Official Transcripts**

A cumulative grade-point average (last 60 hours) of 3.0 for admission into the MPH program is recommended.

##### **GRE**

The GRE must have been taken within five years of applying for the graduate program. Scores equal to or greater than 146 on the verbal, 140 on the quantitative, and 3.0 on writing divisions are recommended for admission. The GRE requirement is waived for applicants who have at least one year of public health work experience. A variety of backgrounds can fulfill this requirement, including but not limited to health-related Peace Corps work, working in a research lab, or working on health-related policy as a journalist. Paid and unpaid work will be considered.

##### **Statement of Career Goals**

Applicants must submit (via the online application) a one-to-two-page, single-spaced statement of career goals, objectives, motivation, and readiness to pursue graduate study.

##### **Online Application**

Complete the online application form found at UM's Graduate School website [www.olemiss.edu/gradschool/](http://www.olemiss.edu/gradschool/)

### **Minimum Total Credit Hours: 42**

#### **Course Requirements**

##### **MPH Program - 42 credit hours**

##### **Public Health Core (24 hours)**

- PH 600-Foundations of Public Health 3 hours
- PH 635-Theories in Health 3 hours
- PH 625-Research Design and Evaluation/SRA 604 Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods (or other approved research methods) 3 hours
- PH 646-Epidemiology 3 hours
- PH 626/PH 511-Statistical Analysis/Applied Statistics 3 hours (or other approved statistical course)
- PH 528-Public Health Policy 3 hours
- PH 555-Health Equity 3 hours
- PH 698-Public Health Practicum 3 hours

##### **Capstone Project (3 hours)**

- PH 699-Public Health Capstone 3 hours

### **Concentration - Community Health Description**

Our on-campus MPH program currently offers one concentration in community health, which consists of 15 of the total 42 MPH credit hours. Our concentration in community health places special emphasis on the application of public health theory and science to the planning, administration, and evaluation of community health programs.

#### **Course Requirements**

##### **Community Health Concentration (15 hours)**

- PH 515-Motivational Interviewing 3 hours
- PH 505-Health Program Evaluation 3 hours
- PH 685-Health Program Evaluation 3 hours
- Jour/IMC 585-Health Communication 3 hours
- Elective 3 hours

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