



Public Health

Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a professional degree designed for students seeking an intellectually rich and challenging educational experience that will lead to a career in population health improvement in regional, national, or international settings including public health and other public agencies, health care delivery systems, health plans, community health organizations, and academic institutions.

The MPH specializations – Population Health Research & Analytics, Indigenous Health, and Health Management & Policy – provide integrative and practical learning experiences that are designed to foster intellectual growth, critical thinking, and essential problem-solving and communication skills.

Population Health Research & Analytics

This specialization prepares students to produce convincing and scientifically sound information to improve population health. Students learn how to assess population health, evaluate the effectiveness of population health interventions, and compare health improvement policies and programs. Students learn how to design outcomes and comparative effectiveness studies, collect and analyze population health data, and communicate research and evaluation results effectively. The Health Research & Analytics specialization is classified as STEM-eligible, allowing international students on an F-1 visa to apply for two years of additional Optional Practical Training in the United States after graduation if they meet the required criteria.

Health Management & Policy


This specialization prepares students for managerial careers in the current public health and health care environment. Students gain the knowledge and skills needed to manage public health and health care systems effectively and efficiently, analyze health system policies, and communicate successfully to affect improvements in health systems. The curriculum for this specialization is offered in partnership with the Nistler College of Business & Public Administration.

Indigenous Health

This specialization is designed to provide students with a critical understanding of determinants of Indigenous health and solutions to health disparities. Students will examine Indigenous populations, histories, cultures, societies, traditional healing systems, food sources, patterns and impact of colonization, and health inequity. Students will also evaluate the impact of historical and ongoing traumas associated with colonization and colonialism, explore Indigenous concepts of health and healing, and will synthesize new approaches of moving toward health equity in a culturally relevant manner.

General Admission Requirements

1. Completion of the SOPHAS online application and payment of the application fee. The SOPHAS is a centralized application service for schools and programs of public health.
2. A baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university (for U.S. degrees, accreditation by one of the six regional accrediting associations: MSA, NASC, NCA, NEASC-CIHE, SACS-CC or WACS-Sr.).
3. An undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00. Undergraduate coursework in fields related to public health should generally exceed a GPA of 3.00.
4. Fluency in written and spoken English. All non-native speakers of English must meet the School of Graduate Studies requirements regarding fluency in written and spoken English. Please refer to the School of Graduate Studies website.

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5. Applicants are required to submit the following supporting documentation:
 - a. A written statement that describes the applicant's professional goals and motivation for seeking a degree in public health. In addition, applicants should comment on any personal qualities, characteristics, and abilities they believe will enable them to be successful in achieving their career goals. (limit 2 pages)
 - b. Resume listing work experience, including voluntary, and relevant accomplishments, awards, and honors.
 - c. Official post-secondary academic transcripts from all institutions attended.
 - d. Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who the applicant feels are most qualified to evaluate their academic potential and leadership potential in public health.

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