



COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM COMMUNITY HEALTH TRACK



The **MPH Community Health Track** provides students with the skill and knowledge in the community that enables them to gain valuable experience in a wide variety of settings including: county health departments, hospitals, voluntary health agencies, and worksite health promotion programs.

As community health specialists they are able to:

- Develop, implement and evaluate health education promotion programs
- Use a variety of education/training methods
- Write and manage grants
- Make professional referrals to other health services
- Develop mass media health campaigns
- Conduct and interpret research
- Write scholarly articles

This track provides graduate students with the knowledge and skills necessary for practice and research in the field of community health. After completion of the program graduates will be able to promote health and prevent disease, disability and premature death through education driven voluntary behavior change activities, of the individual, group, and community.

Hence graduates are able to:

- Assess individual and community health needs
- Market health education/promotion programs
- Build community health coalitions
- Organize and mobilize communities for change
- Advocate for health related issues
- Develop policy for health education/promotion issues

OBJECTIVES

- Prepare individuals for careers in community and public health programs in diverse spheres, including federal, state, and local government agencies, within the framework of legal, ethical, moral and professional standards.
- Prepare students to understand and influence other psychological, social, biological, and public policy factors that influence the health outcome of people.
- Prepare students to respond to the health needs of the community especially in more vulnerable populations such as women, minorities and children.
- Develop a commitment to intellectual inquiry, self-directed learning and professional growth.

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Curriculum: 42 units Required

Core Courses:

- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Health Services Administration
- Environmental Health
- Behavioral & Social Aspects of Public Health

Total: 15 Units

Track Core:

- Health Education and Promotion
- Health Disparities and Community Organizing
- Program Evaluation and Needs Assessment
- Research Methodology

Total: 10 Units

Electives: (10 credit hours minimum elective courses)

- Community Health Economics
- Fundamentals of Public Health
- Global Health Economics

Curriculum: 42 units (continued)

- Essentials of Global Health
- Emerging Health Threats
- Health Policy and Disparities in Developing Countries
- Public Health in Times of Conflict
- Global Reproductive Health
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Grant Writing
- Maternal and Child Health

Culminating Experience

- Field Study (400 hours)*
- Capstone Project

Total: 7 Units

**Community Health Track students may opt out of their local field study in place of an international field study by taking PH 614 Essentials of Global Health as an elective course or by taking the International Health Seminar.*

Community Health Track Career Opportunities

A number of rewarding career opportunities are available for graduates of the PH Program Community Health Track. Graduates complete the program with knowledge and skills that are adaptable to many settings including:

Government Agencies

- Federal and State Agencies: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and State Departments of Health and programs that provide government funds for HIV/AIDS education, chronic disease prevention, and other public health campaigns.
- Local/Health Departments: Programs in injury prevention, school health education, community nutrition, and health promotion/disease prevention.

Voluntary Health Agencies

Voluntary health agencies such as the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the American Lung Association. The community health specialist assumes a wide variety of responsibilities in voluntary

agencies collaborate with local health departments, hospitals, and other voluntary agencies to deliver educational programs.

Health Care Settings

- Hospitals: Programs dealing with disorders, such as diabetes and heart disease and other programs such as weight reduction, smoking cessation, and various health screenings.
- HMO Settings: Including the hospital, the business setting, physician's offices, and the community to provide programs in health maintenance and disease prevention.

For further information...

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