Department of Health Policy and Management

Master of Public Health
Prepare for a Career as a Public Health Leader

Public health is the practice of preventing disease and promoting good health and well-being within groups of people, from small communities to entire countries. As this field continues to grow and expand, our program will provide you with the tools necessary to further these goals of public health. Our Master of Public Health (MPH) program provides professional development through a combination of coursework, a health policy-related experience, a mentorship team, and curricular activities designed to enhance your ability to improve the health of populations. Additionally, our program will prepare you to pass the Certification in Public Health (CPH) exam, pursue related doctoral studies, and obtain professional employment in public health and related sectors, nationally and globally.

Opportunities for Graduates

Graduates of our program are prepared for successful careers in health policy development, analysis, and advocacy, as well as program and organization management in public health agencies, foundations, nonprofits, and the private sector. Graduates are also prepared for positions as policy analysts at the global, national, state, and local governmental levels, and for some post-graduate administrative fellowships in health care systems.

Our alumni have held these positions, among others:
• Federal affairs associate, National Association of Children’s Hospitals and Related Institutions
• Project coordinator, Chief Medical and Scientific Office, UPMC
• Program specialist, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
• Health policy intern, Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC
• Administrative fellow, Geisinger Health System
• Intern of scientific and regulatory affairs, Prinston Pharmaceutical Inc.
• Policy associate, University of Pittsburgh

Curriculum and Coursework

Our MPH curriculum prepares emerging leaders in public health, health policy, and health program and project management. The degree can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis and requires a minimum of 45 credits over two years. The curriculum consists of a set of multidisciplinary core courses, a departmental core, full-time summer field experience (practicum), and an applied research project (master’s essay) related to the practicum or another issue of importance to public health. The curriculum draws on the MPH competency model that includes HPM disciplinary, cross-cutting, and self-actualization competencies. The master’s essay lets you synthesize and apply
You also have the opportunity to complete a certificate program simultaneously with your MPH by applying elective courses to both programs.

The curriculum is available at www.publichealth.pitt.edu/hpm-mph.

Admissions

Applicants must apply through SOPHAS, the centralized online application service, at sophas.org.

In addition to school-wide requirements, admission criteria and prerequisites for the MPH program include the following:

• Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
• QPA of 3.0 or higher
• GRE scores at or above the 60th percentile
• Three undergraduate or graduate credits in biology and mathematics/statistics (algebra or higher)
• Six undergraduate or graduate credits in the social and behavioral sciences, with at least one course in economics preferred

More information on how to apply can be found at www.publichealth.pitt.edu/hpm-admissions or by contacting the program administrator at hpmprogr@pitt.edu.

About the Department

Our Department of Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health is dedicated to the improvement of health through the application of health policy research to understand the determinants of cost, quality, utilization, distribution, and outcomes of health care systems; and through the training of future leaders and managers of public and private health care organizations. Students are taught to develop and advocate for public policies to achieve high quality, cost-effective delivery of health care services, and to understand the social, political, and regulatory aspects of policy choices. The faculty represents a unique mix of health policy and health services researchers, management experts, and practicing health care leaders and managers. A Master of Health Administration (MHA), Master of Science in Health Services Research and Policy (MS), a Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Health (JD/MPH), and a PhD in Health Services Research and Policy are also offered. For more information, visit www.publichealth.pitt.edu/health-policy-and-management. Questions? Contact hpmprogr@pitt.edu.