

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: MPH, BCHS (2018- ) – Program total = minimum 45 credits

**MPH students must submit waivers for school and BCHS core courses by the end of the first semester of study.**

COURSE	OFFERED	CREDITS	SEMESTER TAKEN
SCHOOL CORE COURSES (18 credits)			
BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics (strongly preferred) OR BIOST 2041 Intro to Statistical Methods (only for students with a strong math background)	Spring Fall	3 3	
EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease	Spring	2	
EPID 2110 Principles of Epidemiology	Fall, Summer	3	
HPM 2001 Health Policy & Management in Public Health	Fall, Spring	3	
PUBHLT 2033 Foundations in Public Health*	Fall	1	
PUHLT 2015 Public Health Biology	Fall, Summer	2	
PUBHLT 2034 Public Health Communications	Fall, Sp, Sm	2	
PUBHLT 2035 Applications in Public Health **	Fall, Sp, Sm	2	
PUBHLT 2022 Grand Rounds	Fall, Spring	0	
DEPARTMENTAL (BCHS) CORE COURSES (11+ credits)			
BCHS 2520/2992/2990 Theories of Health Education and Health Promotion/ Systems Theories and Approaches/ Social Dynamics	Spring	1/1/1	
BCHS 2525 Introduction to Applied Research	Fall	3	
BCHS 2554 Intro to Community Health	Fall	3	
BCHS 2503 Practicum	Fall, Sp, Sm	1-3	
BCHS 2521 Essay/Thesis	Fall, Sp, Sm	1-3	
APPROVED ELECTIVES (Pick a minimum of 6 credits)			
BCHS 2504 Health Communication	Spring	3	
BCHS 2516 Video for Health Promotion	Alt. Fall	3	
BCHS 2523 Program Plan & Proposal Writing	Spring	3	
BCHS 2524 Overview of Health Equity	Spring	3	
BCHS 2551 Social Networks & Health	Fall	3	
BCHS 2558 Health Program Evaluation	Spring	3	
BCHS 2572 Risk Communication	Alt. Fall	3	
BCHS 2660 Harm Reduction Approaches in Health & Public Health Settings	Fall	1	
BCHS 2608 Intro to CBPR	Spring	1	
BCHS 2609 Translating Research for Policy and Practice	Spring	1	
BCHS 2610 Concept Mapping	Spring	1	
BCHS 2612 Project Management	Alt. Fall	2	
BCHS 2991 Multilevel Analysis	Fall	1	
BCHS 3002 Survey Methods	Fall	3	
BCHS 3003 Advanced Evaluation Techniques	Fall	3	
BCHS 3007 Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods	Spring	3	
BCHS 3015 Comm Mapping & Intro Spatial Analysis	Fall	3	
BCHS 3021 Computer Methods for Social Networks	Spring	1	
BCHS 3506 Implementation Science in Public Health	Fall	3	
PUBHLT 2501 Health Equity Research: Methods and Interventions	Fall	3	
BCHS 2605 Community Development & Focus Groups	Summer	1	
ELECTIVES – Students choose courses from BCHS, other departments, and/or schools			
Advanced standing/transfer credits (if applicable)			
TOTAL credits			

\*Students must complete Foundations in their first fall of study.

\*\*Students must have completed all SCHOOL core courses to register for PUBHLT 2035 (concurrent reg. for one is ok).

**Additional Requirements:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Thesis/ Essay paperwork completed submitted         | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Integrity module completed/paperwork submitted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ePortfolio completed/evaluated by advisor/submitted | <input type="checkbox"/> Title IX module completed/paperwork submitted           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRB modules completed/paperwork submitted           |  |

## Milestone Checklist

### **PRACTICUM** (consult *student handbook* for practicum requirements)

**Practicum Site Selection** (start after first semester of study-practicum may begin after 18 hours of coursework)

- Student schedules appointment with faculty advisor to discuss potential sites
- Student prepares the [Practicum Planning Form](#) before meeting
- [Student contacts site to confirm the practicum opportunity is available & obtains required signatures on Planning Form and Learning Agreement Form before the start of the practicum](#)
- Submit completed [Planning Form](#) and [Learning Agreement](#) to Paul Markgraf and advisor for student file

### **Practicum Progress**

- Student completes required hours and continues to report on progress to faculty advisor
- Submit [Mid-point Evaluation Form](#) and [End of Practicum Evaluation Form](#) to advisor & to Paul Markgraf for student file
- Give preceptor the [Mid-point Preceptor Evaluation Form](#) and [End of Practicum Preceptor Evaluation Form](#) to complete and mail to advisor & to Paul Markgraf.
- Give advisor [End of Practicum Advisor Evaluation Form](#) to complete and email to Paul Markgraf.

### **THESIS/ESSAY** (consult *student handbook* for thesis/essay requirements)

- Establish a thesis(essay) chairperson (main reader) and committee (readers) with advisor at least 1 semester before graduation
  - Adhere to Pitt Public Health [Committee Composition Rules](#)
- Complete the [Thesis/Essay Planning Form](#) and obtain appropriate signatures & copy to Paul Markgraf.
- Email Paul Markgraf for approval of committee (readers).

### **Thesis/Essay Committee Meeting & Proposal Approval**

- Schedule meeting with committee (readers).
- Submit thesis proposal to all committee members 2 weeks before 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled meeting
- Hold meeting semester before graduation

### **Thesis/Essay Writing**

- Obtain IRB approval prior to beginning study (append to final document) (if applicable)
- Develop a timeline for draft completion & communicate with advisor
- Send drafts and update advisor on thesis writing periodically throughout the writing process, per agreed upon schedule

### **If completing an essay:**

#### **Essay Submission**

- Submit essay electronically as a "Long Paper" through [D-Scholarship](#)
- Submit all other paperwork and satisfy requirements by deadlines

### **If completing a thesis:**

#### **Defend Thesis**

- Organize a date/time all committee members can meet
- See BCHS Student Services Coordinator to schedule a room for the agreed date/time
- Submit thesis to committee at least two weeks prior to defense date

#### **Thesis Submission**

- Submit thesis electronically through [D-Scholarship](#)
- [Submit all other paperwork and satisfy requirements by deadlines](#)