Public Health M.P.H. (Concentration in Health Policy and Management)

Degree Requirements: 45 Credit Hours

Degree Admission Requirements

Regular

- Completion of an application in SOPHAS.
- Completion of a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 (4.0 scale).
- Official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- TOEFL scores are required for international applicants.
- A resume that includes the following:
  a. educational experiences,
  b. professional goals and objectives,
  c. work history,
  d. professional experiences, memberships and/or participation in professional organizations, and
  e. experiences in public health programs.
- Three letters of reference.
- Statement of purpose (500-1000 words) that conveys the applicant’s reasons for pursuing graduate study in public health/health policy and management and how admission into the program relates to the applicant’s professional aspirations.

Provisional

Applicants may be admitted on a provisional basis based upon the evaluation of their application materials. Provisional admission is for applicants who do not satisfy full admission requirements or applicants who require prerequisite coursework prior to entering into a particular program study. NOTE: Prerequisite undergraduate course work may be required. Contact the Division Director in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health for complete information.

Cross-Cutting Competencies for the MPH Degree

- Demonstrate effective written and oral skills for communicating with different audiences in the context of professional public health activities. (Communication and Informatics)
- Use information technology to access, evaluate, and interpret public health data. (Communication and Informatics)
- Describe the roles of history, power, privilege and structural inequality in producing health disparities. (Diversity and Culture)
- Explain how professional ethics and practices relate to equity and accountability in diverse community settings. (Diversity and Culture)
- Develop public health programs and strategies responsive to the diverse cultural values and traditions of the communities being served. (Diversity and Culture)

MPH Program Competencies in Health Policy & Management

- Define the main components and issues of the organization, financing and delivery of public health systems in the US and compare the economic, professional, social and legislative influences to include safety preparedness.
- Describe the legal, values and ethical dilemmas in public health that are inherent in efforts to control cost, while assuring access and quality of services for the public.
- Compare the policy development, assessment, and evaluation process for improving the health status of populations; compare the potential impacts of policy and management on the conduct of public health research and practice.
- Describe the principles of program development, management, budget preparation with justification and evaluation as related for public health initiatives; in that effort, define quality, cost benefit and performance improvement concept to address organizational performance issues in public health as well as trends in planning, resources allocation, and financing their effects on consumers, providers and payers in public health.
- Define principles of strategic planning and marketing in public health and define how “systems thinking” can contribute to solving public health organizational problems.
- Compare leadership skills for building partnerships in public health and demonstrate health policy and management effectiveness using appropriate channels and technologies.

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