Health Policy and Management M.P.H.

Degree Requirements: 45 Credit Hours

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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.

Degree Requirements

Public Health Core Courses (18 Credit Hours)
- PUBH 5520G Introduction to Public Health 2
- PUBH 6532 Environmental Health 3
- PUBH 6533 Epidemiology 3
- PUBH 6534 Health Policy and Management 3
- PUBH 6535 Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health 3
- PUBH 6541 Biostatistics 4

Health Policy and Management Courses (21 Credit Hours)
- HSPM 7135 Public Health Policy Development and Evaluation 3
- HSPM 7230 Health Leadership and Strategic Planning 3
- HSPM 7232 Public Health Finance 3
- HSPM 7235 Healthcare Law 3
- HSPM 7236 Health Informatics 3

Guided Electives 3

Practicum and Culminating Experience (6 Credit Hours)
- PUBH 7790 Practicum in Public Health 3
- PUBH 7991 Public Health Capstone Research Project 3

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M.P.H. - Health Policy and Management Concentration Competencies

Upon completion of the M.P.H. Health Policy and Management Program students will be able to:
- Analyze the main components and issues of the organization, financing and delivery of public health systems in the US.
- Analyze 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.
- Analyze the methods for ensuring community health safety and preparedness.
- Apply the policy development, assessment, and evaluation process for improving the health status of populations.
- Analyze the principles of program development and evaluation as it relates to public health initiatives.
- Analyze budget preparation with justification and evaluation as related to public health initiatives.
- Analyze the process for strategic planning, quality improvement and marketing in public health practice.
- Compare quality, cost benefit and performance improvement concepts to address organizational performance issues in public health.
- Apply "systems thinking" to solving public health organizational problems.
- Analyze health policy and management effectiveness using appropriate channels and technologies.
- Demonstrate leadership skills for building partnerships in public health.
- Compare the trends in resources allocation, and financing and evaluate their effects on consumers, providers, and payers in public health.
- Analyze the economic, social and legislative changes impact on public health systems in the US.
- Compare population and individual ethical considerations in relation to benefit, cost and burden of public health programs.
- Analyze the potential impacts of policy and management on the conduct of public health research and practice.
- Apply information from various sources to resource and program decision making.
- Apply the principles of health equity to public health Leadership.
- Analyze impacts of rural verses urban settings on the health of communities.
- Apply qualitative and quantitative research methods for public health problem solving.