

MPH/MS Anthropology Dual Degree Academic Year 2014-2015 Program Profile

The MPH/MS Applied Anthropology dual degree program prepares public health professionals with an in-depth knowledge of medical anthropology. Students learn how to apply anthropological concepts to problems in public health practice. Students are prepared to perform community-based research, analyze social and cultural influences on health and illness, and advocate for the elimination of local and global health disparities. This 2.5 year program prepares students for careers in research, public health, and public policy planning relating to health and health care in the U.S. or in an international setting.

Community Health Concentration Competencies

Competency Description
Comprehend, apply, and evaluate multi-level and inter-disciplinary theories and models used to solve community health problems.
Identify and evaluate the relative contribution of ecological determinants to health outcomes among populations, including vulnerable populations and disadvantaged communities.
Understand, select and employ appropriate quantitative and qualitative research methods for testing community health interventions and resolving community health problems.
Plan, implement, administer, and evaluate community-based initiatives and programs using asset-based and data-driven approaches.
Understand, administer, and evaluate community-based participatory approaches for reducing health disparities and improving community health outcomes.

MPH Core Competencies

The Master of Public Health degree program prepares students to address the following core competencies while advancing their knowledge of public health:

Competency	Competency Description
Public Health Knowledge & Skills	The MPH student will apply basic knowledge and skills of the core public health sciences that include: biostatistics, epidemiology, health management and policy, behavioral and community health, and environmental and occupational health, to the prevention of illness and injury and the promotion of population health.
Integration of Theory and Practice	The MPH student will demonstrate the effective integration of theory and practice related to public health issues that affect diverse populations, through a thesis or comprehensive examination and a practice experience.
Communication and Informatics	The MPH student will gather, organize, and manage data and information effectively to address public health issues through oral and written communications to diverse professionals and lay audiences.
Diversity and Culture	The MPH student will demonstrate the ability to interact with both diverse individuals and communities to produce or impact an intended public health outcome.
Professionalism	The MPH student will apply ethical principles to the practice of public health in a variety of settings, demonstrating personal integrity while embracing diverse communities.

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SPH Required Courses		Course Offerings	Hours
BACH 5300	Theoretical Foundations of Individual and Community Health	SSF	3
BIOS 5300	Biostatistics for Public Health I	SSF	3
EOHS 5300	Environmental Determinants of Health I	SSF	3
EPID 5300	Principles of Epidemiology	SSF	3
HMAP 5300	Introduction to Health Management and Policy	SSF	3
BACH 5313	Data Management and Statistical Computing	Fall, Spring	3
BACH 5340	Community Assessment and Program Planning	Fall, Spring	3
BACH 5345	Participatory Approaches to Improving Community Health	Fall, Spring	3
BACH 5350	Community Health Program Planning	Fall, Spring	3
	Elective *		3
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BACH 5297	Public Health Practice Experience (<i>Students take BACH 5297 and ANTH 5950 – Applied Thesis concurrently</i>)	SSF	1.5
PHED 5197	MPH Professional and Academic Development	Fall, Spring	1.5
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*SSF = Summer, Spring, Fall Semester

Shared & Transfer Courses by SPH and UNT MS Anthropology		Course Offerings	Hours
ANTH 5210	Anthropology in Public Health	Every Other Spring	3
ANTH 5201	Medical Anthropology	Fall	3
ANTH 5031	Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods	Fall	3
ANTH 5041	Quantitative Methods	Spring	3
Culminating Requirements			
PHED 5000	Certified in Public Health Examination	Spring, Fall	0
ANTH 5950	Applied Thesis (6 SCH)	SSF	6
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UNT MS Anthropology Required Courses		Course Offerings	Hours
ANTH 5010	Thought and Praxis I	Fall	3
ANTH 5021	Thought and Praxis II	Spring	3
ANTH 5050	Preparation for Practice and Applied Thesis	Spring	3
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 63 (200 TOTAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE HOURS)

UNTHSC-MPH: 36 SCH AND UNT-MS ANTHROPOLOGY: 27 SCH

*Electives may be any two courses (3 SCH each) that the School of Public Health Offers

The MPH/MS Applied Anthropology dual degree program is comprised of 63 credit hours. Students complete 36 credit hours in Public Health and 27 credit hours in Applied Anthropology to satisfy master's degree requirements in both Public Health and Applied Anthropology. Within the later 27 credit hours, 18 hours are shared by the UNTHSC School of Public Health and the Department of Applied Anthropology at UNT-Denton. A total of 12 of these credit hours from UNT-Denton (ANTH 5210, ANTH 5201, ANTH 5031, & ANTH 5041) are transferred to the students' MPH degree program to satisfy UNTHSC degree requirements. With the exception of Quantitative Research Methods (BACH 5314) and Qualitative Research Methods (BACH 6310), students in the MPH/MS Applied Anthropology dual degree program complete all required coursework in the UNTHSC MPH-Community Health concentration. Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods (ANTH 5031) and Quantitative Methods (ANTH 5041) at UNT-Denton are substituted for BACH 5314 and BACH 6310. Students complete Public Health Practice Experience (BACH 5297) and Applied Thesis (ANTH 5950) concurrently. Applied Thesis (ANTH 5950) includes a field experience that focuses on some aspect of public health. Consistent with School of Public Health policy, students in the MPH/MS Applied Anthropology dual degree program do not take the MPH Comprehensive examination because they complete a thesis.