

UNTHSC School of Public Health

MPH – Public Health Practice Concentration

The Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice is a skill-based program designed to prepare students to work in a variety of governmental and non-governmental settings including local, county and state health departments, community health centers, human services agencies, and other non-profit organizations. Students learn to work effectively as part of inter-professional teams to develop, manage and evaluate public health programs. Graduates are prepared to effectively engage communities as partners to strengthen their capacity to change social and environmental conditions that undermine public health and maintain health disparities.

Students in the MPH Public Health Practice concentration are admitted once a year as a cohort. Full-time enrollment is required and students are expected to graduate in five consecutive semesters. Students follow a weekly calendar of curricular and co-curricular activity that occupies 8-hour blocks of time, Monday through Friday (9 am- 6 pm). Students are prohibited from holding off-campus employment while in the program.

MPH – PH Practice Curriculum (cohort program completed in 5 consecutive semesters)

| Courses | Credit Hours | Total Hours |
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| Fall Semester | | |
| BIOS 5300: Principles of Biostatistics | 3 | 3 |
| EPID 5300: Principles of Epidemiology | 3 | 6 |
| BACH 5300: Theoretical Foundations of Individual and Community Health | 3 | 9 |
| HMAP 5300: Introduction to Health Management and Policy | 3 | 12 |
| Spring Semester | | |
| EPID 5313: Introduction to Data Management and Statistical Computing | 3 | 15 |
| BACH 6310: Qualitative Methods | 3 | 18 |
| EOHS 5300: Environmental Determinants of Health I | 3 | 21 |
| BACH 5330: Health Communication Strategies in Public Health | 3 | 24 |
| Summer Semester | | |
| HMAP 5312: Health Politics and Policy (online) | 3 | 27 |
| PHED 5297: MPH Practice Experience | 1 | 28 |
| Fall Semester | | |
| EOHS 5310: Evaluation and Control of Environmental Pathogens | 3 | 31 |
| BACH 5340: Community Assessment and Program Planning | 3 | 34 |
| BACH 5324: Introduction to Health Disparities <u>or</u> HMAP 6322: Organizational Management (select one) | 3 | 37 |
| PHED 5000: CPH Comprehensive Examination (exam on MPH core) | 0 | 37 |
| PHED 5297: MPH Practice Experience | 1 | 38 |
| Spring Semester | | |
| BACH 5345: Participatory Approaches to Improving Community Health | 3 | 41 |
| BACH 5350: Community Health Program Evaluation | 3 | 44 |
| HMAP 5340: Public Health Law | 3 | 47 |
| PHED 5297: MPH Practice Experience | 1 | 48 |