



## PROGRAM GUIDE: Master of Public Health – Public Health Practice

Information in this document is updated annually. Please refer to the document for the year you entered the program. Student resources, policies, and procedures applicable to all School of Public Health graduate students can be found on the SPH website, [www.ohsu-psu-sph.org](http://www.ohsu-psu-sph.org).

### Overview

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<https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/mph-in-public-health-practice/>

Students in the MPH in Public Health Practice program acquire broad knowledge about and perspectives on public health policy and practice, with particular emphasis on improving primary healthcare accessibility and quality for underserved populations based on the concepts and principles of primary health care defined by the World Health Organization (universal coverage, service delivery, public policy, leadership, and stakeholder participation). To support working and distance students, coursework for the MPH in Public Health Practice program may be completed entirely online. Online MPH students also have the option to complete some of their courses in person. Graduates are employed by state and local government agencies, non-profits, and community organizations.

### Program Competencies

At the end of the MPH in Public Health Practice program, the graduate will be able to:

- Assess, analyze, and synthesize the health status of vulnerable populations.
- Identify, develop and manage interventions to promote and protect the health of populations at risk.
- Lead and participate in inter-professional efforts to address health inequities with community partners.
- Conduct, participate in, or apply research that improves the health of a population.
- Assess and integrate cultural beliefs and practices into public health interventions.
- Develop and plan interventions utilizing principles of health systems organization and health care finance to address health disparities.
- Apply program planning and quality improvement principles in the development, management and/or evaluation of population health services.
- Demonstrate basic skills in development of a grant proposal.
- Employ techniques to manage human, fiscal, and other public health resource.

### MPH: Public Health Practice Program of Study

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
<b>Core Required Coursework (22 Credits)</b>		
BSTA 512	Introduction to Biostatistics	4
EPI 512	Epidemiology I	4
ESHH 511	Concepts of Environmental Health	3
HSMP 574	Health Systems Organization	3
PHE 512	Principles of Health Behavior	3
Exam	Certified in Public Health Examination	0; Pass
CPH	Practice Experience	4
CPH	Integrative Practice	1
<b>Program Required Coursework (25 Credits)</b>		
Varies	Interprofessional Course (choose only one) UNI 504, Qualitative Methods for Health Professionals IPE 510, Narrative Competence IPE 512, OHSU Rural Community-based Project	1



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	IPE 513, Interprofessional Community Health & Edu Exchange IPE 514, Older Adult Care Using Stories IPE 515, Community Organizing for Health Equity	
CPH 511 / PHE 520	Research Methods and Evidence-Based Practices	3
CPH 521	Social Determinants of Health	3
CPH 522	Communicating Public Health Data	3
CPH 528	Mgmt Practice and QI in Health Care & Public Health Organizations	3
CPH 535	Professionalism, Ethics and Systems Thinking in Public Health	3
CPH 536	Community Based Participatory Research	3
CPH 538 or HSMP588	Public Health Program Evaluation	3
CPH 550	Public Health Program Planning	3
<b>Commonly taken electives (9 Credits)</b>		
CPH 507A	Current Issues in Public Health	3
CPH 510	Geographic Information Systems for Public Health	3
CPH 523	Global Perspectives and Program Development	3
CPH 526	Epidemiology of Aging and Chronic Disease	3
CPH 531	The Social Context of Public Health Policy	3
HSMP 579 (online)	Health IT & Systems Management	3
PHE 545 (online)	Men's Health	4
PHE 553 (online)	Women's Reproductive Health	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>56</b>

**MPH: Public Health Practice Recommended Course Sequencing** - Always consult your Faculty Advisor regarding your program of study and course selection to determine the schedule that fits best.

Full-time student sample schedule

<b>Year 1 FT</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
BSTA 525 Intro to Biostats (4 cr.)	ESHH 511 Cncpts Environ Hlth (3 cr.)	PHE 512 Prin Hlth Behvr (3 cr.)	IPE (1 cr.)
CPH 521 Soc. Determnts Hlth (3 cr.)	HSMP 574 Hlth Sys Org (3 cr.)	CPH 511 Rsrch Mthds Evid Based Pract (3 cr.)	CPH Elective
EPI 512 Epidemiology I (4 cr.)	CPH 535 Prof / Ethcs / Sys Thinking PH (3 cr.)	CPH Elective	
<b>Year 2 FT</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
CPH 550 Program Planning (3 cr.)	CPH 528 Mgmt Pract & QI in Hlth Care (3 cr.)	CPH 522 Comm Pub Hlth Data (3 cr.)	
CPH Elective	CPH 538 Pub Hlth Prog Eval (3 cr.)	CPH 536 Cmnty Based Prtcpry Rsrch (3 cr.)	
CPH Exam	CPH Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	CPH Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	
		CPH Integrative Project (1 cr.)	



Part-time student sample schedule

<b>Year 1 PT</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
EPI 512 Epidemiology I (4 cr.)	HSMP 574 Hlth Sys Org (3 cr.)	PHE 512 Prin Hlth Behvr (3 cr.)	ESHH 511 Cncpts Environ Hlth (3 cr.)
BSTA 525 Intro to Biostats (4 cr.)	CPH 528 Mgmt Pract & QI in Hlth Care (3 cr.)	CPH 511 Rsrch Mthds Evid Based Pract (3 cr.)	
<b>Year 2 PT</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
CPH 521 Soc. Determnts Hlth (3 cr.)	CPH 538 Pub Hlth Prog Eval (3 cr.)	CPH 522 Comm Pub Hlth Data (3 cr.)	IPE (1 cr.)
CPH 550 Program Planning (3 cr.)	CPH 535 Prof / Ethcs / Sys Thinking PH (3 cr.)	CPH 536 Cmnty Based Prtcprtry Rsrch (3 cr.)	CPH Elective
<b>Year 3 PT</b>			
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
CPH Elective	CPH Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	CPH Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	
CPH Exam	CPH Elective	CPH Integrative Project (1 cr.)	

**Graduate Student Resources, Policies, and Procedures**

Policies and procedures applicable to all School of Public Health graduate students can be found on the SPH website, [www.ohsu-psu-sph.org](http://www.ohsu-psu-sph.org). Please review the student policies and procedures listed there, including but not limited to the following sections:

- Advising
- Academic Standing
- Academic Dismissal
- Academic Dishonesty
- Codes of Conduct
- Educational Records Privacy
- Minimum Course Grade Requirements
- Recognition of Prior Earned Credit
- Course Waiver Policy
- Incomplete Coursework
- Course Approvals (Electives)
- Independent Study
- International Travel and Coursework
- Continuous Enrollment
- Leave of Absence
- Withdrawal Policy
- Time Limits
- Grievance Resolution
- Degree and Certificate Conferral

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