



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

2025-2026 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.

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.

Per OHSU policy, students have up to 6 years from the date of matriculation to complete their degree.

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 resources.



MPH: Public Health Practice Program of Study

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Core Required Coursework (17 Credits) (Common to all MPH programs)		
BSTA 525	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
Program Required Coursework (25 Credits)		
Varies	<p>Interprofessional Course (choose only one, courses are online unless otherwise indicated)</p> <p>UNI 504 Qualitative Methods for Health Professionals (in person)</p> <p>IPE 523 Climate Change & Human Health</p> <p>IPE 525 Relational Leadership (hybrid)</p> <p>UNI 502 Conversations in Global Health</p> <p>UNI 511 Data Equity for Health Professionals (in person)</p> <p>IPE 511 Pain Management</p> <p>UNI 546c Unequal Treatment</p> <p>UNI 505 Introduction to Medical Spanish</p> <p>IPE 510 Narrative Competence</p> <p>UNI 546a (Institutional Racism)</p> <p>All other courses with IPE or UNI prefix (other than IPE 501, IPE 512/522)</p>	1*
CPH 511 / PHE 520	Introduction to Research Design / Qualitative Research Design (in person)	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 HSMP 588	Public Health Program Evaluation / Program Evaluation and Management in Health Services	3
CPH 550	Public Health Program Planning	3
Culminating Experience (5 credits)		
CPH 509PE	Practice Experience	4
CPH 502	Integrative Project	1



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Electives (9 Credits)

PHP students may enroll in any 500-level elective course (in person or online) with prefix BSTA, CPH, EPI, ESHH, HSMP, or PHE (except BSTA 511, BSTA 525, CPH 535, EPI 512, ESHH 511, HSMP 573, HSMP 574, or PHE 512). Other relevant courses with program approval.

Asynchronous online electives:

CPH 540	Systems Thinking for Public Health Practice	3
ESHH 515	Geographic Information Systems for Public Health	3
CPH 526	Epidemiology of Aging and Chronic Disease	3
CPH 527	Applied Epidemiology	3
CPH 531	Social Justice and Public Health	3
PHE 545	Men's Health	4
PHE 551	Women and Holistic Health	4
PHE 553	Women's Reproductive Health	4
PHE 566	Mind, Body, Health	4
Total Credits required for MPH		56

***Some IPE courses are more than 1 credit. PHP students who take an IPE course that is greater than 1 credit can have the additional credits applied towards their elective requirement (9 cr.).**



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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. If you receive federal financial aid, it is important to be aware of financial aid requirements when planning your schedule. Federal loans require at least 1/2 time enrollment (5 credits). Please refer to the OHSU's "Student Financial Aid Explained" and "Standard Enrollment Plan" documents (<https://www.ohsu.edu/education/financial-aid>), paying particular attention to summer term, for more information.

Full-time student schedule

Year 1 FT			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
BSTA 525 Intro to Biostats (4 cr.)	ESHH 511 Cncpts Environ Hlth (3 cr.)	PHE 512 Prin Hlth Behvr (3 cr.)	
Elective 1 (Recommended: CPH 531 Social Justice and Public Health)	HSMP 574 Hlth Sys Org (3 cr.)	CPH 511 Intro to Research Design (3 cr.)	
EPI 512 Epidemiology I (4 cr.)	Elective 2 (Recommended: CPH 540 Systems Thinking for Public Health)	CPH 521 Soc. Determnts Hlth (3 cr.)	
Year 2 FT			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
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 535 Prof / Ethics / Sys Thinking PH (3 cr.)	CPH 538 Pub Hlth Prog Eval (3 cr.)	CPH 536 Cmnty Based Prtcprtry Rsrch (3 cr.)	
Elective 3 (Recommended: CPH 527 Applied EPI [3 cr.])	CPH 509PE Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	CPH 509PE Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	
IPE course options: -UNI 546A Institutional Racism (1 cr.) -IPE 525 Relational Leadership (1 cr.) -UNI 511 Data Equity Hlth Professions (2 cr.) (in-person) -IPE 510 Narrative Competence (1 cr.) (in-person)	IPE course options:* -IPE 523 in Climate Change & Human Hlth Change (2 cr.) -UNI 504 Qual Mthds for Hlth Professionals (2 cr.) (in-person)	CPH 502 Integrative Project (1 cr.) IPE course option:* -UNI 504 Qual Mthds for Hlth Professionals (2 cr.) (in-person)	

***Additional IPE/UNI courses may be offered**



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Part-time student schedule

Year 1 PT			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
BSTA 525 Intro to Biostats (4 cr.)	HSMP 574 Hlth Sys Org (3 cr.)	CPH 521 Soc. Determnts Hlth (3 cr.)	IPE option
EPI 512 Epidemiology I (4 cr.)	ESHH 511 Cncpts Environ Hlth (3 cr.)	PHE 512 Prin Hlth Behvr (3 cr.)	
Year 2 PT			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Elective 1 (Recommended: CPH 531 Social Justice and Public Health)	CPH 538 Pub Hlth Prog Eval (3 cr.)	CPH 511 Intro to Research Design (3 cr.)	
CPH 550 Program Planning (3 cr.)	CPH 528 Mgmt Pract & QI in Hlth Care (3 cr.)	CPH 536 Cmnty Based Prtcpry Rsrch (3 cr.)	
Year 3 PT			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Elective 2 (Recommended CPH 527 Applied EPI [3 cr.])	CPH 509PE Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	CPH 509PE Practice Experience (2 or 4 cr.)	
CPH 535 Prof / Ethcs / Sys Thinking PH (3 cr.)	Elective 3 (Recommended: CPH 540 Systems Thinking for Public Health Practice [3 cr.])	CPH 502 Integrative Project (1 cr.)	
IPE course options: -UNI 546A Institutional Racism (1 cr.) -IPE 525 Relational Leadership (1 cr.) -UNI 511 Data Equity Hlth Professions (2 cr.) (in-person) -IPE 510 Narrative Competence (1 cr.) (in-person)	IPE course options:* -IPE 523 in Climate Change & Human Hlth Change (2 cr.) -UNI 504 Qual Mthds for Hlth Professionals (2 cr.) (in-person)	CPH 522 Comm Pub Hlth Data (3 cr.) IPE course option:* -UNI 504 Qual Mthds for Hlth Professionals (2 cr.) (in-person)	

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12-month student schedule

Year 1 12-Month			
Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
BSTA 525 Intro to Biostats (4 cr.)	EPI 512 Epidemiology I (4 cr.)	CPH 538 Pub Hlth Prog Eval (3 cr.)	CPH 511 Intro to Research Design (3 cr.)
PHE 512 Prin Hlth Behvr (3 cr.)	Elective 1 (Recommended: CPH 531 Social Justice and Public Health [3cr.])	CPH 528 Mgmt Pract & QI in Hlth Care (3 cr.)	CPH 522 Comm Pub Hlth Data (3 cr.)
HSMP 574 Hlth Sys Org (3 cr.)	CPH 550 Program Planning (3 cr.)	CPH 509PE Practice Experience (4 cr.)	CPH 536 Cmnty Based Prtcptry Rsrch (3 cr.)
ESHH 511 Cncpts Environ Hlth (3 cr.)	CPH 535 Prof / Ethics / Sys Thinking PH (3 cr.)	Elective 3 (Recommended: CPH 540 Systems Thinking for Public Health Practice [3 cr.])	CPH 521 Soc. Determnts Hlth (3 cr.)
IPE course option: UNI 505 Intro to Medical Spanish (1 cr.)	Elective 2 (Recommended CPH 527 Applied EPI [3 cr.])	IPE course options:* -IPE 523 in Climate Change & Human Hlth Change (2 cr.) -UNI 504 Qual Mthds for Hlth Professionals (2 cr.) (in-person)	CPH 502 Integrative Project (1 cr.) IPE course option:* -UNI 504 Qual Mthds for Hlth Professionals (2 cr.) (in-person)
Total Credits: 13-14	Total Credits: 16	Total Credits: 13-15	Total Credits: 13 -15

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Graduate Student Resources, Policies, and Procedures

[Policies and procedures](https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/graduate-students-policies-and-procedures/) applicable to all School of Public Health graduate students can be found on the SPH website at <https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/graduate-students-policies-and-procedures/>. 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
- ☐ Student Complaints
- ☐ Degree and Certificate Conferral

[Academic resources](#) and [student support services](#) available to SPH graduate students are listed on the SPH website, www.ohsu-psu-sph.org. Please review the resources listed there.