



AY 2026-27 PROGRAM GUIDE

Master of Public Health, Health Management & Policy

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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The goal of the Health Management & Policy program is to develop and strengthen the knowledge and practice of the delivery and management of health services. The program prepares individuals for the exercise of competent and effective policy and administrative leadership in the health sector. The Health Management & Policy curriculum includes the core concepts of public health with specific instruction in management, finance, strategy, policy, economics, and ethics.

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

Program Competencies

Students graduating from the MPH: Health Management and Policy (HMP) program will be able to:

- Design evidence-informed strategies to improve health system performance through the application of systems thinking and other appropriate conceptual frameworks and theories.
- Evaluate programs and organizational practices using appropriate methods, evidence, and information resources to inform strategic decision-making.
- Propose policies that promote equitable outcomes and address structural determinants of health through policy analysis, formulation, and advocacy strategies.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to address emerging challenges and drive systemic change in health systems, emphasizing ethical and inclusive leadership.
- Integrate principles of equity, social justice, and community engagement into health systems management and policy development with professional integrity and reflective judgment.
- Communicate policies and management strategies effectively to diverse audiences

Competency-based achievement: Competencies consistent with graduate-level education are achieved through core required courses (26 credits) and program required courses (25-26 credits), and strengthened in specific domains of management, policy, research, and cultural sensitivity through HSMP elective courses (9 credits total). Many HSMP elective courses address more than one domain. Non-HSMP electives may be taken with approval by the faculty advisor. Additional information about planning and selection of elective courses can be found at the end of this guide.

GPA and grade requirements: Minimum overall GPA of 3.0; minimum grade of “B-” in required courses and “C” in elective courses; no more than two grades lower than “B-” can be applied to the degree

Academic support and resources: [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.



MPH Health Management & Policy Program of Study

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
<i>MPH Core (21 Credits)</i>		
PUBH 511	Foundations of Public Health	3
PUBH 521	Analytic Methods I: Evidence Appraisal & Data Collection	3
PUBH 522	Analytic Methods II: Applied Analysis	3
PUBH 531	Communicating Public Health	3
PUBH 532	Public Health Systems and Practice	3
PUBH 533	Environment & Health	3
PUBH 534	Upstream Public Health & Policy	3
<i>Program Required Coursework (25 Credits)</i>		
Interprofessional Course	Any 500-level course with prefix IPE or UNI other than IPE 501 Offerings vary, and may include but are not limited to: IPE 523, Climate Change and Human Health (2 cr) IPE 525, Relational Leadership (1 cr) UNI 502, Conversations in Global Health (1 cr) UNI 504, Qualitative Methods for Health Professionals (2 cr)	1
HSMP 573	Values and Ethics in Health	3
HSMP 574	Health Systems Organization	3
HSMP 576	Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HSMP 577	Health Care Law and Regulation	3
HSMP 581	Population Health: Policy & Practice	3
HSMP 586	Introduction to Health Economics	3
HSMP 587	Financial Management of Health Services	3
HSMP 588	Program Evaluation and Management In Health Services	3
<i>Culminating Experience (5 Credits)</i>		
PUBH 590	Applied Practice Experience (APEX)	4
PUBH 595	Integrative Learning Experience (ILE)	1
<i>Electives (9 Credits)</i>		
HSMP 544	Leadership and Governance in Health Services	3
HSMP 575	Advanced Health Policy	3
HSMP 578	Performance Improvement in Health Services	3
HSMP 582	Oregon Health Policy: Lessons for State and National Reform	3
HSMP 583	Economics of Health Systems and Policy	3
HSMP 584	Social Policy and Public Health	3



HSMP 585	Implementation Science in Health Systems	3
HSMP 589	Research Design in Health Services	3
Other elective course options chosen in consultation with/approved by Faculty Advisor		
PA 525	Grantwriting for Nonprofit Organizations	3
PA 549	Cross-cultural Communication in the Public Sector	3
PA 554	Policy Analysis Research	3
PA 556	Public Contract Management	3
PA 558	Managing Public Projects and Programs: From Local to Global	3
PA 575	Foundations of Collaborative Governance	3
Total Credits		60

MPH: Health Management & Policy: Sample Course Schedules

Below are recommended course schedules for full-time students, although other schedule configurations are possible. Part-time students should consult with program advisors in both programs to develop a more personalized schedule.

If you receive federal financial aid, it is important to be aware of financial aid requirements when planning your schedule. Federal loan programs require at least 1/2 time enrollment (5 credits). Please refer to OHSU's [Financial Aid Explained](#) and the [Standard Enrollment Plan](#), paying particular attention to summer term. Dual degree students should consult [PSU's Office of Financial Aid](#).

MSW/MPH: Health Management & Policy (Dual Degree) Course Plan: MPH HMP/MSW dual degree students should contact their HMP Faculty Advisor for HMP program requirements and their MSW Faculty Advisor for MSW program requirements, course availability and scheduling needs. Please see the separate **MSW and MPH - Health Management and Policy Track Dual Degree Curriculum** for the model dual course plan.

MD/MPH: Health Management & Policy (Dual Degree) Course Plan: MD/MPH HMP dual degree students should contact their MD/MPH Program Director/Faculty Advisor for MD program requirements, course availability and scheduling needs. Because course scheduling may vary from year to year and other overall schedule configurations are possible, this course plan may be re-sequenced. Please check with your MD/MPH Program Director or the HMP Program Director to determine the year's schedule.

Full-time MPH:HMP Student Sample Schedule

(MPH Core Courses in **red** type; HMP Required Courses in **green** type; HMP Electives in **blue** type)

Year 1 FT			
Fall (9 cr)	Winter (10-13 cr)	Spring (10-13 cr)	Summer
PUBH 511: Foundations of Public Health	PUBH 522: Analytic Methods II: Applied Analysis	PUBH 534 Upstream Public Health & Policy	
PUBH 521: Analytic Methods I: Evidence Appraisal & Data Collection	PUBH 532: Public Health Systems & Practice	HSMP 586 Intro to Health Economics	Optional HSMP 573 Values & Ethics in Health
PUBH 531: Communicating Public Health	PUBH 533 Environment & Health	HSMP 574 Health Systems Organization	



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	Elective #1 HSMP 544: Ldrshp & Gvrnc, or HSMP 584: Soc Pol & Pub Hlth	Elective #1/2 (3 cr) HSMP 575: Adv Hlth Policy, or HSMP 585: Implmnt in Hlth Syst	
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Year 2 FT			
Fall (9-12 cr)	Winter (9-13 cr)	Spring (9-13 cr)	Summer
HSMP 581: Population Health	HSMP 577 Health Care Law & Regulation	HSMP 576 Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations	
HSMP 587 Financial Management of Health Services	HSMP 573 Values and Ethics in Health (if not taken in summer)	HSMP 588 Program Evaluation and Management in Health Services	
	PUBH 519 Applied Practice Experience (4 cr [over one term] or 2/2 [over two terms]) and PUBH 520 Integrative Learning Experience (1 cr) may be taken Winter and/or Spring and/or Summer		
Elective #2/3 HSMP 582: Oregon Hlth Policy, or HSMP 583: Econ Hlth Syst/Policy	Elective #3/4 HSMP 544: Ldrshp & Gvrnc, HSMP 584: Soc Pol & Pub Hlth, or HSMP 589: Rsrch Design	Elective #4/5 HSMP 578: Performance Improvement or, if not taken previously HSMP 575: Advanced Health Policy, or HSMP 585: Implementation in Health Systems	
IPE Course (may be taken any term)			

Part-time MPH:HMP Student Sample Schedule

(MPH Core Courses in red type; HMP Required Courses in green type; HMP Electives in blue type)

Year 1 PT			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
PUBH 511: Foundations of Public Health	PUBH 522: Analytic Methods II: Applied Analysis	PUBH 534 Upstream Public Health & Policy	<u>Optional:</u> PUBH 533 Environment & Health
PUBH 521: Analytic Methods I: Evidence Appraisal & Data Collection	PUBH 532: Public Health Systems & Practice	HSMP 574 Health Systems Organization	
Year 2 PT			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
PUBH 531: Communicating Public Health	PUBH 533 Environment & Health or, if PUBH 533 completed in summer Elective #1 (3 cr) HSMP 544: Ldrshp & Gvrnc, or HSMP 584: Soc Pol & Pub Hlth	HSMP 588 Program Evaluation & Management in Health Services	<u>Optional:</u> HSMP 573 Values & Ethics in Health Services
HSMP 587 Financial Management of Health Services	HSMP 577 Health Care Law & Regulation	Elective #1/2 (3 cr) HSMP 578: Perf Imprvmnt, HSMP 575: Adv Health Policy, or HSMP 585: Implmtn in Hlth Syst	
IPE Course (may be taken any term)			



<i>Year 3 PT</i>			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
HSMP 573 Values & Ethics in Health Services or, if HSMP 573 completed Elective #2/3 (3 cr) HSMP 581: Population Health, HSMP 582: Oregon Hlth Policy, or HSMP 583: Econ Hlth Syst/Policy	Elective #3/4 (3 cr) If not taken previously: HSMP 544: Ldrshp & Gvrnc, or HSMP 584: Soc Pol & Pub Hlth or HSMP 589: Rsrch Design	HSMP 576 Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations	
Elective #3/4 (3 cr) HSMP 581, 582 or 583 (if needed/not taken previously)	Elective #4/5 (3 cr) HSMP 544, 584 or 589 (if needed/not taken previously)	Elective #5 (3 cr) HSMP 575, 578 or 585 (if needed/not taken previously)	
	PUBH 519 Applied Practice Experience (4 cr [over one term] or 2/2 [over two terms]) and PUBH 520 Integrative Learning Experience (1 cr) may be taken Winter and/or Spring and/or Summer		
IPE Course (may be taken any term)			

MD/MPH: Health Management & Policy (Dual Degree) Course Plan: MD/MPH HMP dual degree students should consult with the MD/MPH Program Director for program requirements, course availability and scheduling needs.

Because course scheduling may vary from year to year, and other elective selections and overall schedule configurations are possible, limited modifications to this course plan are possible. Please check with the MD/MPH or HMP Program Director to discuss options and confirm the year's schedule.

	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Year 1 (MD-1)	MD Curriculum			
(MPH; 6 cr)	EPI 512 Epidemiology I		Seminar Medicine & Public Hlth	Seminar Community Health
Year 2 (MD-2)	MD Curriculum*	MD Curriculum	MD Curriculum**	MD Curriculum



Year 3 (MPH year; 45 cr)	MD Curriculum	PUBH 511: Foundations of Public Health PUBH 521: Analytic Methods I: Evidence & Data Collection PUBH 531: Communicating Public Health HSMP 587 Financial Mgmt of Health Svcs HSMP 581 Population Health (15 credits total)	PUBH 522: Analytic Methods II: Applied Analysis PUBH 532: Public Health Systems & Practice PUBH 533 Environment & Health HSMP 577 Health Care Law & Regulation HSMP 584 Social Policy & Public Health (15 credits total)	PUBH 534 Upstream Public Health & Policy HSMP 576 Strategic Mgmt in Health HSMP 588 Program Eval/Mgmt HSMP 586 Introduction to Health Econ HSMP 574 Health Systems Organization (15 credits total)
Year 4 (MD-3)	HSMP 573 Values & Ethics		MD Curriculum (finish core clinical rotations)	
MPH (4-10 cr)	IPE/UNI Course (varies; 1-2 cr)		PUBH 519 and PUBH 520 Applied Practice Experience and Integrative Learning Experience	
Year 5 (MD-4)	MD Curriculum			
MPH (0-5 cr)	MPH: Complete PUBH 519 and PUBH 520 if not done in previous year.			

* Certain SOM electives, such as Surgery and Inequalities, may be applied toward the MPH degree.

** Clinical rotations begin after USMLE Step 1.

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 Dishonesty
- ☐ Academic Dismissal
- ☐ Codes of Conduct
- ☐ Educational Records Privacy
- ☐ Minimum Course Grade Requirements
- ☐ Recognition of Prior Earned Credit
- ☐ Course Waiver Policy
- ☐ Incomplete Coursework
- ☐ Course Approvals (Electives)



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- ☐ Independent Study
- ☐ International Travel and Coursework
- ☐ Continuous Enrollment
- ☐ Leave of Absence
- ☐ Withdrawal Policy
- ☐ Time Limits
- ☐ Grievance Resolution
- ☐ Degree and Certificate Conferral