**Graduate Program Requirements**

**Program Name: Public Health MPH - Epidemiology**

**Department: College of Public Health, Deans Office**

**School/College: College of Public Health**

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| **Program Description** *(Required)*  *The MPH degree is a professional degree that provides training that is centered on research and evidence-based approaches to solving complex issues of today’s society. The Master of Public Health (MPH) is the most widely recognized professional credential for leadership in public health.*  *The College of Public Health offers a Master’s in Public Health (MPH) with seven concentration areas.*  *The CEPH-accredited program at The University of Georgia was developed to train individuals who can provide service and leadership in public health in the state of Georgia, the nation, and the world. This 2 year non-thesis program is designed for students who wish to expand their skills, knowledge, and expertise, and who wish to build leadership skills for the field. The MPH program includes instructional and applied training for future practitioners public health.*  *Students can choose one of the following concentrations:*  *Biostatistics*  *Disaster Management*  *Epidemiology*  *Environmental Health*  *Gerontology*  *Health Policy and Management*  *Health Promotion and Behavior* |
| **Total Program Hours** *(Required)*  The minimum number of hours required for this degree is 44. |
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| **Entrance Requirements**  **Step 1: Apply to SOPHAS**  MPH degree program applicants must apply via the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS). For detailed information, please visit the [SOPHAS](https://sophas.aspph.org/) website.  Official academic transcripts should be sent directly to SOPHAS from the registrars or records offices at the institutions you attended.  A resume/CV and statement of purpose must also be included in your SOPHAS application. The statement of purpose is your opportunity to communicate to us how this program fits with your career and educational goals. You should also highlight your relevant experience and preparation for this program.  Three letters of recommendation must also accompany your SOPHAS application. List the names and contact information of your recommenders in your SOPHAS application. Be sure to follow up with all your references/recommenders regularly to ensure that the recommendation process has been completed.  Official TOEFL or IELTS scores sent by testing agency to the University of Georgia.  \*International Applicants only – additional supplemental information is needed.  World Education Services (WES) Course Evaluations. Only WES evaluations of international coursework are accepted for inclusion in your SOPHAS application. Any WES-evaluated coursework cleared through SOPHAS will be reviewed once both application steps are fully completed. For specific details, please refer to www.wes.org/sophas.  Certificate of Finances (COF) Form and Visa Information. Please visit the UGA Graduate School website for more information.  **Step 2: UGA Graduate School Supplemental Application Fee**  Applicants are **not** required to submit a supplemental UGA Graduate School application. However, a supplemental application fee is still required.  The GRE is no longer a requirement for MPH admissions consideration. It is recommended that students have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Epidemiology applicants should also consider their undergraduate proficiency in algebra, calculus, and statistics coursework. Some exposure to these types of courses is expected to reflect on the applicant’s transcript.  **Fall Admissions Cycle:**  January 5: Deadline to have a complete application submitted to be considered for available assistantships and other financial aid opportunities.  May 1: Final application deadline to be considered for Fall semester admission.  **Spring/Summer Admissions Cycle:**  These cycles are only open to existing UGA students who are beginning the MPH portion of their dual-degree program of study. |
| **Required Courses** *(Required)*   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Domain** | **Course Prefix & Number** | **Course Title** | **Credits** | | MPH Core | BIOS 7010 or BIOS 7010E | Fundamentals of Biostatistics | 3 | | MPH Core | EPID 7010 or EPID 7010E | Fundamentals of Epidemiology | 3 | | MPH Core | EHSC 7010 or EHSC 7010E | Fundamentals of Environ. Health Sciences | 3 | | MPH Core | HPRB 7010 or HPRB 7010E | Fundamentals of Health Promotion & Behavior | 3 | | MPH Core | HPAM 7010 or HPAM 7010E | Fundamentals of Health Policy & Management | 3 | | EPID Core | EPID 7020 | Introduction to Epidemiology II | 3 | | EPID Core | BIOS 7020 | Introduction to Biostatistics II | 3 | | EPID Core | EPID 7100 | Current Topics in Epidemiology | 1 | | EPID Core | EPID 7410 | Principles and Methods of Field Epidemiology I | 3 | |
| **Elective Courses**  A minimum of 10 credits of elective coursework is required. Students can select electives from courses offered by the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, from other units at the College of Public Health, or with prior approval from courses offered by external units at UGA. |
| **Additional Requirements**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ILE | PBHL 7460 | Professionalism in Public Health | 1 | | ILE | PBHL 7560 | Integrative Learning Experience Advisement | 2 | | APE | PBHL 7660 | Applied Practice Experience in Public Health | 6 |   Students are required to complete a course on professionalism and career development, an internship advisement course, and the requisite course for the Applied Practice Experience. This portion of the curriculum is completed the final year of the MPH, and totals 9 credits. |
| **Career Information**  The MPH program had a 95% placement rate for the class of 2022. Many of our Epidemiology graduates go on to federal and state agencies as well as non-profit organizations. Roughly 10% go on to advanced degree programs such as medical or doctoral programs. The top graduate schools for our MPH Alumni include medical programs at Augusta University, Emory University, and Mercer University, as well as academic programs at the University of Georgia, University of Florida, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Notre Dame, and Clemson University. Top employers include Amazon, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Emory University, Georgia Department of Public Health, Amazon Corporate, Georgia Health Policy Center, Kaiser Permanente, US State Department, FEMA, FDA, and Johnson & Johnson, to name just a few. A few career outcomes that will be new opportunities for our pathway graduates include epidemiologists, research scientists, consultants, data Scientists, and public health initiative coordinators. |
| **Transfer Student Information**  Students accepted to the MPH program may transfer up to 8 credits of coursework from an accredited institution and must fall within a 6-year timeframe. The student must have received a B or better, and the coursework cannot have been used to fulfill another degree requirement. It is up to the student to apply for the transfer credits with The Graduate School and have transcripts available for review. Only credits approved by The Graduate School will be permitted to count toward the student’s MPH program of study. |
| **Available Scholarships**  The College of Public Health does award a small number of assistantships. Graduate Assistants work for the college for 13-20 hours per week. In addition to their monthly paycheck for their work, their tuition is waived (though student fees must still be paid by the student). Assistantships are generally awarded by faculty who receive money from research grants for research assistants. There is no formal application process. Students are encouraged to contact their department head to determine the best way to find available assistantship positions. Generally, once students are admitted to the program, they will receive any announcements regarding open positions through the student e-mail listservs. Assistantships are generally awarded for one academic term (Fall and Spring semesters) at a time. |
| **Study Away Opportunities**  The College of Public Health hosts study-abroad opportunities in Thailand and Japan, and has proposed a third site in Northern Europe. The UGA Office of Global Engagement coordinates study away programs with hundreds of locations around the globe. Students can select a program hosted by the College or identify an external experience that has relevance to public health and with approval, can get elective credits for coursework completed during study away. |
| **Internship Opportunities**  The MPH program has a dedicated practice coordinator and currently has 200 approved sites for the required Applied Practice Experience (APE). Students can select from agencies currently partnered with the MPH program or can find a unique APE experience for the program to establish a new partnership. |
| **Other Learning Opportunities**  Students can obtain a certificate in Disaster Management, Gerontology, Global Health, Infectious Disease, Obesity and Weight Management, and Social Determinants of Health.  Many faculty at the College of Public Health conduct research in communities and offer students the opportunity to engage in service and experiential learning, during their time in the MPH program. |
| **Student Organizations**  Public Health Association (PHA)  UGA Future Health Promoters  Environmental Health Science Club at UGA  Graduate Scholars of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at UGA  American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) -UGA Chapter  Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) – UGA Chapter  American Mock World Health Organization – UGA Chapter  Partners in Health: Engage UGA  UGA Global Health Union  Disaster Dogs  Sigma Phi Omega |
| **Available Graduate Programs**  Dual degrees available:  DVM/MPH (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine / MPH)  PharmD/MPH (Doctor of Pharmacy / MPH)  MSW/MPH (Master of Social Work / MPH)  MD/MPH (Medical Doctor / MPH)  MBA/MPH (Master of Business Administration / MPH)  MHA/MPH (Master of Health Administration / MPH)  Available Graduate Programs:  Doctor of Public Health  Master of Health Administration |