



## **M.S. in Applied Anthropology/M.P.H. in Community Health**

The School of Public Health and the Department of Anthropology at the University of North Texas have developed a cooperative agreement that allows students to pursue the M.P.H. and a graduate degree in anthropology. The dual degree program in Applied Anthropology and Public Health offers an opportunity to strengthen collaboration in public health, anthropology and social science research and practice. Medical anthropology is a field that uses anthropological theories as a framework to understand public health issues. Its emphasis on social and cultural influences on health, illness, and healing are central to the shared goals of improving health and social justice to eliminate local and global disparities. This program prepares students for careers in research, public health, and public policy planning relating to health and health care in the U.S. or in an international setting. Students pursuing an M.S. in Applied Anthropology may count their approved concentration courses in public health as part of their major field in anthropology. The following curriculum outlines the dual degree requirements:

### **Academic Procedures for the M.S. in Applied Anthropology/M.P.H. in Community Health**

1. New students are encouraged to apply simultaneously to both programs for the Fall Semester. Application deadlines for Anthropology are Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>; the application deadline for the M.P.H. is April 1<sup>st</sup>. However, a student may decide to apply at any time prior to the 18 SCH cut-off (see #5). In these cases, it is most likely that a student will make this decision during their 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the anthropology program and will then apply to the M.P.H. program in the spring of their first year (if full-time). Students are not given dual degree status until they have been successfully admitted to both the M.P.H. and M.S./Applied Anthropology programs.
2. For financial aid purposes, the primary program will be in anthropology.
3. Students will have a 4 person professional report committee – 2 members from anthropology and 2 members from public health. A second committee member for the professional report will be identified from each program with the assistance of the main advisor from each school. These advisors should cooperate on all matters pertinent to the student's degree.
4. Although students will not enroll in SPH 5855, they must complete a Practicum Portfolio for the SPH practicum, which will include a poster presentation, notebook, and reflection paper. These assignments will be coordinated between the student's UNT advisor, UNTHSC advisor, and the UNTHSC Practicum Coordinator.
5. For students currently enrolled in the M.P.H. program or Anthropology, they have 18 SCH to decide if they would like to complete the dual degree program. Before 18 SCH, they may apply to the program in which they are not currently enrolled. If a current M.P.H. student, they must

apply to the anthropology program for the Fall semester. If a current anthropology student, they can apply to the SPH for any semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer). If accepted, a new degree plan must be submitted to the School of Public Health Office of Student & Academic Services so their academic record can reflect this dual degree program.

**Core Courses for Master's in Public Health: 15 SCH**

BIOS	5210	Biostatistics for Public Health I	3 SCH
ENVR	5300	Environmental Health	3 SCH
EPID	5100	Principles of Epidemiology	3 SCH
HMAP	5210	Introduction to Health Management and Policy	3 SCH
SCBS	5110	Behavioral and Social Aspects of Public Health	3 SCH

**Required Courses for Concentration: 9 SCH**

SCBS	5400	Community Health	3 SCH
SCBS	5410	Community Assessment	3 SCH
SCBS	6220	Advanced Topics in Culture, Race, Ethnicity and Health	3 SCH

**Selective Courses for Concentration: 6 SCH – choose 2 courses**

HMAP	5450	Public Health Program Planning & Evaluation	3 SCH
SCBS	5230	Community Health Education Strategies	3 SCH
SCBS	5430	Health Communication Strategies in Public Health	3 SCH

**Culminating Experience: 6 SCH – no thesis option**

SCBS	5800	Capstone	
or			
HMAP	5800	Capstone	3 SCH
SPH	5900	Professional Report (topic to overlap with ANTH 5800 and 5810 Practicum I & II)	3 SCH

**UNT-Department of Anthropology Transfer Hours (9 SCH)**

ANTH	5020	Quantitative Methods	3 SCH
ANTH	5030	Medical Anthropology	3 SCH
ANTH	XXX	Anthropology and Public Health	3 SCH

**Total hours to complete M.P.H. program: 45 SCH**

**Additional Courses Required by Department of Anthropology: 18 SCH**

ANTH	5010	Anthropological Thought and Praxis I	3 SCH
ANTH	5015	Anthropological Thought and Praxis II	3 SCH
ANTH	5040	Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods	3 SCH
ANTH	5060	Pre-Practicum: Problems and Cases in Applied Anthropology	3 SCH
ANTH	5800	Practicum I	3 SCH*
ANTH	5810	Practicum II (topic to overlap with SPH 5900 Professional Report)	3 SCH*

\* ANTH 5800 and ANTH 5810 meet the SPH requirement for Public Health Practice Experience (SPH 5855 – 3 SCH)

**M.S. in Applied Anthropology/M.P.H. in Community Health Learning Objectives**

1. View health and health care delivery systems from a multidisciplinary perspective.
2. Students are trained to understand the multicultural environment of public health and to respect multicultural community differences.

3. Students are trained in community-oriented health services research techniques. Students are exposed to healthy community research methodologies and may select a community-oriented health project for their internship.
4. Students will develop the skills necessary to assess the need for health care services.
5. Students will develop the skills necessary to evaluate the use health care services.
6. Students will develop the skills necessary to evaluate the outcome/effectiveness of health care services.
7. At a minimum, students will be trained in survey research, evaluation research using quasi-experimental design, and the appropriate use of statistical tools for various research methods.

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