



SCHOOL of
PUBLIC HEALTH



**Department of Health
Management & Policy**

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**MPH in Health Management & Policy
Academic Year 2008-2009**

The health management and policy concentration is designed to prepare students with competencies needed for careers in policy development, policy analysis and health management. The curriculum addresses health systems, quantitative methods, health economics and finance, managed care, private and public sector management, state and national policy, and health law. The concentration provides instruction in professional competencies commonly found in schools of public policy, public administration, business and management. By the conclusion of the M.P.H. program, a student in the health management and policy concentration will be able to:

1. Understand the ethical framework suitable for health policy and management.
2. Acquire concepts to enable participation in the health care system.
3. Develop knowledge regarding mechanisms to monitor and evaluate programs for their effectiveness and quality.
4. Apply policy and management skills that are enduring and transferable over the course of the student's career.
5. Understand the legal and political system and how to affect change within it.
6. Manage information systems for the collection, retrieval and appropriate analysis of data for decision-making.
7. Apply principles of strategic planning and marketing to public health.
8. Apply quality and performance improvement concepts to address organizational performance issues.
9. Collect, summarize and interpret policy-making structures and information relevant to a health issue.
10. Articulate the health, fiscal, administrative, legal, social and political implications of policy options.
11. Develop plans to implement and evaluate policies, including goals, outcomes, process objectives and implementation steps.
12. Apply quantitative and technological skills appropriate to health management and policy.

Health Management & Policy Curriculum (48 Semester Credit Hours)

CORE COURSES: 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	5115	Behavioral Foundations of Public Health	3 SCH

REQUIRED COURSES: 18 SCH

HMAP	5240	Health Politics and Policy	3 SCH
HMAP	5245	Health Economics	3 SCH
HMAP	5255	Health Finance I	3 SCH

HMAP	5430	Public Health Law	3 SCH
HMAP	5450	Public Health Program Planning & Evaluation	3 SCH
HMAP	5270	Health Services Management	3 SCH

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE: 3 SCH

SPH	5855	Public Health Practice Experience	3 SCH
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ELECTIVE COURSES: 12 SCH

HMAP	5215	Introduction to Health Systems and Policy	3 SCH
HMAP	5256	Health Finance II	3 SCH
HMAP	5260	Health Information Systems	3 SCH
HMAP	5442	Decision Analysis and Quantitative Modeling	3 SCH
HMAP	6350	Advanced Health Policy	3 SCH
HMAP	6430	Health Care Law	3 SCH
HMAP	6220	Advanced Health Economics	3 SCH
HMAP	6215	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3 SCH
BIOS	5215	Biostatistics for Public Health II	3 SCH
BIOS	5740	Introduction to Statistical Packages	3 SCH
BIOS	5760	Data Management	3 SCH
BIOS	5730	Regression Analysis	3 SCH
SCBS	5350	Social and Behavioral Methods and Evaluation	3 SCH
SCBS	5140	Social and Cultural Determinants of Population Health	3 SCH
SCBS	5200	Social Justice, Ethics and Human Rights	3 SCH
SCBS	5215	Introduction to Health Disparities	3 SCH
SCBS	5411	Community Program Planning	3 SCH
SCBS	5415	Public Health Interventions	3 SCH
SCBS	5430	Health Communication Strategies in Public Health	3 SCH
SCBS	5500	Introduction to International Health	3 SCH
ECON	5150	Public Economics (UNT)	3 SCH
ECON	5880	Seminar on Current Health Care Economics Research (UNT)	3 SCH
ECON	5460	Industrial Organization and Public Policy (UNT)	3 SCH
MGMT	5140	Organizational Behavior and Analysis (UNT)	3 SCH
MGMT	5530	Operations and Management of Physician Practices (UNT)	3 SCH

- Students may substitute an elective course not on this list only with prior written approval of their advisor.
- Courses not approved as substitutes will not be applied toward the degree plan.

CULMINATING EXPERIENCE:

Comprehensive Exam (see details below)

- Upon approval by the student's advisor and the department chair, students may elect to complete a Thesis for the culminating experience. In this case, students will take 6 SCH of "ELECTIVE" coursework and 6 SCH of Thesis.

The comprehensive exam covers material from all required concentration-specific courses. In order to take the exam, students must be in good academic standing. The exam is given in the first week of April each year. Students are responsible for informing the Department of Health Management and Policy of their intentions to take the exam. A student who encounters a last minute emergency (sickness, death in the family, etc.) may appeal to the exam committee for an opportunity to take a makeup exam. Students who fail the exam may, upon recommendation of the committee, be allowed to retake the exam. However, an opportunity for retaking the exam is not automatic.