



Department of Health Management & Policy

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MPH in Health Policy

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

1. Understand the ethical framework suitable for the health policy arena.
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. Understand the legal and political system and how to affect change within it.
5. Apply policy analysis skills that are enduring and transferable over the course of the student's career.
6. Collect, summarize and interpret policy-making structures and information relevant to a health issue.
7. Articulate the health, fiscal, administrative, legal, social and political implications of policy options.
8. Develop plans to implement and evaluate policies, including goals, outcomes, process objectives and implementation steps.
9. Apply quantitative and technological skills appropriate to health policy.

Health Policy Curriculum (45 SCH)

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	5110	Behavioral and Social Aspects of Public Health	3 SCH

REQUIRED COURSES: 18 SCH

HMAP	5240	Health Politics and Policy	3 SCH
HMAP	5241	Applied Policy Development	3 SCH
HMAP	5242	Decision Analysis	3 SCH
HMAP	5245	Health Economics	3 SCH
HMAP	5430	Public Health Law	3 SCH
HMAP	5450	Public Health Program Planning & Evaluation	3 SCH

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE: 3 SCH (to be eligible for enrollment, students must complete all core courses and at least two required courses)

SPH 5855 Public Health Practice Experience 3 SCH

ELECTIVE COURSES: 3 SCH

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Students may take any SPH course with approval of their academic advisor.

CULMINATING EXPERIENCE: 6 SCH

SPH 5950 Thesis 6 SCH