



## Department of Health Management & Policy

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# MPH in Health Management

The health management concentration is designed to prepare students with competencies needed for careers in health management. The curriculum addresses health systems, quantitative methods, health economics and finance, managed care, and other areas central to management in both private and public sectors. **For the culminating experience, students may choose between a thesis or a comprehensive exam. Students selecting the comprehensive exam option must take an additional six (6) semester credit hours of electives in lieu of the thesis.** By the conclusion of the M.P.H. program, a student in the health management concentration will be able to:

1. Understand the ethical framework suitable for the health management arena.
2. Acquire concepts to enable participation in the health care system.
3. Develop knowledge regarding mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of managerial programs.
4. Apply management skills that are enduring and transferable over the course of the student's career.
5. Manage information systems for the collection, retrieval and appropriate analysis of data for decision-making.
6. Apply principles of strategic planning and marketing to public health.
7. Manage information systems for the collection, retrieval and appropriate analysis of data for decision-making.
8. Apply quality and performance improvement concepts to address organizational performance issues.
  1. Apply quantitative and technological skills appropriate to health management.

### Health Management 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 for Thesis option or 9 SCH for Comprehensive Exam Option**

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

**CULMINATING EXPERIENCE: 0-6 SCH**

SPH 5950 Thesis 6 SCH

Or

Comprehensive Exam (see details below) 0 SCH

Students who select the comprehensive exam option do not register for a course in order to take the exam; however, they must complete six (6) additional semester credit hours of electives. The 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 a different exam. However, an opportunity for retaking the exam is not automatic.