

Public Health

Degree: Master of Public Health
Certificates: Environmental Health, Health Care Ethics, Infection Control, Medical Informatics
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The goal of the Master of Public Health (MPH) Program is to provide students with a high quality, multidisciplinary perspective on public health to prepare them to be public health professionals. The MPH degree is the most widely recognized professional credential for leadership in public health. The program core provides students with a background in environmental problems, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, biostatistics, health services administration, and an internship in the public health/health care environment. The elective courses offer students the opportunity to tailor their degree to best fit their career goals in public health. Public Health is a broad field that is open to students from diverse academic disciplines including Health Sciences, Education, Business, Social and Natural Sciences, and others. Classes are offered in the evenings and late afternoons to accommodate working professionals as well as full-time students. The MPH Program is allied with several academic centers/certificate programs that broaden the educational opportunities available to students in the program, including the Center for Health Care Ethics, the Program in Medical Informatics, the Program in Nursing, the Program in Medical Technology, and certificates in Medical Informatics, Health Care Ethics, Critical Care Nursing, Infection Control, Environmental Health, and others. Close relationships with the state public health facilities in the region as well as with area hospitals and the military provide a strong foundation in the health care and public health communities for enhancing and broadening the internship opportunities for students in the Program. The UWF MPH Program is structured to qualify for accreditation by the Council on Education in Public Health.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students must submit the Application for Admission to Graduate School and a nonrefundable admission application fee to the Office of Admissions by the appropriate deadline. Applications for Admission may be obtained from the Office of Admissions at UWF.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to have submitted to the Office of Admissions two official transcripts directly from each college or university attended.

Official test results from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) are required to be sent for all applicants directly to the Office of Admissions from the Educational Testing Service. Applicants with terminal degrees (PhD or EdD) or advanced professional degrees (MD, DDS, DVM, JD, DO) from accredited programs and licensed in the United States may request to waive the GRE requirement but must complete other admission requirements.

Prospective Graduate students, including students transferring from another graduate program, must:

- A. have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university.

- B. provide three letters of recommendation.
- C. possess basic computer competency.
- D. take the GRE within five years preceding application to the MPH program (see below for exceptions).
- E. meet the following criteria:
 - shall have earned a “B” average or better in all work taken while registered as an upper division student working toward a baccalaureate degree or
 - shall have a total Verbal and Quantitative GRE General Test Score of 1000 or higher. Students currently enrolled in medical school must have earned an average MCAT score of 7 based on the three sections of the exam.

Other criteria may apply.

Applicants with insufficient training in public health or other health and biological sciences will be required to take two foundational proficiency courses (HSC5506 and HSC5552) that will NOT count toward the degree requirements.

Students from the Navy and Army Medical Residency Programs entering the MPH will substitute Aerospace Medicine and Toxicology for six semester hours of electives.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a grade of “B” or better in all courses in the MPH program in order to remain in good standing within the program and in order to graduate from the program.

At the end of their academic program, all students are required to take and pass with a grade of 70% or better, an oral Comprehensive Examination.

All students are required to satisfactorily complete a supervised Public Health Internship (6 sh) involving field experience in a public health-related area and to submit a written report on research conducted during this capstone experience and to defend the conclusions and recommendations included in their report. The internship course requirement will be met for students with appropriate professional experience or who are currently enrolled in a medical residency program or in the final two years of medical school.

Students qualified to enroll in graduate studies but who do not have the required documents by the application deadline date, or those who do not intend to work toward a graduate degree, may complete up to 12 hours as non-degree seeking students.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this *Catalog*.

**Master of Public Health Core Courses
(21 sh)**

HSA	5115	Public Health Care Policy and Administration	3
PHC	5XXX	Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health	3
PHC	6XX3	Epidemiology for Public Health Professionals	3
PHC	6XX5	Survey of Environmental Problems	3
PHC	6XX7	Internship in Public Health	6

STA 5XXX Biostatistics 3

Master of Public Health Specialization Courses (15 sh)

Choose 15sh of coursework from the following in consultation with your academic advisor:

BUL 5XXX Legal Fundamentals of Health Care and Public Health 3

ECP 5XXX Health Economics 3

ECP 5XX1 Business Analysis and Decision Making in Health Care 3

HSC 6XXX Strategies for Prevention of Infectious Disease 3

HSC 6XX3 Microbiology in Health Care 3

MCB 5273 Epidemiology of Infectious Disease 3

PHC 6XXX Epidemiological Study Design and Statistical Methods 3

PHC 6XX1 Environmental Toxicology 3

PHC 6XX2 Environmental Health in the Urban Community 3

PHC 6XX4 Computer Applications in Public Health 3

PHC 6XX6 Disease Transmission in the Urban Environment 3

PHC 6XX8 Design of Infection Control Programs 3

PHC 6XX9 Disease Surveillance and Monitoring 3