This fully accredited degree program provides an opportunity for you to broaden your public health practice leadership skills and expand your knowledge of modern health care organizations and their relationship with public health systems in small communities or large global populations. Our approach to education provides you with the analytical, problem-solving and decision-making skills that will help you assess not only today’s public health problems, but those of five, ten, twenty years in the future.

The focus on core areas of public health practice provides mid-career professionals with advanced tools to improve the health of the community. Public Health offers extraordinary career possibilities in both the public and private sectors in occupational health and safety, environmental protection, food safety, health education, health planning and analysis, a variety of management positions, and much more. The MPH in Public Health Practice also prepares you for additional education at the doctoral level.

Admissions

The Public Health Practice Program is limited to health care professionals with at least three years experience in a health-related field. In order to be considered for admission, prospective master’s students must follow the applicable steps below. An applicant must have one of the following (A, B, or C):

A A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution and satisfying at least one of the following criteria:

- “B” average (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student working for a degree, OR
- “B” average (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division undergraduate student working for a baccalaureate degree.

B A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution and a previous graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

C The equivalent bachelors and or graduate degrees from a foreign institution.

As of Fall 2006, applicants must receive minimum score of 450 on the verbal and 550 on the quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within five years preceding application. GRE waivers may apply. Graduates of foreign medical training programs are required to take the GRE if they are not licensed in the U.S. In addition, international applicants who are from a country where English is not the primary language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. A minimum test score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 80 (Internet-based) taken within two years of application must be submitted.

Tuition & Fees: Current tuition rates for both Florida and Non-Florida residents can be found at publichealth.usf.edu/eta/tuition.htm.

For additional information on U.S. College of Public Health, visit publichealth.usf.edu.

For additional information on Public Health Practice and the Online MPH Program, visit our Web site at publichealth.usf.edu/php/onlinemph.

You may also call toll-free 888-USF-COPH or locally 813-974-6606 or email php@health.usf.edu.

For additional information on the graduate certificates available online, visit publichealth.usf.edu/gradcert.html.
An MPH in Public Health Practice requires 43 credits, including 5 core courses, required courses, and electives. Some of our students are choosing to take additional electives to earn graduate certificates in Disaster Management, Humanitarian Assistance, Public Health Policy & Programs, and others. As a student in the online program, you can be assured of receiving personal attention from our faculty and staff. This Public Health Practice degree program is designed for professionals working in health-related fields who cannot attend traditional on-campus courses due to time conflicts or distance limitations. Courses are delivered via the internet, video streaming, CDs and other electronic technologies. Time required to complete the program ranges from 2 ½ to 5 years.

Program Requirements

Final graduation requirements include the completion of a supervised field experience, a written special project, and a comprehensive examination based upon your course of study. A faculty advisor will assist each student in the planning and completion of a special project. The field experience can be completed either at your home site or through a planned group experience with other students and faculty. Students from prior cohorts have traveled to such sites as Hawaii, Costa Rica, Cuba and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the final 5-day, on-campus requirement, students will complete the capstone course or Seminar. The Public Health Practice Seminar is designed as a culminating experience integrating topics and skills introduced in prior classes along with the development and enhancement of tools necessary to be a leader in tomorrow’s public health care system.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

Non degree-seeking students who have not been admitted to a formal degree program with the college may take as many courses as they wish, however, no more than 12 hours of credit earned in this status may be applied toward a graduate degree. Hours taken as a non-degree seeking student do not count toward a degree without approval from the college.

Florida State Employee Waivers

Florida State employees may qualify for a state tuition waiver. Check with your Human Resource office for additional information. The number of tuition waivers that can be used in any one course is limited.

Sponsored Institute Students

Employees of the following institutions may receive course credits at a special tuition rate:
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and their vendors or subcontractors,
- members of the U S Public Health Service, and
- employees of other select federal health services.

Please contact the college for more information.

Academic Common Market Students

The Academic Common Market (ACM) is an exchange program that may allow residents of the following states to matriculate at Florida resident tuition rates for this program. Participants in the ACM include Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Not all states offer common market status for our program. Contact the state office and the Southern Regional Education Board web site for further information: www.sreb.org.

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