



Graduate Degree in Occupational Medicine at the College of Public Health

Why Pursue a Career in Occupational Medicine?

It is clear that there is a need for well-trained board certified occupational medicine physicians, especially in the State of Florida and the Southeastern region of the United States. The shortage of trained health professionals knowledgeable in occupational\environmental medicine will lead to a disproportionate number of workers with occupationally related problems. Early recognition and treatment is the cornerstone of any solution to this growing problem.

The residency is designed for physicians with full-time career goals in the field of occupational medicine. Our curriculum allows residents to design a course of study leading to an MSPH degree, or an MPH, in select circumstances. The breadth of the residency is such that there is sufficient flexibility to accommodate varying interests and career goals.

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Learning about Occupational Medicine

If I decide to earn a Master's Degree in Public Health / Occupational Medicine what will this degree actually prepare me to do?

You will be able to:

- Become the Medical Director of a Corporation, Clinic or Insurance company.
- Work for a company in a health-related industry.
- Work at a governmental level on workforce health issues.
- Serve as a consultant for implementing and evaluation occupational health and safety services.

What would I actually do as an Occupational Medicine Physician?

- Develop programs designed for medical surveillance, workplace monitoring, the prevention of occupational health disorders, and patient care.
- Administration and management of occupational health programs in an industrial setting or wherever personnel health services are needed, especially in a managed care setting.
- Development and management of governmental programs, which may be required by law to provide surveillance, monitoring and hazard evaluations.
- Careers in teaching and research in an academic setting.

Where do Occupational Medicine Physicians typically work?

Occupational Medicine Physicians work in a variety of jobs such as employee health in hospitals, manufacturing plants, nuclear power plants, chemical companies, pharmaceutical firms, industry and manufacturing of all types, public utilities and insurance companies. Some occupational medicine physicians work for a branch of the government agencies such as the CDC, OSHA, NIOSH. Some go into consulting work, while others pursue research or academic careers.

How much money can I earn as an Occupational Medicine Physician?

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (see <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>) the median annual earnings of occupational health physicians were over \$200,000.

How can I learn more about Occupational Medicine?

Go to <http://www.acoem.org>

Or contact us at the College of Public Health.

The Occupational Medicine/ MSPH Program at USF

What can I do to prepare myself for the Master's in Public Health/Occupational Medicine Program?

You will need:

- To hold an MD or DO degree and at least one year of clinical Internship.
- Two letters of recommendation from your previous attending and or Medical School.
- A letter from Honors advisor noting GPA of 3.2.
- Desire for a public health career as documented in a one page goal statement.
- Approval by appropriate department admission committee & College and Graduate School.

What type of financial assistance is available?

Monies to support tuition and fees for full time students and stipend for full time students may be available.

Who can I contact at the College of Public Health regarding the Occupational Medicine/ MSPH program?

You can contact Sandra Cordova at 813-974-7537 or email at scordova@health.usf.edu

How can I learn more about the application process?

Go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/eoh/>

What types of courses will I take?

A (MPH) or a (MSPH) are required to complete 41 credit hours in the College of Public Health toward their Master of Science in Public Health. In order to obtain the MSPH, the completion of a thesis as well as comprehensive examination is required. Of the 41 credit hours, 15 credit hours are required as College of Public Health Core Courses.

What Makes the USF Occupational Medicine/ MSPH Program stand out?

The MSPH in Occupational Medicine includes an occupational medicine residency program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Programs. The residency program option is a two year concurrent academic and practicum with academic work in the evenings while the practicum takes place during the day.

For more information, please see our website at:

http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/catalog_current/programs/eohohmsph.pdf