

University of South Florida, College of Public Health
Public Health Practice Program

MPH: Public Health Practice

The **Master of Public Health (MPH)** is the primary professional degree in public health. The program provides a set of skills and principles essential for students who intend to apply their training in a professional setting, provide leadership in a specific health specialty, and improve and protect the health and well being of populations. All MPH students complete coursework designed to prepare public health professionals to actively and effectively contribute to population-based, culturally appropriate, and innovative approaches concerning current and emerging public health problems.

In addition to the overall Master of Public Health degree competencies, *Public Health Practice* graduates will be able to:

1. Appraise the health status of populations by acquiring skills and knowledge about determinants of health and illness, factors contributing to health promotion and disease prevention, and factors influencing the use of health services;
2. Define the basic outcome indicators and goals of public health practices and how they differ from private health care;
3. Utilize basic quantitative and qualitative research designs used in public health;
4. Determine appropriate use of data and statistical methods for problem identification and resolution, and program planning;
5. Develop skills in public health program planning, implementation and evaluation;
6. Describe how a person's cultural background, socioeconomic status, level of education, occupational risks, age, disabilities and lifestyle preferences impact their current and future health status;
7. Articulate the ethical, administrative, legal, social and political implications of preventive and health promotion services;
8. Demonstrate effective integration of the core disciplines in improving public health outcomes;
9. Describe methods for assembling and sustaining a successful coalition of partners;
10. Demonstrate the ability to perform effectively as part of a team;
11. Develop effective leadership and advocacy skills in advancing public health issues and concerns; and
12. Define the elements for effective communication of important public health information, needs, policies and problems

College of Public Health - Program Curriculum Check Sheet

Name: _____ **Dept:** **College Wide**
Advisor: _____ **Degree:** **MPH**
Semester/Year Accepted: _____ **Concentration:** **Public Health Practice**

Any grade below a C (C- to F) is required to be retaken. The grade will be included in the student's GPA.

College Core Courses			Total Needed	15	Grade	Sem/Yr Taken
PHC	6000	Epidemiology		3		
PHC	6050	Biostatistics I		3		
PHC	6102	Principles of Health Policy and Management		3		
PHC	6357	Environmental and Occupational Health		3		
PHC	6410	Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health		3		
Public Health Practice Required Courses			Total Needed	12		
PHC	6120	Community Partnerships and Advocacy		3		
PHC	6421	Public Health Law and Ethics		3		
PHC	6930	Public Health Seminar		3		
		<i>Choose one of the following:</i>				
PHC	6104	Management of Public Health Programs		3		
PHC	6146	Health Services Planning and Evaluation		3		
Electives (see Additional Program Information page 2)			Total Needed	12		
Culminating Experiences			Total Needed	4		
PHC	6945	Supervised Field Experience		1		
PHC	6977	Special Project		3		
		Comprehensive Exam – no credit (part of Public Health Seminar)				
Minimum 42 credit hours (not including field experience)			Total GPA Hours			GPA
Total Hours Attempted						

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