

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Overview

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge base regarding the major elements of public health including health services administration, project and program design, epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health, social and behavioral theory and application, and healthcare policy and law. Students are equipped to pursue a career in the areas of health services administration, epidemiology, or health education.

The Master of Public Health degree builds upon the professional knowledge and practical skills of the public health professions in accordance with the university's Christian heritage and mission. This 42-credit degree can serve as a terminal degree or can prepare the adult student for applied doctoral degrees such as the Dr.P.H. (Doctor of Public Health) or Ed.D. (Doctor of Education) in Organizational Leadership. It is incumbent upon the student to confer with the institution conferring the terminal degree to determine admission and transfer requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for the Master of Public Health

Graduates of the Master of Public Health degree program will be able to:

- **PLO 1:** Evaluate key personal and organizational ethics affecting public health activities from a Christian worldview perspective.
- **PLO 2:** Demonstrate effective oral communication skills.
- **PLO 3:** Demonstrate effective written communication skills.
- **PLO 4:** Critically evaluate interventions and outcomes based on data analysis and interpretation common to public health practice.
- **PLO 5:** Apply critical thinking skills and systems-based approaches in evaluating public health research.
- **PLO 6:** Implement specific health professional competencies within a public health arena.
- **PLO 7:** Articulate the role of diversity and cultural awareness in promoting high professional standards and better public health outcomes.