

Master of Public Health

The online Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is designed to prepare professionals to resolve complex health issues and enhance the wellbeing of communities in the U.S. and around the world. Through excellence in teaching, research, and service, this respected online program seeks to educate and develop capable leaders in the public health workforce by closely aligning with academic community partners and by empowering students to address relevant public health problems today. This interdisciplinary degree challenges you to proactively seek implementable solutions and to develop preventative measures by understanding the scientific, psychological, and sociological competencies that significantly impact public health policy and practices today.

Our Master's in Public Health is accredited by Council on Education for Public Health (<http://ceph.org>) (CEPH) for a five-year term, extending to July 1, 2022. View our accreditation page (<https://www.apus.edu/about/accreditation>) for more details, or to request a copy of the self-study and the final CEPH report.

Please be advised that due to the COVID-19 outbreak, many hospitals are not allowing internship placements at this time. We are making you aware as this may adversely impact your time to completion. Please contact the practicum coordinator if you have questions by emailing Dr. Donna Ross at dross@apus.edu.

The Typhon student practicum tracking software will be implemented in to the Public Health program. Typhon allows faculty the ability to keep track of documents, practicum hours, and communication. It also allows the preceptor to view and approve hours as submitted. Typhon offers the ability to develop the students' professional portfolio and access the system for **5 years**. For all programs, there is a one-time \$90 fee for the student, which students will pay directly to the Typhon group.

This program has specific admission requirements.

Statement of Mission

The mission of the American Public University System (APUS) Master of Public Health (MPH) program is to prepare and educate students to promote health and well-being as public health practitioners through excellence in teaching, research, and service in preparation for leadership opportunities in a diverse and global society through a student-focused learning environment.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

APUS Master of Public Health Program (MPH) requires students to master a set of competencies before graduation. Students will master **CEPH's 22 foundational** competencies categorized into 8 domains. This is a standard set of competencies required for all public health students receiving an MPH degree at accredited institutions. In addition, students will master six (6) specific program competencies (Program Learning Outcome) that are unique to the APUS-MPH program.

22 CEPH Foundational Competencies

Evidence-based approaches to public health

1. Apply epidemiological methods to the breadth of settings and situations in public health practice
2. Select quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context
3. Analyze quantitative and qualitative data using biostatistics, informatics, computer-based programming and software, as appropriate
4. Interpret results of data analysis for public health research, policy or practice

Public health and health care systems

1. Compare the organization, structure and function of health care, public health and regulatory systems across national and international settings
2. Discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities and racism undermine health and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community and societal levels

Planning and management to promote health

1. Assess population needs, assets and capacities that affect communities' health
2. Apply awareness of cultural values and practices to the design or implementation of public health policies or programs
3. Design a population-based policy, program, project or intervention
4. Explain basic principles and tools of budget and resource management
5. Select methods to evaluate public health programs

Policy in public health

1. Discuss multiple dimensions of the policy-making process, including the roles of ethics and evidence
2. Propose strategies to identify stakeholders and build coalitions and partnerships for influencing public health outcomes
3. Advocate for political, social or economic policies and programs that will improve health in diverse populations
4. Evaluate policies for their impact on public health and health equity

Leadership

1. Apply principles of leadership, governance and management, which include creating a vision, empowering others, fostering collaboration and guiding decision making
2. Apply negotiation and mediation skills to address organizational or community challenges

Communication

1. Select communication strategies for different audiences and sectors
2. Communicate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing and through oral presentation
3. Describe the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content

Interprofessional practice

1. Perform effectively on interprofessional teams

Systems thinking

1. Apply systems thinking tools to a public health issue

APUS-MPH specific program competencies (Program Learning Outcome):

1. Examine methods of epidemiology including statistical analysis and the impact of disease occurrence, both past and present, on population health.
2. Evaluate the effects of environmental factors on the health of populations and implement culturally appropriate strategies to prevent and manage environmental hazards.
3. Evaluate health policies and regulatory systems to address the management of population health.
4. Apply emergency preparedness and disaster health management to public health and healthcare settings.
5. Assess public health programs and create strategies responsive to the diverse cultural values and beliefs of the communities being served.

6. Develop programs and/or interventions that effectively address the social determinants of health and health disparities.

Programmatic Admission Requirements

The following documentation is required for admission into this program, and must be provided prior to course registration:

- Three (3) character references
- Official transcripts showing a conferred bachelor's degree or higher
- Your resume/CV
- Statement of purpose and interest

Please visit our AMU (<https://www.amu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) or APU (<https://www.apu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) graduate admission page for more information on institutional admission requirements.

Need help?

If you have questions regarding a program's admission requirements, please contact an admissions representative at 877-755-2787 or info@apus.edu.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Core Requirements	44
	Final Program Requirements	3
	Total Semester Hours	47

Degree Program Requirements

Core Requirements (44 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
PBHE501	Public Health in America ¹	3
PBHE502	Health Policy	3
PBHE520	Biostatistics with Lab	4
PBHE526	Public Health and Environment	3
PBHE527	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3
PBHE531	Public Health Program Planning and Evaluation	3
PBHE532	Ethical Issues in Public Health	3
PBHE540	Emergency Management Health and Medical Issues	3

PBHE550	Research Methods in Public Health	3
PBHE601	Health Care Administration	3
PBHE605	Quarantine	3
PBHE606	Disaster Health Management	3
PBHE607	Epidemiology	3
PBHE697	Public Health Practicum	4
Total Semester Hours		44

¹ Required as the first course in this program.

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
PBHE699	Public Health Capstone ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ Taken once all other degree requirements have been met.