MPHO - Master of Public Health

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH Courses

MPHO 610. Introduction to Public Health Practice. 1 Credit.
This introductory readings course provides students with an overview of the public health sector from a local, national, and global perspective. The history of public health and recent events leading to a complete transformation of service delivery are two of the topics presented.

MPHO 611. Social and Behavioral Sciences for Public Health. 3 Credits.
This course introduces those social and behavioral science concepts relevant to public health practice. Social and behavioral models that may influence population based health programs are emphasized with projects designed to demonstrate their use.

MPHO 613. Environmental Sciences for Public Health Practice. 3 Credits.
This course provides an introduction to the chemical, physical, and biological factors affecting human health and well-being. The application of controls to prevent disease and maximize environmental quality is emphasized.

MPHO 630. Social Marketing for Health Populations. 3 Credits.
This course examines social marketing concepts and tools for influencing health behavior change. Students learn how to design, implement, and evaluate strategies for social marketing campaigns.

MPHO 633. Financing Healthcare. 3 Credits.
Students will examine financial evaluation of the health care industry, the source of funds, and the effects of changing patient policies. Other topics of interest will be financial strategies, budgets and capital outlay. Cross-listed with CHP 633.

MPHO 640. Health Disparities and Social Justice. 3 Credits.
This course provides an introduction to the topic of global health disparities through an in-depth examination and discussion of the relationship between social injustice and inequitable health outcomes. Students will be introduced to the social and environmental determinants of health disparities and the pathways and mechanisms leading to inequitable health outcomes in vulnerable groups, as well as strategies for addressing these determinants to improve health.

MPHO 651. Health Promotion and Education Methods and Materials. 3 Credits.
This course covers community health methods and strategies at the individual and community levels, teaching/learning styles, learning process, group dynamics, needs assessment, health literacy, adult learning principles, and teaching roles of the health professional. This course is designed to meet the needs of the health professional in the areas of patient instruction, educational programs, and continuing education.

MPHO 660. Healthcare Informatics. 3 Credits.
This course examines the availability, use of interpretation of data obtained from traditional and new data systems used for population health monitoring. Included are public health surveillance systems, vital statistics, hospital discharge data, Health Plan Employer Data and Set (HEDIS), immunization information, school health data, 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and regulatory agency data related to health.

MPHO 661. Program Planning and Evaluation. 3 Credits.
This course examines the application of evaluation skills for community health programs. It is designed to assist students in identifying and gaining proficiency in the skills of designing, organizing, coordinating, and evaluating health education programs.

MPHO 669. Public Health Practicum. 3 Credits.
This course provides students with an opportunity to engage in public health practice in the community or in a working environment. Students who have not work experience may want to consider the practicum as an elective course. Students currently employed in the public health sector may want to use the practicum as an elective to develop a work related project.

MPHO 670. Cultural Issues in Health Promotion and Education. 3 Credits.
This course provides an introduction for multicultural communication for health promotion and disease management. Topics to be covered include how to work collaboratively in diverse groups with an understanding of health behaviors, values, and health benefits.

MPHO 673. Policy and Politics of Health. 3 Credits.
This course enables the student to develop systematic and analytical frameworks for understanding health and healthcare policy issues. It will introduce the policy process, background research necessary for policy implementation, and implementation strategies.

MPHO 680. Global Health Issues. 3 Credits.
An examination of the political, social, cultural, and ethical issues for disease prevention and health promotion in developing countries. Students will learn to identify international health prerogatives aimed at improving health status through education and intervention.

MPHO 686. Legal Aspects of Health Services. 3 Credits.
This course examines the legal requirements affecting the health care industry, including a survey of the basic concepts and content in the major areas of health law, an explanation and identification of sources of legal authority, and a familiarity with legal language.

MPHO 688. Grant Writing for Public Health Practice. 3 Credits.
Covers issues and problems concerned with the development of grants and contracts as they relate to the health professions. The course focuses on the multiple roles of funding agencies and the importance of matching the interests of the grant seeker with the corresponding funding agency.

MPHO 689. Capstone Project. 3-6 Credits.
3-6 credit hours. The Capstone Project must be taken as the final course for the MPH degree. In this course a student works with a faculty preceptor and a community preceptor to produce a product useful to public health practice in environmental health (e.g. a paper, a manuscript, a grant, complete an internship, a work related project). The student must also complete a portfolio containing an activity log and relevant information gathered over the course of study to demonstrate the mastery of theoretical and applied concepts.

MPHO 695. Topics in Public Health. 1-3 Credits.