Welcome

The Master of Public Health (MPH) at Central Michigan University is designed for students who wish to advance as practitioners in the field of public health and/or are planning to pursue doctoral programs in health science.

Projected Job Growth

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the need for health educators and community health workers is projected to grow at a faster rate than the average for all occupations (11%) at 21% between 2012 and 2022. Community health workers specifically are projected to grow at an even more rapid rate of 25% between 2012 and 2022. The primary reason for this exponential growth is due to a greater emphasis on improving health outcomes and reducing the costs of healthcare through education related to healthy habits, behaviors and use of healthcare services. 


Program Information

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Minimum Totals for Graduation: 47 hours

Public Health is organized efforts in a community to improve the health of its population. It applies systematic and analytic reasoning to evaluate disease and illness causation within a population.

The MPH is recognized as the flagship degree in public health. The program at CMU is designed for students with a Bachelor’s degree and for working professionals who already have a Bachelor’s degree and wish to have a graduate degree. The program explores challenges and problems affecting the population’s health, particularly the health of rural and underserved groups, by focusing on areas of study such as epidemiology, environmental health, rural health, public health leadership, program planning, evaluation and health policy and management.

Students build competencies in understanding the major social, behavioral, cultural, political, environmental, and regulatory factors affecting the health of populations. This understanding enables students to apply specific new and innovative techniques to address the health challenges of rural and underserved populations across the state, country and world.

Admission Requirements

Students must have a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA and provide official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Candidates must also submit an official GRE, GMAT, MCAT, or other standardized graduate-level test score for admission to the MPH program.

The program will be CEPH accredited as eligible. The program may require an internship and/or practicum depending on the student’s public health experience. A thesis or other research project must be completed as part of the program’s capstone.
Possible Job Opportunities

- Public Health Mgt Analyst
- Research Scientist
- Health Educator
- Public Health Nurse
- Nutritionist
- Epidemiologist
- Sanitarian
- Community Planner
- Social Worker
- Biostatistician
- Public Policy Maker
- First Responder
- Biostatistician
- Occupational Health & Safety Worker
- Community College Professor
- Director of Programs and Services
- Health Communications Specialist
- Manager of Health Initiatives
- Public Health Physician
- Health System Administrator
- International Health Advocate
- Restaurant Inspector
- Environmental Health Analyst
- Executive Director

Course Offerings

Core Courses (26 hours)

- MPH 640 - Biostatistics 4(3-1)
- MPH 642 - Health Education Theories 3(3-0)
- MPH 644 - Rural Health 3(3-0)
- MPH 646 - Epidemiology 4(3-1)
- MPH 648 - Health Policy and Management 3(3-0)
- MPH 650 - Biological Basis of Public Health 3(3-0)
- MPH 652 - Public Health Environmental Science 3(3-0)
- MPH 654 - Public Health Leadership 3(3-0)

Required Courses (15 hours)

- MPH 658 - Health Planning and Assessment 3(3-0)
- MPH 660 - Program Evaluation 3(3-0)
- MPH 664 - Public Health Communication and Informatics 3(3-0)
- MPH 796 - MPH Capstone Project 1-6(Spec)
- MPH 798 - Thesis 1-6(Spec)

Note: Choose only one of MPH 796 or 798, not both.

Electives (6 hours)

Select two of the following:

- MPH 666 - Substance Abuse Services 3(3-0)
- MPH 668 - Ethics in Public Health 3(3-0)
- MPH 670 - Methods in Public Health Research 3(3-0)

Total: 47 semester hours

Core Faculty

Faculty in the Community Health Division, as well as others in the School of Health Sciences, have various backgrounds in public health that provide for an enriched classroom experience. All instructors involved with the MPH Program share a commitment to excellence in research, teaching, and service, and strive to involve students.

Graduate assistants and other valuable experiences and opportunities will be provided to students, depending on available resources. Practical opportunities in rural and underserved communities is a pillar of the program.

Assistantships

Each year the MPH program awards a limited number of graduate assistantships to qualified students on a competitive basis.

Graduate assistants receive a tuition waiver and a stipend as compensation. They work 20 hours per week for the department by assisting in faculty research and/or teaching activities. Assistantship applications are available from the department.

Other awards and scholarships may be available through the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. See the Graduate Bulletin for details.

Apply Online

http://apply.cmich.edu
Applications are being accepted for Fall 2016

For More Information

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