

Degree: Master of Public Health

Major: Community Health

Concentration Options:

Epidemiology (EPI) or Health Promotion/Health Education (HPHE)

The MPH is the most widely recognized professional degree for leadership positions in public health. This degree is appropriate for those who wish to pursue careers in developing, planning, managing, or evaluating health promotion and disease prevention programs, conducting public health related research or epidemiology. The UNF MPH Program prepares students with a broad understanding of the core areas of public health. Each concentration area focuses on appropriate competencies. MPH graduates will be able to integrate and apply their knowledge to address public health problems, and will possess skills and competencies necessary for public health practice in a wide range of public and private institutions. Graduates are typically employed in governmental or non-profit health agencies, health care facilities, work site wellness programs or school settings. The UNF MPH Program is nationally accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Graduates are eligible to become Certified in Public Health (CPH) by passing the CPH exam offered by the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE). This certification is only available to graduates of CEPH-accredited programs. Graduates are also eligible to become a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) by passing the exam offered by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing (NCHEC). The MPH Program courses are offered in a mixed-delivery format. Each course is offered one time per year in one of three formats: 1) face-to-face; 2) distance learning (DL); or 3) hybrid. Face-to-face courses meet on UNF campus, typically one night per week, 6:00-8:45pm. DL courses are offered online. Hybrid courses are a combination of the first two methods, with no more than half of classes meeting face-to-face. This format makes the UNF MPH Program very accessible to those working full-time while still providing meaningful interaction with faculty and peers. Overall, students meet on campus one night per week each semester, on average. The MPH Program admits one cohort of students each fall semester. Students may opt for the full-time or part-time sequence. The full-time program can be completed in 2 years (including fall, spring, and summer terms). The part-time sequence can be completed in 3 years.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

University requirements:

A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or its equivalent from a foreign institution with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all work attempted in the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate study.

Additional program requirements:

1. Official transcripts from all attended institutions
2. Official GRE test scores from the last 5 years
3. Letter of intent describing reasons for seeking an MPH degree and short and long-term goals
4. Resume'
5. Two letters of recommendations

Students should be aware that admission into any graduate program is granted on a competitive basis. Students meeting minimum requirements may be denied admission based on such factors as program capacity or academic discretion. Likewise, students may be considered for admission as an exception if stated admissions criteria are not met. There are no pre-requisite courses required; individuals with a bachelor's degree in any field may be accepted into the MPH Program. UNF currently admits one group of MPH students per year each fall semester.

Applications for Admission are to be submitted to The Graduate School at the University of North Florida. Questions about the Admission Process can be directed to The Graduate School at the University of North Florida (904) 620-1360.

PROGRAM COURSES

Core Requirements (Both Concentrations)		15 Semester Hours
PHC6000	Epidemiology I (or HSC6505 Epidemiology)	3
PHC6050	Public Health Biostatistics I	3
HSC6215	Environmental Health	3
HSC6603	Social & Behavioral Aspects of Health	3
PHC6102	Public Health Policy & Management	3

Other Requirements (Both Concentrations)		12 Semester Hours
PHC6103	Public Health Practice	3
HSC6735	Health Science Research	3
PHC6940	Public Health Capstone	3
PHC6945	Public Health Internship	3

Concentration-Specific Requirements		18 Semester Hours
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HPHE	Semester Hours
HSC6585 Hlth Prom/Hlth Ed Strategies	3
HSC6587 Prog Plan Hlth Promo/Ed	3
HSC6716 Health Program Evaluation	3
3 Electives	9

EPI	Semester Hours
PHC6011 Epidemiology II	3
PHC6002 Infect Dis Epidemiology	3
PHC6003 Chron Dis Epidemiology	3
PHC6051 Pub Hlth Biostats II	3
2 Electives	6

Electives: Select from HSC, PHC, or HSA courses. Other graduate-level courses may be taken with approval of the MPH Program Director. A list of approved elective is provided to students via the learning management system.

TOTAL (Core + Other + Concentration-Specific Requirements)	45 Semester Hours
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Notes: For all concentrations, there is a required course sequence. Courses are taught one time per year. Students admitted beginning Fall Semester 2016 must take the CPH (Certified in Public Health) Exam. The CPH exam may be taken any time after completion of all core requirement coursework. Passing the exam is required to obtain the MPH degree. Students may take the exam as many times as needed to pass up to March 1 of the student's anticipated graduation year. Student registration and the fee for the exam are the responsibility of the student. See the appropriate student handbook for more details.



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