Master of Public Health Program

Student Orientation

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Main purpose: To enable the success of MPH Program students
Master of Public Health Program

• Interdisciplinary Program
• Four Supporting Colleges
  – Agriculture
  – Arts and Sciences
  – Human Ecology
  – Veterinary Medicine
• 42 hour Graduate Degree
  – 14 Hours “Core” Courses
  – 22 hours Other Courses
  – 6 hours Field Experience or Public Health Research
• Graduate Certificate in Public Health Core Concepts
  – Completion of “Core” Courses
  – May be taken before or concurrently with MPH degree
Area of Emphasis Options

- Food Safety and Biosecurity
- Infectious Diseases and Zoonoses
- Public Health Nutrition
- Public Health Physical Activity
Current MPH Program Students

- Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses: 69 (65%)
- Concurrent DVM/MPH: 25
- DVM: 12
- Other: 32

- Graduate Certificate in Public Health Core Concepts: 15 (14%)

- Food Safety and Biosecurity: 2 (2%)

- Public Health Physical Activity: 9 (8.5%)

- Public Health Nutrition: 11 (10.5%)

Total: 106
MPH – 91
Certificate Only - 15

As of Aug 2012
Student Learning Outcomes

1. Knowledge
2. Skills
3. Integration
4. Diversity
5. Professional Development

- Aligns with University Graduate Student Learning Outcomes
- Information on Web Site
  
  www.ksu.edu/mphealth
Core Areas of Knowledge

• Biostatistics
• Epidemiology
• Social and Behavioral Sciences
• Environmental Health Science
• Health Services Administration

NOTE: Core Competencies align with these areas
Core Classes

- STAT 701 (3 credit hours)
- DMP 754 (3 credit hours) or DMP 708/ DMP 854 (5 credit hours)
- KIN 818 (3 credit hours)
- DMP 806 (2 credit hours)
- HMD 720 (3 credit hours)

TOTAL of 14 semester credit hours *

* For those taking the 2nd option for epidemiology, core classes will total 16 hours. Do not take both DMP 754 and DMP 708.
Core Classes - Scheduling

- STAT 701: Fall, Spring
- DMP 754: Fall only
- KIN 818: Spring only
- DMP 806: Spring only
- HMD 720: Spring (In-class); Summer (Online)

For those taking 2nd option for Epidemiology
- DMP 708: Spring only (in-class)
- DMP 854: Spring only
Class Schedule – First Year
One Possibility

• Fall 2012
  – DMP 754 (3 hours)
  – STAT 701 (3 hours)
  – Emphasis Area Requirements (3-6 hours)

• Spring 2013
  – KIN 818 (3 hours)
  – DMP 806 (2 hours)
  – Emphasis Area Requirements (4-7 hours)

• Summer 2013
  – HMD 720 (3 hours)
  – Emphasis Area Requirement (3 hours)
Other Course Requirements
(By Area of Emphasis)

- Food Safety Biosecurity
- Infectious Diseases and Zoonoses
- Public Health Nutrition
- Public Health Physical Activity

See specific course requirements for each area of emphasis, aligned with competencies.

NOTE: Substitutions must be approved by Advisor/Major Professor AND Program Director.
Field Experience
Culminating Experience

- 6 Semester Credit hours
- 240 Contact hours (NOTE: Change from 480)
- May be split over two semesters
- Policies and Procedures outlined in MPH Graduate Handbook and on web
  - Field Experience Form approved BEFORE start
  - Forms for assessment of experience
- Should be “application of knowledge”; schedule after all core classes + majority of all coursework
- Travel Awards: Colleges and MPH Program
- Oral/Written reports (posted to K-REx)
- NOTE: Student must be enrolled in at least one credit hour the semester you graduate.
Field Experience
Culminating Experience

• Location: Public health-related organization (non-academic)
  – Examples: Local health department, state department of health, CDC, International Non-Governmental Agency

• Mentor: someone at agency with public health training (e.g., MPH) and/or experience

• Capstone Project: must address public health-related issue; can be part of field experience, but not necessarily

• Placement: Student responsibility; faculty and program office assistance
Thesis Research Option
Culminating Experience

• 6 Semester Credit hours
• Research related to public health
• Time requirements agreed upon by Research Professor and Student
• Presentation must include demonstration of core public health knowledge
• Must have additional 3 hours of field experience (180 contact hours)
Supervisory Committee and Program of Study

• Supervisory Committee
  – Major Professor (can be advisor or other MPH faculty)
  – 2 or more other graduate faculty members
  – Student responsibility / Advisor assists

• Program of Study for MPH Degree
  – Submit during 2\textsuperscript{nd} full semester or after 9 credit hours
  – Forms on Graduate School Web Site (hyperlinked from our web site)
  – Turn in form with student/supervisory committee member signatures to MPH Office
MPH Organizational Structure

Provost

MPH Program

Graduate School

College of Agriculture

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Human Ecology

College of Veterinary Medicine

MPH Executive Council

MPH Faculty Advisory Council

MPH External Advisory Council

MPH Student Council
Student Participation

- K-State Public Health Club
- MPH Student Council
- Surveys
  - Initial (first week of class for new students)
  - Mid-program
  - Field Experience
  - Graduate Exit
  - Alumni
**Information**

- Update Contact Info to MPH Office
- **Individual Advice**
  - Courses, Program of Study, Field Experience/Research: Talk to Advisor first
  - Forms, Program Questions: Contact MPH Office
- **Questions or Concerns which cannot be answered by Advisor**: Contact MPH Office
  - Call or Email
  - Visits (Appointments preferred; walk-ins OK)