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 in Field Experience / Capstone Project
- 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
Main Degree Requirements

- Core Courses (All MPH Degree and Grad Certificate Students);
- Courses toward Emphasis Area Requirements (Different for each Area of Emphasis);
- Field Experience (All MPH Degree Students);
- Capstone Project / Culminating Experience (3 Main Options).
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

- MPH 701 (3 credit hours)
- MPH 754 (3 credit hours) or
  - MPH 708/ MPH 854 (5 credit hours)
- MPH 818 (3 credit hours)
- MPH 806 (2 credit hours)
- MPH 720 (3 credit hours)

TOTAL of 14 semester credit hours *

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

- MPH 701: Fall (In-class); Spring (Online)
- MPH 754: Fall only (Online)
- MPH 818: Spring only (format alternates)
- MPH 806: Spring only (Online)
- MPH 720: Spring (In-class); Summer (Online)

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

• Spring 2015
  – MPH 818 (3 hours)
  – MPH 806 (2 hours)
  – Emphasis Area Requirements (4-7 hours)

• Summer 2015
  – MPH 720 (3 hours)
  – Emphasis Area Requirement (3 hours)

• Fall 2015
  – MPH 754 (3 hours)
  – MPH 701 (3 hours)
  – Emphasis Area Requirements (3-6 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.
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 are on Graduate School Web Site (hyperlinked from our web site)
  – Turn in form with student/supervisory committee member signatures to MPH Office
Culminating Experiences

- Three main options
  - Field experience which includes a capstone project
  - Thesis in public health research, plus field experience
  - Master’s Report on public health topic, plus field experience

- Note: All students must have field experience
  - Public health agency outside of academia
  - With mentor who has public health training and/or experience
Field Experience
Culminating Experience

• 6 Semester Credit hours
• 240 Contact hours
• May be split over two semesters (3 credits each)
• 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)
Master’s Report Option
Culminating Experience

• 2 Semester Credit hours
• Project related to public health
• Time requirements agreed upon by Major Professor and Student
• Presentation must include demonstration of core public health knowledge
• Must have additional 4 hours of field experience (240 contact hours)
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)