

# KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY



## Master of Public Health Program

Student Orientation  
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# ***MPH Program Office***

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***Call, email or visit us (appointments are good)***

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Main purpose: To enable the success of MPH Program students

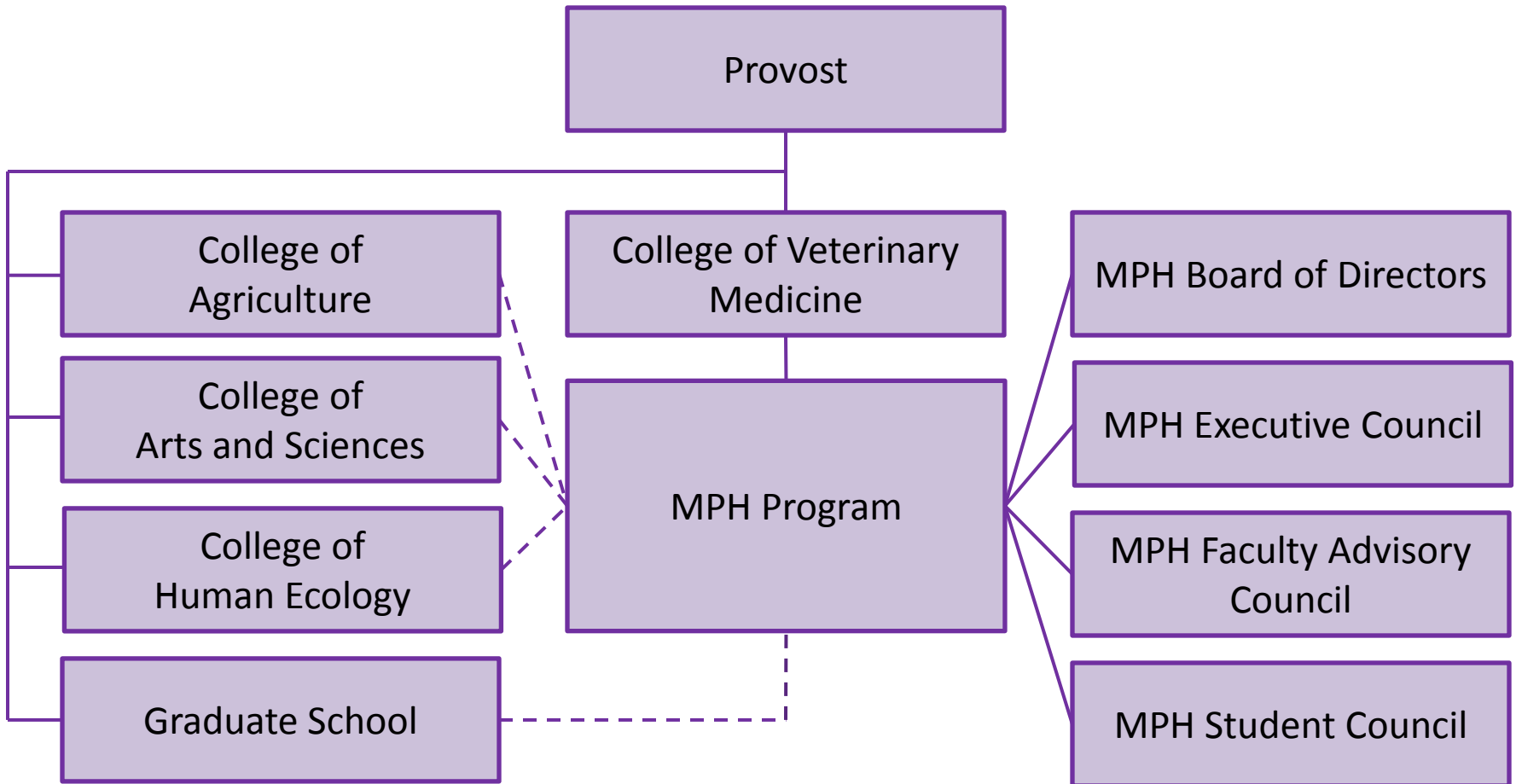
# ***Master of Public Health Program***

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- 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

# MPH Organizational Structure

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# ***Area of Emphasis Options***

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

# ***Main Degree Requirements***

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- 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***

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

NOTE: Core Competencies align with these areas

# Core Classes

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- 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<sup>nd</sup> option for epidemiology, core classes will total 16 hours. Do not take both MPH 754 and MPH 708.



# ***Core Classes - Scheduling***

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- MPH 701: Fall (In-class); Spring (Format TBD)
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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***

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- Fall 2014
  - MPH 754 (3 hours)
  - MPH 701 (3 hours)
  - Emphasis Area Requirements (3-6 hours)
- 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)

# ***Other Course Requirements (By Area of Emphasis)***

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- 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***

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- 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<sup>nd</sup> 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***

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- 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***

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- 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***

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- 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***

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- 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***

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- 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***

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- 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*

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- 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)