Overview of the Master of Public Health degree

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is an interdisciplinary degree designed to address population health issues at all levels. It provides graduate-level training for individuals seeking a career in public health; and is nationally accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

The degree prepares individuals to address health issues at all levels. One Health is a public health issue and a unique strength of K-State that has increased opportunities for professionals who can address human, environmental and animal health. This degree program is supported by faculty from over 16 departments and 7 colleges at K-State.

### Unique Features

- Accredited through the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).
- Core Curriculum (15-hours) may be completed all online.
- Emphasis area courses offered through a mix of online and in-person classes.
- Four Unique Emphasis Areas from three different colleges:
  - **College of Agriculture:**
    - Food Safety and Biosecurity (FSB)
  - **College of Veterinary Medicine:**
    - Infectious Diseases and Zoonoses (IDZ)
  - **College of Health and Human Sciences:**
    - Public Health Nutrition (PHN)
    - Public Health Physical Activity (PHPA)

### Curriculum

**42 credits**

*Online Core Curriculum (15 credit hrs)*

- MPH 701 – Fundamental Methods of Biostatics (3 hrs)
- MPH 720 – Administration of Health Care Organizations (3 hrs)
- MPH 754 – Introduction to Epidemiology (3 hrs)
- MPH 802 – Environmental Health (3 hrs)
- MPH 818 – Social and Behavioral Bases of Public Health (3 hrs)

*Emphasis Curriculum*

- +21 hours from your chosen area of emphasis (FSB, IDZ, PHN or PHPA)

*Applied Practice Experience*

- MPH 840 – Public Health Practice (6 hrs) in a non-academic setting

### For more information

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*Domestic Students:*

No application deadline!

*International Students:*

January of Fall you want to start.

Feel free to stop in and see us!

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### What Can You Do With the MPH?

You can do just about anything from epidemiology to health education to being an environmental health specialist. Our MPH graduates are working all over the world including Africa, Uzbekistan and federal, state and local health departments.
### Application and Admission Process

Eligible students must hold a BS degree with a preferred cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 in the last 60 hours of coursework.

**Required Submissions**

- **Narrative Statement of Objectives** describing education and public health experiences along with professional career goals.
- **Official transcripts** form each institution attended. (Copies are allowable, if admitted originals must follow.)
- **GRE Scores**
- **Three letters** of recommendation from persons qualified to assess your academic work, public health or professional experiences and leadership potential in public health.

**No Deadline for domestic students**, applications are accepted continuously. Apply at least 1-2 months before you want to enroll in MPH classes.

**International students**, deadline is January for Fall semester start.

Completed applications are reviewed by an emphasis area admissions committee and applicants are notified of the decision via e-mail from the MPH Program, and if accepted, the Graduate School will also e-mail you with enrollment instructions.

**MPH website:** k-state.edu/mphealth

**To apply go to:** k-state.edu/grad/

### Sample MPH Projects

- Nutrition Outreach Efforts
- Public Health Risk in Animal Shelters
- Worksite Wellness to Improve Physical Activity and Nutrition to Combat Obesity
- Hand Hygiene Campaign at Lafene Health Center
- Compliance Rates of Recommended Vaccines (Middle School)
- Sexually transmitted disease management assessment for the Central Flint Hills region
- A look into the emphasis physicians, veterinarians, and pregnancy educators place on providing Toxoplasmosis information for pregnant patients or clients

### Sample Applied Practice Experience Sites

- One Health Coordination Center, USDA-APHIS
- U.S. Army Public Health Command, several locations
- New Mexico Department of Health Office of Border Health
- Riley County Health Department and Riley County Extension
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Animal Health

### Sample Graduate Employers

- USDA APHIS – Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Response team
- Riley County Health Department
- Red Cross Organization at the state level
- Harveters Community Food Network
- Food and Agriculture Organization in the United Nation
- Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. as a consultant
- PhD programs

### Job Titles of Graduates

- Health Educator
- Health Policy Intern in Washington, D.C.
- Epidemiologist (local and state level)
- Food Program Coordinator
- Environmental Health Specialist
- Community Programs Technical Assistant
- Extension Agent (county and state level)
- Wellness Specialist for a major corporation
- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Area Supervisor/Training Officer for KDA
- Disease Investigator
- Microbiologist
- Nutrition and Health Education Specialist
- Research Assistant
- Maternal Child Health Educator
- Tobacco Coordinator for Healthy Communities