

Public Health - M.P.H.

Curriculum

The Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree is a 45-credit hybrid graduate program that trains students to solve 21st-century public health problems. Public health is an interdisciplinary field, incorporating theories and skills from numerous other disciplines. Students in the JWU M.P.H. program learn across the continuum of public health knowledge, from the social determinants of health and policy to the core principles of epidemiology, biostatistics and research. Designed to meet the Council on Education for Public Health's accreditation standards, the M.P.H. integrates foundational knowledge and competencies throughout the curriculum, so students learn how to use public health skills within numerous different content areas.

With full-time (two-year) and part-time (four-year) options, the JWU M.P.H. program is flexible to the needs of our students. Prior experience in public health or healthcare is not needed, and applicants from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. The curriculum is based on current best practices and emphasizes application of knowledge to solve real-world issues. Courses are specifically designed to prepare students for an independent, applied practicum experience and to train students to make immediate impacts on the public's health after graduation.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Use practice- and research-based epidemiological methodologies to assess the health of a population.
- Develop a public health intervention using foundational knowledge to improve community health.
- Evaluate the impact of public health programs and policy using observational, experimental or quasi-experimental methodologies.
- Evaluate the effect of diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives on individual and community health.
- Develop a comprehensive plan to create and promote an environment that supports healthy decision-making.

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Core Courses

HSC5020	Foundations of Public Health	3
HSC5080	Health and Healthcare *	3
HSC5100	Healthy Planet	3
HSC5120	Health Trends	3
HSC5150	Chronic Disease Prevention and Control	3
HSC5180	Discrimination and Health	3
HSC5220	Insights into Vulnerable Populations	3
HSC5260	Advocating for Healthier Diets *	3
HSC5290	Combatting Infectious Disease	3
HSC5320	Cultural Competency to Improve Health	3
HSC5350	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion *	3
HSC5380	Policy of Addiction	3
HSC5420	Community Organizing	3
HSC6120	Improving Community Health	3
HSC6920	Public Health Capstone	3
Total Credits		45.0

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Courses may only be available online. Students should consult with their academic advisor regarding course availability and for planning purposes.

Admissions Requirements

Admissions Criteria

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. or international institution before matriculation into this program
- Minimum 3.0 GPA from an accredited undergraduate college or university or a minimum 2.6 GPA with at least five years of work experience

There are no course-based prerequisites for entry into the program. Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply

Submit

- a résumé/CV
- a personal statement
- transcripts
- two letters of recommendation

Application Process

- Applications are currently accepted through the JWU application system.
- To apply, click the yellow "Apply Now" button. Select "Graduate," then "In Person."
- This program accepts applications on a rolling basis, but we urge students to apply as soon as possible.
- GREs or other standardized tests are not required.

Admissions Process

Each application is reviewed by the Master of Public Health Program Admissions Committee. Preference for acceptance is given to applicants who can demonstrate their commitment to public health issues and the ability to complete graduate-level coursework. There is no interview during the MPH admissions process.