



## 2016-2017 Curriculum Guide for Master of Public Health degree program with a specialization in HEALTH BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills for general and specialized applied public health practice, both in the public sector and in private sector careers related to population health. It includes courses within public health's core disciplines of biostatistics, environmental health science, epidemiology, health behavior & health promotion, and health services management and policy. This broad training is complemented by the more in-depth course work within the specialization including a practicum and culminating experience.

Students admitted to the MPH degree program are assigned a faculty advisor who will provide guidance throughout the program. This document serves as a resource to be used by the student and the advisor in planning a program with a specialization in Health Behavior and Health Promotion (HBHP) but is not inclusive of all important degree, college, and university requirements. All students are expected to be familiar with the College of Public Health (CPH) *Graduate Student Handbook* (available at <http://cph.osu.edu/students/graduate/handbooks> and with the *Graduate School Handbook* (available at <http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/>).

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

The MPH-HBHP curriculum consists of a minimum of 45 credits organized into five curricular domains:

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| 1. Core courses in areas of knowledge basic to public health | (15 credits)        |
| 2. Courses required for a specialization in HBHP             | (20 credits)        |
| 3. Approved Electives  | (4 credits)         |
| 4. Practicum   | (2 credits minimum) |
| 5. Culminating Project Seminar and Culminating Project       | (4 credits)         |

### Public Health Core Courses (15 credits)

Every student in the MPH-HBHP program must take the following courses in areas of knowledge basic to public health:

<b>Biostatistics</b> PUBHBIO 6210	Design and Analysis of Studies in the Health Sciences	3 credits
<b>Environmental Health Sciences</b> PUBHEHS 6310	Principles of Environmental Health Science	3 credits
<b>Epidemiology</b> PUBHEPI 6410	Principles of Epidemiology	3 credits
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b> PUBHHBP 6510	Preventing Disease and Promoting Health through Behavioral Science	3 credits
<b>Health Services Administration</b> PUBHHMP 6610	Introduction to Health Care Organization	3 credits

### Required Courses in the Specialization (20 credits)

PUBHHBP 7520	Community Health Assessment	3 credits
PUBHHBP 7522	Program Planning and Implementation	3 credits
PUBHHBP 7528	Foundations of Professional Practice in Health Promotion	3 credits
PUBHHBP 7562	Theoretical Approaches to Health Behavior Change in Public Health Applications	2 credits
PUBHBIO 6211	Design and Analysis of Studies in the Health Sciences II	3 credits

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PUBHHBP 7532	Program Evaluation in Public Health	3 credits
<b>or</b>		
PUBHHBP 7534	Research Methods in Health Behavior and Health Promotion	
PUBHHBP 7542	Settings and Special Populations in Health Promotion	3 credits
<b>or</b>		
PUBHHBP 7544	Fundamental Determinants of Population Health & Implications	

**Recommended Electives for HBHP (4 credits)**

*(Note that any graduate-level course in Public Health can be used as an HBHP elective)*

PUBHHBP 5520	Public Health in Action	2 credits
PUBHHBP 7550	Special Topics in Health Behavior and Health Promotion (topics vary)	2 credits
PUBHHBP 7552	Substance Abuse Prevention	2 credits
PUBHHBP 7554	Cancer Behavioral Science	2 credits
PUBHHBP 7558	Social-Ecological Strategies in Prevention	2 credits

**Practicum**

PUBHLTH 7189	Practicum in Public Health	2 credits
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**Culminating Project and Culminating Project Seminar (4 credits)**

PUBHHBP 7899.01	Culminating Project Seminar I	1 credit
PUBHHBP 7899.02	Culminating Project Seminar II	1 credit
PUBHLTH 7998	Culminating Project in Public Health	2 credits

**Sample Curriculum Plan for the Master of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Promotion**

<b>Year 1 Autumn</b>	PUBHHBP 6510	Preventing Disease and Promoting Health through Behavioral Science	3 credits	AU, SP
	PUBHHBP 7520	Community Health Assessment	3 credits	AU
	PUBHHBP 7562	Theoretical Approaches to Health Behavior Change in PH Applications	2 credits	AU
	PUBHBIO 6210	Design and Analysis of Studies in the Health Sciences I	3 credits	AU, SP*
<b>Year 1 Spring</b>	PUBHHBP 7522	Program Planning and Implementation	3 credits	SP
	PUBHHBP 7532 or PUBHHBP 7534	Program Evaluation in Public Health or Research Methods in Health Behavior and Health Promotion	3 credits	SP
	PUBHBIO 6211	Design and Analysis of Studies in the Health Sciences II	3 credits	SP
	CPH CORE PUBHEHS 6310 OR PUBHEPI 6410 OR PUBHHMP 6610		3 credits	SP
<b>Year 1 Summer</b>	PUBHLTH 7189	Practicum	2 credits	ANY
<b>Year 2 Autumn</b>	PUBHHBP 7542 or PUBHHBP 7544	Settings and Special Populations in Health Promotion or Fundamental Determinants of Population Health & Implications	3 credits	AU
	PUBHHBP 7899.01	Culminating Project Seminar I	1 credit	AU
	CPH CORE	PUBHEHS 6310 OR PUBHEPI 6410 OR PUBHHMP 6610	3 credits	AU, SP
	ELECTIVE		2 credits	AU, SP
<b>Year 2 Spring</b>	PUBHHBP 7528	Foundations of Professional Practice in Health Promotion	3 credits	AU
	PUBHHBP 7899.02	Culminating Project Seminar II	1 credit	SP
	PUBHLTH 7998	Culminating Project in Public Health	2 credits	SP
	CPH CORE ELECTIVE	PUBHEHS 6310 OR PUBHEPI 6410 OR PUBHHMP 6610	3 credits 2 credits	AU, SP AU, SP

\*SP offerings is only offered as a web-based course

**Grade Policy:**

In addition to the general Graduate School requirements of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, students must meet specific college policies regarding grades in Core and specialization courses. Students should familiarize themselves with Section 11 of the College of Public Health Graduate Student Handbook.

**Office of Academic Programs and Student Services (OAPSS)**

OAPSS staff are available to provide assistance with College, Graduate School and University policies and procedures. Students can make an appointment with a staff member in OAPSS by calling (614) 292-8350. OAPSS address: 100 Cunz Hall/1841 Neil Ave/Columbus, Ohio/ 43210/cph.osu.edu

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