

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A Master of Public Health (MPH) provides a strong foundation in the principles and practices of public health through the lens of social and behavioral sciences. This CEPH-accredited MPH program's mission is to provide a stimulating academic environment in a metropolitan setting that supports excellence and innovation in education, research and service to enhance the lives and health of individuals, families and communities in the Mid-South and beyond.

The MPH-SBS degree can be earned either in-person, online or hybrid, either full-time or part-time. Students are eligible to take the CPH exam upon completion of their MPH core courses.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) program offers two options for students:

1. Traditional four-semester program offered in-person or online
2. An accelerated program available for completion within 12 to 15 months

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Students work closely with professors and peers to develop competence in the principles of social and behavioral sciences as they apply to public health issues. The curriculum includes explorations of the social and community factors involved in public health problems, qualitative and mixed-methods research and evidence-based intervention strategies. Graduates will gain experience in project management and evaluation, as well as public health communication.

IS THIS DEGREE FOR YOU?

If you have completed or are in the process of completing a bachelor's degree and have a strong interest in the community health with a focus on how to impact health behaviors, an SBS MPH is right for you. To learn more and discuss your options, reach out to our admissions team.

EMPLOYMENT PREPAREDNESS

An SBS MPH prepares graduates for higher level project management and research responsibilities in the public health workforce. Social and Behavioral Sciences training is highly valued in a variety of settings, including academic, governmental, non-profit, medical and corporate fields.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CONCENTRATION IN SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL
SCIENCES (SBS)

42 CREDIT HOURS

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- 18 hours | Core Courses
- 12 hours | Generalist concentration
- 6 hours | Elective courses
- 3 hours | Practicum/field experience
- 3 hours | Thesis or master's project



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (400-500 words)
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES CURRICULUM

(CORE COURSES)

PUBH 7120 | Environmental Health I

PUBH 7150 | Biostatistical Methods I

PUBH 7170 | Epidemiology in Public Health I

PUBH 7180 | Foundations of Public Health

PUBH 7160 | Social and Behavioral Sciences Principles

HADM 7105 | Health Policy and Organization of Health Services

(SBS CONCENTRATION COURSES)

PUBH 7132 | Health Program Evaluation

PUBH 7130 | Social Determinants of Health

PUBH 7340 | Behavioral Intervention Development

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

PUBH 7014 | Public Health Communication

PUBH 7345 | Health Literacy

PUBH 7050 | Mass Communication

(ELECTIVES - 6 CREDITS)

(OTHER REQUIREMENTS)

PUBH 7985 | Practicum/Field Experience

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

PUBH 7992 | Master's Project Seminar

PUBH 7996 | Master's Thesis

CONNECT WITH OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM

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