

## CRITERIA 2: INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

**2.1 DEGREE OFFERINGS. THE SCHOOL SHALL OFFER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS REFLECTING ITS STATED MISSION AND GOALS, LEADING TO THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) OR EQUIVALENT PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN AT LEAST THE FIVE AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE BASIC TO PUBLIC HEALTH. THE SCHOOL MAY OFFER OTHER DEGREES, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC, AND OTHER AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, IF CONSISTENT WITH ITS MISSION AND RESOURCES.**

2.1.a. An instructional matrix presenting all of the school's degree programs and areas of specialization. If multiple areas of specialization are available within departments or academic units shown on the matrix, these should be included. The matrix should distinguish between public health professional degrees, other professional degrees and academic degrees at the graduate level, and should distinguish baccalaureate public health degrees from other baccalaureate degrees. The matrix must identify any programs that are offered in distance learning or other formats. Non-degree programs, such as certificates or continuing education, should not be included in the matrix. See CEPH Data Template 2.1.1.

Template 2.1.1 below presents the academic programs offered at the School. We confer the following degrees: BS; MPH; MS; MHA; DrPH; and PhD. We also have joint degree programs with five other schools at The George Washington University: Columbian College of Arts and Sciences; School of Medicine and Health Sciences; Law; Elliott School of International Affairs; and College of Professional Studies. Offerings include residential, online and hybrid programs.

The School has a robust and vibrant curriculum with 16 distinct MPH tracks in several different specialty areas. These areas encompass foundational knowledge essential to developing a successful public health practice in all the core areas of public health knowledge. The curriculum is delivered through multiple modalities including face-to-face, online and hybrid. In Spring 2016 we will allow students more flexibility of programming; residential students will be able to take up to a third of their courses online and MPH@GW students can take up to a third of their courses on campus. The flexibility of course delivery formats will support our many students who travel for work or who have personal time constraints.

Additionally, the School offers both a residential MHA and an executive hybrid MHA track. The SPH also offers the doctorate of public health (DrPH) in four areas: Environmental and Occupational Health; Global Health; Health Behavior; and Health Policy. The doctorate of philosophy (PhD) is currently offered in Epidemiology and in Fall 2016 we will admit our first PhD class in Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health.

## CEPH Data Template 2.1.1 – Instructional Matrix

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Specialization/Concentration/Focus Area</b>	<b>Academic</b>	<b>Professional</b>
<b><u>DOCTORAL DEGREES</u></b>				
DrPH	Environmental & Occupational Health	Environmental & Occupational Health		X
DrPH	Global Health	Global Health		X
DrPH	Prevention & Community Health	Health Behavior		X
DrPH	Health Policy & Management	Health Policy		X
PhD	Epidemiology & Biostatistics	Epidemiology	X	
PhD	Prevention & Community Health	Social & Behavioral Sciences <sup>1</sup>	X	
<b><u>MASTER DEGREES</u></b>				
E-MHA (D)	Health Policy and Management	Health Administration		X
MHA	Health Policy and Management	Health Administration		X
MPH	Environmental and Occupational Health	Environmental Health Science and Policy		X
MPH	EOH/Global Health	Global Environmental Health		X
MPH	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Biostatistics		X
MPH	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Epidemiology		X
MPH	Epidemiology and Global Health	Global Health Epidemiology <sup>2</sup>		X
MPH	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	Physical Activity in Public Health		X
MPH	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	Public Health Nutrition		X
MPH	Global Health	Global Health Communication		X
MPH	Global Health	Global Health Program Design, Monitoring & Evaluation		X
MPH	Global Health	Global Health Policy		X
MPH	Health Policy and Management	Health Policy		X
MPH	Prevention and Community Health	Community-Oriented Primary Care		X
MPH	Prevention and Community Health	Health Promotion		X
MPH	Prevention and Community Health	Maternal & Child Health		X
MPH	Prevention and Community Health	Public Health Communication & Marketing		X
MPH (D)	Public Health	MPH@GW		X
MS	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Epidemiology	X	
MS	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Public Health Microbiology & Emerging Infectious Diseases	X	
MS	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	Strength & Conditioning	X	
MS	Health Policy and Management	Health Policy	X	
<b><u>JOINT DEGREES</u></b>				
MPH/MS	Physician Assistant/Public Health	Joint MS PA-MPH: COPC, Epidemiology or Health Policy track		X
MPH/JD or LLM	Law School/HPM	Joint JD or LLM-MPH: Health Law & Health Policy		X
MPH/MD	SMHS/Public Health	Joint MD-MPH: any MPH track		X
MPH/MA	Elliot School Int'l Affairs/Global Health	Joint MA-MPH: Global Health tracks		X
MPH/Peace Corp	Peace Corp/Public Health	MPH with Peace Corp Masters International: any MPH Track		X
BSPH/MPH	Public Health	Public Health		X
MPH/Certificate	HPM/College of Professional Studies	Joint MPH-Certificate: MPH or MS, Health Policy/Certificate, HCC <sup>3</sup>		X
MHA/Certificate	HPM/College of Professional Studies	Joint MHA-Certificate: MHA/Certificate, HCC <sup>3</sup>		X
<b><u>OTHER GRADUATE</u></b>				
Specialist	Health Policy and Management	Health Services Administration		X
<b><u>BACHELOR DEGREES</u></b>				
BS	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	Exercise Science		
		Exercise Science- Pre-Athletic Training/Sports Medicine		
BS	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	Concentration		
BS	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	Exercise Pre-Medical Professional Concentration		
BS	Exercise and Nutrition Sciences	Exercise Science- Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration		
BS	Public Health	Public Health		
<b><u>OTHER UNDERGRADUATE</u></b>				
Minor	Exercise & Nutrition Sciences	Exercise Science		
Minor	Exercise & Nutrition Sciences	Nutrition		
Minor	Public Health	Public Health		

(D)- distance education/online program (E) - Executive

<sup>1</sup> New Program- First cohort will matriculate fall 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Global Health Epidemiology- currently not accepting students

<sup>3</sup> HCC- Healthcare Corporate Compliance Certificate awarded from College of Professional Studies

Recently deactivated programs that may have active students completing degree, not included above, include: MPH, Public Health Management; MS, Exercise Science-Clinical Exercise Physiology; and the BS, Exercise Science- Pre-Dietetics Concentration

**2.1.b. The school bulletin or other official publication, which describes all degree programs identified in the instructional matrix, including a list of required courses and their course descriptions. The school bulletin or other official publication may be online, with appropriate links noted.**

The University Bulletin <http://www.bulletin.gwu.edu/> provides descriptions of all SPH programs as well as links to all University courses and summaries. Curricular information is also found on the School website: <http://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics> and through individual departmental webpages.

The School website, which also includes course summaries, is open to anyone. The short curricular guides have been combined in **ERF 2.1.b.: SPH Programs-At-A-Glance**

**2.1.c. Assessment of the extent to which this criterion is met and an analysis of the school's strengths, weaknesses and plans relating to this criterion.**

This criterion is met.

**Strengths:**

- Degree offerings are provided in a variety of formats and timelines to meet student needs (residential, online and hybrid programs).
- Programs include various offerings in both professional and academic realms.
- The School now confers the PhD in epidemiology. In the past, that degree was conferred through the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, even though the SPH faculty did most of the teaching.
- Bundled elective courses to create two focus areas for the existing PhD Epidemiology program. This will provide an opportunity for students to concentrate in either physical activity or environmental health.
- Collaborations with other Schools at the University to support joint programs.
- Since the last accreditation, the School has added laboratory sciences and research opportunities for students.
- With the opening of our own building, we can now provide more classrooms and meeting space for extra-curricular activities.
- A new PhD program in Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health will welcome its first class in Fall 2016.

**Challenges:**

- Joint programs with the PA program and MD program are very credit heavy and taxing on students.
- The BS in public health and the BS programs in the Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences could be better aligned.
- Finding new ways to make GW a financially attractive choice for top level students interested in public health.
- Recruiting additional faculty to teach new and existing courses while increasing the school's research portfolio.

**Future Plans:**

- Explore the feasibility of moving the PhD in Biostatistics to the School from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences.
- Investigate potential joint MPH/MSN program with the School of Nursing.
- Expand enrollment in the joint BS/MPH program.
- Increase in undergraduate enrollment.
- Offer more course format flexibility for the residential and online student populations. Will launch Spring 2016.
- Secure additional funding (e.g., NIH training grants) for doctoral students.