

<p><b>Milken Institute School of Public Health</b></p> <hr/> <p>THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY</p>	<p><b>Milken Institute School of Public Health</b></p> <p><b>Master of Public Health Public Health Generalist</b></p> <p><b>2026-2027</b></p>
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**Mission Statement**

Provide a practice-oriented Master of Public Health (MPH) curriculum that enables our graduates to be leaders in the design of population and community health programs in the United States and globally.

**Program Description**

This MPH in Public Health is a generalist program that emphasizes local, national, and global public health practice. The MPH emphasizes interdisciplinary teaching and will focus on core competencies/skills by using cases and other materials from both the United States and abroad. The pedagogy will allow students to tailor their education to local, national, or global levels emphasizing interdisciplinary public health competencies including: biostatistics and epidemiology; cultural competency; health communication; leadership; professionalism; planning, implementation and evaluation methods; public health biology; and systems thinking.

**Course Requirements**

All Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) MPH students who select the MPH in Public Health program enroll in Core Courses (17 credits), Program-Specific Courses (10 credits), and Elective Courses (16 credits). The total 45 credit degree program includes a Culminating Experience (2 credits). Students can choose electives in a particular area of public health and emphasize a public health area (*i.e.*, health policy). Alternatively, students may use their electives to cover a range of domains within public health practice.

**Graduation Requirements**

All students accepted to this MPH program must follow the policies and regulations outlined in the [GW Bulletin](#) and the [GWSPH Student Handbook](#). This includes, but is not limited to:

- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Minimum Course Grades
- Continuous Enrollment
- Maximum Time to Degree
- Required Minimum Degree Credits
- Transfer Credit Policy
- CITI Training
- Integrity Quiz and Plagiarism
- Professional Enhancement (PE) Hours
- Interprofessional Education (IPE) Experience
- Applied Practice Experience (Practicum)
- Culminating Experience (e.g., CE)

### **MPH in Public Health Generalist Competencies**

Upon completion of this MPH program, students should possess the following competencies:

- Develop a programmatic implementation and evaluation plan for a health promotion intervention (PUBH 6500)
- Assess the functions, capacities, management and governance of governmental, international and non-state organizations that comprise health systems (PUBH 6442)
- Apply appropriate theories toward the development, implementation, and evaluation of public health interventions to address health risks at the individual, interpersonal, community, and/or population levels and mitigate population health impact (PUBH 6500)
- Apply commonly employed data management techniques using appropriate software tools (PUBH 6052)
- Describe how health systems performance is affected by various approaches to health care organization, health law, health workforce development and health care financing (PUBH 6442)
- Develop communication campaigns and strategies to disseminate health promotion information through media channels (PUBH 6503)
- Investigate a public health issue through evidence-based methods, including a review of scientific literature (PUBH 6500)

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<b>Required Core Courses (17 credits)</b>		<b>Credits</b>
PUBH 6000	Applied Practice Experience (APEX)	0
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	3
PUBH 6003	Principles & Practice of Epidemiology	3
PUBH 6007	Social & Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	2
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	2
PUBH 6011	Environmental & Biological Foundations of Public Health	3
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy	2
PUBH 6021	Essentials of Public Health Leadership & Practice 1	1
PUBH 6022	Essentials of Public Health Leadership & Practice 2	1
PUBH 6023	Interprofessional Education Experience (IPE)	0
<b>Required Program-Specific Courses (10 credits)</b>		<b>Credits</b>
PUBH 6052	Practical Data Management & Analysis for Public Health	2
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems	2
PUBH 6500	Planning & Implementation of Health Promotion Programs	3
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communications & Marketing	3
<b>Electives (16 credits)</b>		<b>Credits</b>
Any PUBH 6XXX	Any SPH graduate-level (6000 or higher) course	16
<b>MPH Culminating Experience Courses (2 credits)</b>		<b>Credits</b>
PUBH 6060	MPH Culminating Experience 1	1
PUBH 6061	MPH Culminating Experience 2	1
<b>Course Distribution</b>		<b>Credits</b>
Public Health Core Courses		17
Culminating Experience		2
Program-Specific Courses		10
Electives		16
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>		<b>45</b>

**Course Descriptions and Registration** information can be found in the University Bulletin [here](#).

## Advising Notes

As an accredited School of Public Health, students in all GWSPH MPH programs are required to fulfill both an interprofessional team experience and an applied practice experience (APEX). GWSPH has incorporated these 0-credit course requirements into the curriculum as follows:

### PUBH 6023: Interprofessional Education (IPE) Experience

- Following completion of the MPH Core Classes, students will be required to select an IPE experience from a host of options provided throughout your enrollment as an MPH student to participate in a one-time, case-based or activity-based learning experience. The IPE experience is a way to experience working with people from other professions/programs outside of public health. Students will have many opportunities to register for this zero-credit (no fee) IPE 'course' (PUBH 6023 Interprofessional Education Experience) and will receive credit upon successful completion.

### PUBH 6000: Applied Practice Experience (APEX)

- The Applied Practice Experience (APEX) may be satisfied with either a practicum or, for experienced public health professionals, through an expedited portfolio review (EPR).
- The practicum is a planned, supervised, and evaluated practice experience that aims to provide students with an opportunity to synthesize, integrate, and apply practical skills, knowledge, and training learned through courses, to gain applied experience in a professional public health work environment, and to work on public health practice projects that are of particular interest to you. Information about the Practicum will be introduced through school-wide Practicum Information Sessions held by the Office of Applied Public Health and through meetings with your department practicum staff and faculty. During the practicum, you will work at least 120 hours in the field under the supervision of the site preceptor who has agreed to directly supervise the work you are conducting. Students are required to fulfill all requirements of the 120-hour practicum to receive credit for PUBH 6000.
- If you have had prior work experience, then you will find that the practicum provides the opportunity to hone skills or to gain new experience in a different area. However, if you have substantial public health experience relevant to your department/track, including 5+ years of full-time public health work for students after receiving your undergraduate degree, or 3+ years of full-time work for students who already have a graduate degree prior to beginning the MPH, then you may be able to satisfy the APEX requirement through an EPR instead of doing the practicum, with advanced approval by your program's practicum team.

## Course Sequence

Students will start the program by enrolling in MPH core courses. Full-time students should plan to take PUBH 6021 and PUBH 6003 in their first semester and complete all core courses within the first year. Part-time students should consult with their academic advisor to select an appropriate sequence of courses. Following completion of the MPH core courses, students should complete the MPH program-specific courses, and finish with their elective courses. Ideally, the culminating experience credits will be concluded in the last semester.