Milken Institute School of Public Health THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	**Milken Institute School of Public Health** **MPH@GW** **Master of Public Health** **2026-2027**

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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 distance education program for the MPH degree will emphasize local, national and global health practice. The MPH@GW 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.

Optional Concentrations
MPH@GW students may choose to use their elective credits to formally "major" in a growing number of concentrations or they may select a range of electives to support general public health knowledge. These concentrations allow students to build knowledge and skills in a specific area of the public health space and to connect with faculty and fellow students who focus their professional and academic efforts in that area. Currently approved MPH@GW concentrations include:

1. Health Informatics
2. Women, Youth, and Child Health
3. Global Health
4. Climate and Health
5. Public Health Generalist

MPH@GW Program Competencies

Upon completion of the program, students should possess the following functional 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)

Course Requirements

All Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) MPH students who select the distance education 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).
The distance education program includes 16 elective credits. Students can choose to select their 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.

The MPH@GW program is taught over four 10-week quarters throughout the calendar year. Each course is designed to be delivered to meet the required workload per credit hour within the 10-week quarter.

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 quarter and complete all core courses within the first three quarters. 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@GW program specific courses, and finish with their elective courses. Courses offered in the online format can be found on the GW Schedule of Classes under Online and are designated with a “U” in the section number.

Course descriptions and registration information can be found in the University Bulletin here.

Program Elective Courses

The following are examples of electives that are currently offered online. New courses are added frequently. Up to 15 credits may be taken on campus in residential courses provided pre-requisites have been met. The list of MPH@GW electives will be updated as new courses become available.

- PUBH 6054 Community Engagement & Advocacy (2 credits)
- PUBH 6058 Researching Violence Against Women and Girls (2 credits)
- PUBH 6128 Global Environmental & Occupational Health (2 credits)
- PUBH 6130 Sustainable Energy & the Environment (2 Credits)
- PUBH 6132 Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH) in Low-Income Countries (2 credits)
- PUBH 6133 Social Dimensions in Climate Change & Change (3 credits)
- PUBH 6135 Researching Climate Change & Human Health (3 credits)
- PUBH 6136 Introduction to Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology (3 credits)
- PUBH 6140 Global Climate Change & Air Pollution (2 credits)
- PUBH 6146 Microbiomes & Microbial Ecology in Public Health (2 credits)
- PUBH 6335 Public Health & Law (3 credits)
- PUBH 6368 Law, Medicine, & Ethics (3 credits)
- PUBH 6390 Prescription Drugs, Policy, & Public Health (3 credits)
- PUBH 6400 Global Health Frameworks (2 credits)
- PUBH 6450 Global Health Diplomacy (2 credits)
- PUBH 6451 Sexual & Reproductive Health Monitoring (2 credits)
- PUBH 6452 Social & Behavior Change Communication in Middle-to Low-Income Countries (2 credits)
- PUBH 6455 Global Vaccinology (3 credits)
- PUBH 6480 Public Health in Humanitarian Settings (2 credits)
- PUBH 6486 Global Health Programs & Approaches to the Control of Infectious Diseases (2 credits)
- PUBH 6489 Evaluation of Nutrition Program (1 credit)
- PUBH 6508 Cost Effectiveness Analysis of Health Promotion Interventions (3 credits)
- PUBH 6514 Preventing Health Disparities (2 credits)
- PUBH 6530 Qualitative Methods in Health Promotion (2 credits)
- PUBH 6550 Maternal & Child Health I (3 credits)
- PUBH 6552 Women's Health (2 credits)
- PUBH 6563 Global Child Health (2 credits)
- PUBH 6571 Social Marketing (3 credits)
- PUBH 6572 Marketing & Research for Public Health (3 credits)
- PUBH 6612 Food Systems in Public Health (2 credits)
- PUBH 6619 Fundamentals of Nutrition Science (3 credits)
- PUBH 6703 Health Care Delivery & Health IT (2 credits)
- PUBH 6704 Health IT, Informatics, & Decision Making (3 credits)
- PUBH 6705 Health Law & Health IT (3 credits)
- PUBH 6706 Population & Community Health Analytics (3 credits)
- PUBH 6717 Predictive Analytics (3 credits)

- PUBH 6730 Health Systems & Health IT Applied Analysis Immersion (2 credits)
- PUBH 6894 Research Analytics (3 credits)

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)

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Required Core Courses (17 credits)		**Credits**	**Quarter**
PUBH 6000	Applied Practice Experience (APEx)	0	All
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	3	All
PUBH 6003	Principles & Practice of Epidemiology	3	All
PUBH 6007	Social & Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	2	All
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	2	
PUBH 6011	Environmental & Biological Foundations of Public Health	3	All
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy	2	All
PUBH 6021	Essentials of Public Health Leadership & Practice 1	1	All
PUBH 6022	Essentials of Public Health Leadership & Practice 2	1	All
PUBH 6023	Interprofessional Education Experience (IPE)	0	All
Required Program Specific Courses (10 credits)		**Credits**	**Quarter**
PUBH 6052	Practical Data Management & Analysis for Public Health	2	All
PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems	2	All
PUBH 6500	Planning & Implementation of Health Promotion Programs	3	All
PUBH 6503	Introduction to Public Health Communications & Marketing	3	All
Electives (16 credits)		**Credits**	**Quarter**
Any PUBH 6XXX	MPH@GW electives or on-campus^ electives where applicable	16	Varies
MPH@GW Culminating Experience Courses (2 credits)		**Credits**	**Quarter**
PUBH 6060	MPH@GW Culminating Experience 1	1	All
PUBH 6061	MPH@GW Culminating Experience 2	1	All

Course Distribution	**Credits**
Public Health Core Courses	17
Culminating Experience	2
Required Program Specific Courses	10
Electives	16
Total Degree Credits	**45**

^ MPH@GW students may take up to 15 credits on-campus.