Milken Institute School of Public Health THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	**Milken Institute School of Public Health** **MPH@GW** **Master of Public Health** **Women, Youth & Child Health Concentration** **2026-2027**

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Concentration Mission Statement

The Women, Youth, and Child Health concentration within the MPH@GW program is grounded in a life course perspective as an organizing framework that acknowledges distinct periods in human development and presents both risks and opportunities for interventions. Further, the concentration explores the social, behavioral and systems-related determinants that are unique to the health and well-being of women, children, adolescents and families in the United States and around the world, and focuses on development of programs, policies, and advocacy strategies.

Concentration Description

This distance education MPH program is designed for professionals looking to explore the social, behavioral and systems-related determinants that are unique to the health and well-being of women, children and families around the world. Students in this concentration seek to understand and assess individual, community, organizational and societal needs of women, children and families. They examine social and behavioral theory, behavior change models and strategies and policies that have been proven to successfully improve the health and wellness of diverse populations. Students also develop and implement strategies, policies, interventions and programs to improve the health of women, children and families.

Competencies

Upon completion of the 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)
- Assess the individual, community, organizational and societal needs of women, youth, or children (PUBH 6550)
- Apply social and behavior change models and strategies that have been shown to be successful in improving the health and well-being of women, youth, or children (PUBH 6550, 6552, 6563, 6451)
- Develop a behavioral change model-based strategy or intervention logic model to improve the health of women, youth or children (PUBH 6550, 6552, 6563, 6451)
- Develop an evaluation plan for a behavioral change model-based strategy or intervention to meet the health needs of women, youth or children (PUBH 6550, 6451)
- Apply a life course perspective to the health and well-being of women, youth, or children (PUBH 6550)

Course Requirements

All Milken Institute School of Public Health (SPH) MPH students who select the Women, Youth, and Child Health (WYCH) concentration enroll in core courses (17 credits), MPH@GW program-specific core courses (10 credits), WYCH concentration courses (9 credits), WYCH concentration selective courses (4

credits) and electives (3 credits). The 45 total credits requirement also includes a 2-credit Culminating Experience.

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.

Following completion of the core MPH courses, students who elect the WYCH concentration will take four MPH@GW required courses (PUBH 6442, 6500, 6503 and 6552) and four required WYCH concentration courses (PUBH 6550, 6552, 6563 and 6451) plus four credits in selective courses. The WYCH concentration also provides room for 3 elective credits that can be used for any MPH@GW elective course. Electives may be taken in the residential program provided pre-requisites have been met.

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.

- 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 MPH@GW 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
Required Women, Youth & Child Health Concentration Courses (9 credits)		**Credits**	**Quarter**
PUBH 6550	Maternal & Child Health I	3	Varies
PUBH 6552	Women's Health	2	Varies
PUBH 6563	Global Child Health	2	Varies
PUBH 6451	Monitoring/Evaluation of Sexual/Reproductive Health Programs in Low- & Middle-Income Countries	2	Varies
Selective Courses (4 Credits)		**Credits**	**Quarter**
PUBH 6054	Community Engagement & Advocacy	2	Varies
PUBH 6058	Researching Violence Against Women & Girls	2	Varies
PUBH 6335	Public Health & Law	3	Varies
PUBH 6400	Global Health Frameworks	2	Varies
PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Setting	2	Varies
PUBH 6514	Preventing Health Disparities	2	Varies
PUBH 6452	Social & Behavior Change Communication in Middle- to	2	Varies

	Low-Income Countries		
PUBH 6489	Evaluation of Nutrition Programs & Policies	1	Varies
PUBH 6455	Global Vaccinology	3	Varies
Electives (3 credits)		**Credits**	**Quarter**
Any PUBH 6XXX	MPH@GW electives or on-campus^ electives where applicable.	3	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
Required MPH@GW Program-Specific Courses	10
Required Women, Youth & Child Health Concentration Courses	9
Women, Youth & Child Health Selectives	4
Electives	3
Culminating Experience	2
Total Degree Credits	**45**

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