

Advising guidance for Spring, Summer and Fall 2019

Our school of Public Health is accredited by the Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH). In 2016, CEPH changed its accreditation criteria to enhance the education of the next generation of public health practitioners. Our team took this opportunity to develop a new core curriculum that is stimulating and innovative. THE NEW CORE CURRICULUM WILL LAUNCH IN THE FALL OF 2019.

TELL ME ABOUT THIS NEW CURRICULUM.

Table 1 depicts the new core curriculum and compare it with the old core.

Table 1: Students matriculating into the MPH program in the Fall of 2019 will complete the following CORE courses:			
Course Number	NEW CORE	Credits	OLD CORE
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	3	No Change
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practice of Epidemiology	3	No Change
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	2	No Change
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	2	New Course. <i>Current students (those matriculating prior to Fall 2019) will not have to complete this course.</i>
PUBH 6011	Principles of Environmental Health Sciences	3	Combined old 6001 (Biological Concepts-2 credit) & 6004 (EOH- 2 credit)
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy: Public Health and Healthcare	2	Replaces 6006- (3-credit- Management & Policy Approaches) This course will cover only policy issues. Management competencies were moved to a new course (6022).
PUBH 6021	Leading Self and Teams in Public Health	1	New Course
PUBH 6022	Managing Organizations & Influencing Systems in PH	1	These 2 1-credit courses encompass the new competencies in leadership, communication, management, and teamwork. The 2 credits come from the practicum. These classes are a didactic experience meant to enrich and surround the practicum. Students will still complete 120 hours in the field.
PUBH 6015 (actual course number may vary by department)	Culminating Experience	2	No Change

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Beginning in the Fall of 2019 the GWSPH will roll out the **new core curriculum** and will no longer offer the full suite of courses that made up the old core curriculum. The purpose of this memo is to provide advice and guidance to any CURRENT student (i.e., those who matriculated prior to the Fall of 2019) who has not completed the core before Fall. **If you plan to complete the core curriculum prior to the Fall of 2019, then these changes do not affect you at all.**

WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

The ideal situation for CURRENT students is to complete the core curriculum prior to the Fall of 2019. If students can not complete the entire core prior to Fall 2019, it would be advisable to complete 6001, 6004 and 6006 by the summer of 2019—as these 3 courses underwent the biggest changes. There will be cases where this too is not possible. In those cases, there is additional guidance below. The ideal situation for students matriculating in the Spring or Summer of 2019 is to complete 6001, 6004, and 6006 prior to Fall of 2019.

IF, by Fall 2019, you HAVE NOT taken:	Then, you will enroll in:	Notes:
6001	6001 online (There will be very limited sections. Students should take 6001 prior to Fall if possible)	6001 will remain online for at least 1 year—if not longer
6002	6002	No changes
6003	6003	No changes
6004	6011** see below note	<i>This course is 3 credits whereas 6004 was 2 credits. With this option, students will get 1 fewer elective credits. We ARE NOT asking students to take 46 credits to graduate.</i>
6006	6012 (policy; 2 credits) + 6022 (management; 1 credit)	Together, this combination is 3 credits (as was 6006). Note: 6022 encompasses the practicum experience, thus, if students have not completed their practicum yet, they will NOT have to enroll in a separate practicum.
6007	6007	No changes
6001 and 6004	6011	6011 is a 3 credit course that meets the competencies of both 6004 and 6001. 45 credits still required to graduate- 1 additional elective credit may be required.
CE	CE	No changes
Practicum	Practicum (120 hours)	No change

Please work with your advisor and/or program director as soon as you can if you have questions. Our entire faculty and staff are committed to serving you and ensuring you have the best experience possible as we make this important transition.

Thank you,

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