MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a multi-disciplinary professional degree program for graduate level practical training. It provides grounding in foundational public health knowledge and core competencies, as well as depth of training in concentration areas of specialized public health practice. The MPH with a concentration in Occupational Safety and Health focuses on evaluating and providing interventions to reduce risk of injury and illness using ergonomics, human factors, and wellness for future, current and past workers.

The MPH in Occupational Safety and Health prepares students to:

- Evaluate occupational health risk in work settings.
- Implement theoretical models relevant to Occupational Health risk evaluation in the lab or field.
- Appraise experimental designs to appropriately address specific research questions in the field of Occupational Health.
- Synthesize knowledge of analytical techniques with theoretical models in Occupational Health to solve field problems.
- Develop and defend research plans appropriate for industrial or academic audience.

The program has several major academic components:

- The introductory Integrated MPH Core classes, along with students of all MPH concentrations, for exposure to foundational principles and methods in public health practice
- Required and elective concentration coursework in occupational health theory and methods
- The potential for additional public health related elective course work.

Though the MPH is a non-thesis degree program, it includes culminating experiences:

- A practicum that provides an applied practical experience with a field-based preceptor, for students to demonstrate overall public health and concentration focused problem-solving skills
- A capstone integrative learning experience for students to bring together and apply foundational and concentration competencies, including production of a high-quality written professional product.

Effective public health professionals must work across multiple disciplines and systems to address population health problems. All MPH students are expected to participate in an interprofessional team practical activity during their degree programs. See the IPE Learning Opportunities at the Texas A&M Health Office of Interprofessional Education and Research (https://health.tamu.edu/iper/).

An individual with a baccalaureate degree or a physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States may apply for admission to the program. No coursework prerequisites exist for making a successful application to this degree program.

For more details on the degree program, visit the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (https://public-health.tamu.edu/departments/eho/website).
Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned by the student's advisory committee, department Chair, school Academic Affairs Office, and approved by the Graduate and Professional School.

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Residence

No residence requirement exists; however, attention is directed to the rules regarding Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses.

Time Limit

All degree requirements for a master's degree must be completed within a period of seven consecutive years. Coursework which is over seven calendar years old may not be applied to master's degree. Time limits for coursework on the degree plan may also apply to transfer coursework.

Scholastic Requirements

To maintain good academic standing, a MPH student must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.000 GPA. If a student fails to attain a cumulative 3.000 GPA, he or she is placed on academic probation. A student on academic probation must raise his/her cumulative GPA to a 3.000 or above according to requirements to be set forth in the probation letter. Typically, this means raising the cumulative GPA to a 3.000 or higher by the end of the next long semester (fall/spring). If this requirement is not met, the School of Public Health's Academic Affairs Office will recommend that the Graduate and Professional School block the student from further enrollment. If a student is blocked from further enrollment in the MPH program, he or she shall not be permitted to enroll in other MPH courses.

Foreign Languages

No specific language requirement exists for the Master of Public Health degree program.

Internship or Practicum

Students in the MPH are required to fulfill a practicum requirement. Specific course names and numbers by department are PHEB 684, PHEO 684, PHPM 684, and HPCH 684. Instructions on submission and successful completion of the practicum are posted on the School of Public Health practicum website as well as with the department's practicum coordinator. Students are to work specifically with their department practicum coordinator on meeting this curriculum course requirement. Students must be in good academic standing, have completed all core public health courses, or be enrolled concurrently in no more than one core course at the time they enroll in the 684 course, and have no registration or university blocks related to enrollment.

Application for Degree

For information on applying for your degree, please visit the Graduation (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/degree-requirements/#graduation) section.