

# Community Health Sciences

## Admission Requirements

- **Prior Degree** Bachelor's degree in any field.
- **Grade Point Average** Admitted students typically have at least a combined undergraduate/graduate grade point average of 3.00/4.00. However, all applicants are given a holistic evaluation of their application. Applicants with less than a 3.00 are encouraged to apply if they believe that their application is strong in other areas.
- **Tests** GRE not required.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required, uploaded via the SOPHAS application.
- **Resume or CV** Required, uploaded via the SOPHAS application.
- **Personal Statement** Applicants will upload a 500-800 word statement focused on their interests/experiences in public health and the program they are applying to specifically, goals with the degree, and why they would be successful in the program. For students applying to research focused programs, the personal statement should also address potential research interests.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score for International Applicants**
  - **TOEFL iBT** 80, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21, **OR**,
  - **IELTS Academic** 6.5, with 6.0 in each of the four subscores, **OR**,
  - **PTE-Academic** 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.

## Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** Comprehensive Program, 45; Professional Enhancement Program, 42; Maternal and Child Health Concentration, 51; Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Concentration, 56.
- **Coursework** Students in the MPH program at UIC School of Public Health are required to complete 18-20 hours of school-wide core curriculum, two non-credit trainings, and concentration-specific requirements.

## School-Wide Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
IPHS 401	Determinants of Population Health	
IPHS 403	Public Health Systems, Management and Community Health Methods	
IPHS 404 & IPHS 405	Analytic and Research Methods in Population Health Part I and Analytic and Research Methods in Population Health Part II	
or IPHS 402	Analytic and Research Methods in Public Health	
IPHS 420	Interprofessional Education	
IPHS 650	Applied Practice Experience	
IPHS 698	Integrative Learning Experience	

## Non-Credit Training Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Training</b>		
	Human Subjects Research	
	Title IX Training - Sexual Harassment	
	SPH Academic Integrity Tutorial	

## Concentration Requirements

Students in the MPH, Community Health Sciences division must complete one of the following approved concentrations:

1. Community Health Practice and Methods
2. Maternal and Child Health
3. Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology.

In addition to School-Wide Core requirements and Non-Credit Training requirements, students complete the the following Divisional Core and Concentration requirements for their chosen concentration. Any additional courses needed to earn the minimum hours required for the MPH are to be approved by a faculty advisor.

## Concentration in Community Health Practice and Methods

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Divisional Core Requirements</b>		
CHSC 421	Community Health 1: Assessing, Promoting and Improving Community Health	
CHSC 422	Community Health 2: Evidence-Informed Community Health Interventions	
CHSC 423	Community Health 3: Professional Development for Public Health Practice	
Select one of the following Policy courses:		
CHSC 430	Public Health Policy and Advocacy	
CHSC 543	MCH Policy and Advocacy	

### Electives

9 semester hours of CHSC electives.

## Concentration in Maternal and Child Health

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<b>Divisional Core Requirements</b>		
CHSC 421	Community Health 1: Assessing, Promoting and Improving Community Health	
CHSC 422	Community Health 2: Evidence-Informed Community Health Interventions	
CHSC 423	Community Health 3: Professional Development for Public Health Practice	
<b>Required Concentration Courses</b>		
CHSC 510	MCH Inequities and Responses I	
CHSC 511	Maternal and Child Health Inequities and Responses Part II	
CHSC 512	Translating Evidence for MCH Practice	
CHSC 543	MCH Policy and Advocacy	

Select one pre-approved Data Analysis course.

Select one of the following Research Methods courses:

CHSC 434	Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Public Health
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CHSC 446	Research Methods in Community Health
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EPID 404	Intermediate Epidemiologic Methods
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### Electives

Students must also complete the number of electives necessary to earn a minimum of 49 semester hours.

## Professional Development Requirements

- MPH students are required to engage in four professional development opportunities, either by participating in career services workshops, attending leadership coaching meetings, or engaging in alternative activities that are approved by the Assistant Director of the Center of Excellence in MCH.
- *MCH Alumni Mentorship Program:* All MCH MPH students will be matched in the second year of their MPH program with an MCH alumni mentor based on long-term career goals and public health interests. MCH students will be required to meet with their MCH alumni mentors on a regular basis and to participate in CoE professional and career development workshops.

Students must also complete the number of MCH electives necessary to earn a minimum of 56 semester hours.

Suggested electives can be found on the School of Public Health website.

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## Concentration in Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology

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### Required Concentration Courses

BSTT 401	Biostatistics II	
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CHSC 421	Community Health 1: Assessing, Promoting and Improving Community Health	
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CHSC 422	Community Health 2: Evidence-Informed Community Health Interventions	
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CHSC 510	MCH Inequities and Responses I	
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CHSC 511	Maternal and Child Health Inequities and Responses Part II	
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CHSC 512	Translating Evidence for MCH Practice	
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CHSC 543	MCH Policy and Advocacy	
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EPID 404	Intermediate Epidemiologic Methods	
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EPID 406	Epidemiologic Computing	
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Select one of the following courses:

EPID 409	The Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS	
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EPID 410	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	
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EPID 411	Epidemiology of Chronic Diseases	
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Select one of the following courses:

EPID/CHSC 518	The Epidemiology of Pediatric Diseases	
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EPID 545	Reproductive and Perinatal Health	
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### Electives