Public Health (Professional Program: MPH)

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The School of Public Health is dedicated to excellence in protecting and improving the health and well-being of people around the world by educating public health professionals and the community, conducting research and affecting public health policy.

Through its diverse educational programs, centers, institutes, and collaborations, the school represents a formidable and unique educational resource in the city of Chicago. Situated on one of the nation’s most diverse campuses in one of the world’s largest concentrations of advanced public and private healthcare facilities, it offers students extensive opportunities to translate classroom learning into hands-on experience and engaged research. Students have access to nearly all aspects of public health—locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally. The intellectual vibrancy within the school, paired with the vitality of Chicago and its multicultural communities and neighborhoods, provides an outstanding educational setting for the preparation of future public health practitioners and leaders.

The School of Public Health offers a Master of Public Health (MPH), which provides graduates with a general understanding of the field of public health along with specific expertise in a selected area of study. Students matriculate into one of four divisions:

a. Community Health Sciences (CHS)
b. Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (EOHS)
c. Epidemiology and Biostatistics (EPID/BSST)
d. Health Policy and Administration (HPA)

The comprehensive program, which may be completed in two years, includes coursework inside the classroom and an Applied Practice Experience that culminates in the completion of an Integrated Learning Experience. A shorter professional enhancement program is available for those who already possess three or more years of practice in the field. The program may be completed in a distance-based or residential format.

The school encourages collaborations with other colleges by offering joint degree programs including MBA/MPH, MD/MPH, MD/MPH Population Health for Healthcare Professionals, MUPP/MPH, DMD/MPH, MA in Anthropology/MPH, DVM/MPH, MSW/MPH, JD/MPH, as well as a coordinated DC/MPH with National University of Health Sciences.

The School of Public Health is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the only fully accredited school of public health within Illinois. The MPH degrees at UIC are considered professional programs and are not administered by the Graduate College.

Admission and Degree Requirements

• Community Health Sciences Division
  • MPH with a Concentration in Community Health Practice and Methods
  • MPH with a Concentration in Maternal and Child Health
  • MPH with a Concentration in Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology

• Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Division
  • MPH with a Concentration in Environmental and Occupational Sciences
  • MPH with a Concentration in Industrial Hygiene Concentration
  • MPH with a Concentration in Occupational and Environmental Medicine Concentration
  • MPH with a Concentration in Occupational Safety Concentration

• Epidemiology and Biostatistics Division
  • MPH with a Concentration in Biostatistics
  • MPH with a Concentration in Epidemiology

• Health Policy and Administration Division
  • Health Policy and Administration Comprehensive Program
  • Professional Enhancement Program
  • Public Health Informatics Concentration