

# PUBLIC HEALTH GRADUATE MAJOR (MPH, PHD)

## Graduate Areas of Concentration

*Biostatistics (MPH only); environmental and occupational health (MPH, PhD); epidemiology (MPH, PhD); health management and policy (MPH only); health policy (PhD only); health promotion and health behavior (MPH, PhD); global health (MPH, PhD); public health practice (MPH only)*

The PhD and MPH in public health degree programs are summarized below.

For further information about graduate programs in public health, visit the website at <http://health.oregonstate.edu/degrees/graduate/public-health>.

The College of Public Health and Human Sciences is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (<http://ceph.org/accredited>) (CEPD).

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health

The PhD in Public Health is for individuals who wish to prepare themselves for careers in university teaching, research, consulting, policy development, or other high-level public health positions. There are currently five areas of concentration offered for the PhD degree:

1. Environmental and occupational health;
2. Epidemiology;
3. Global health;
4. Health policy;
5. Health promotion and health behavior.

A master's degree in a relevant field is required before admission into the PhD program.

The PhD program consists of a minimum of 109 credits, including at least 36 graduate credits devoted to preparation of the thesis. Doctoral students take courses in research and quantitative methods, theory, ethics, and their area of emphasis. Each student and their doctoral committee jointly determine the student's specific program of doctoral study. This process allows students to design a course of study uniquely suited to their particular needs and career goals. Further information about these requirements is available in the PhD in Public Health website and PhD handbook at <http://health.oregonstate.edu/degrees/graduate/public-health/phd-program>.

## Master of Public Health (MPH)

The College of Public Health and Human Sciences offers seven options within the MPH degree:

1. Biostatistics
2. Environmental and Occupational Health
3. Epidemiology
4. Global Health
5. Health Management and Policy

6. Health Promotion and Health Behavior
7. Public Health Practice

All MPH students take an integrated core course, H 513, Integrated Approach to Public Health (12 credits), which introduces students to the core knowledge and methods used in public health, including evidence based approaches to public health, public health and health care systems, planning and management to promote health, and policy in public health.

Other degree requirements vary by option. See handbooks for option-specific degree requirements: <http://health.oregonstate.edu/degrees/graduate/public-health/graduate-handbooks>.

All MPH students must do a 6-credit internship upon completion of their core and option classes. Upon completion of all required course work and the internship, all MPH students must schedule a final oral examination. Students must receive approval to take the exam from their academic advisors.

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