

Health Policy and Management MPH

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Learn more about the Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management.

About the Program

The Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management (MPH-HPM) is a terminal, professional degree designed to develop practitioners in the field of public health and health services delivery who have a clear understanding of health policy, management and health-related services and programs. Students are trained to think about the competing demands of how to manage the health of the population, improve the patient experience, and reduce system costs with a systems lens. In addition, students learn about the health policymaking process and how to evaluate the impact of policy on population health.

Applicants to the MPH-HPM program can choose between our on-campus and online programs, both of which adhere to the same competency-based curriculum and content. Only the delivery formats differ:

- The on-campus format is designed for students who prefer live interaction with instructors and fellow students; access to campus activities; and the opportunity to choose local Philadelphia fieldwork placements with the assistance of our fieldwork coordinator. Students can enroll full-time or part-time. While some courses may be offered online or in hybrid formats, most of the coursework is delivered in person over a full 16-week academic term during evening hours.
- The online format is designed for working professionals interested in a part-time program. Coursework is structured to include synchronous classes held via Zoom and asynchronous activities. A fieldwork coordinator works with students to find appropriate placement in their preferred geographic location.

For more information about the on-campus or online MPH program, please contact the CPH Office of Admissions at cph@temple.edu or 215-204-5200.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 4 years

Campus Location: Main for in-person instruction or Online

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: Full-time students usually complete the program within two academic years, while part-time students usually take three to four years to complete their degree.

Interdisciplinary Study: Interdisciplinary MPH-HPM coursework, research and interactions with students and faculty in other departments are encouraged to give students as broad a perspective as possible to excel in the complex, diverse and dynamic state of public health. Through associations with the Center for Obesity Research and Education, Center for Women's Health, and others, students have access to over 100 faculty at Temple University and additional regional scholars who are actively involved in programs, research and teaching in public health. Further, as with other MPH degree programs offered by the College of Public Health, the MPH in Health Policy and Management can be undertaken as part of these dual MPH degree programs:

- JD/MPH with Temple University's Beasley School of Law
- MPP/MPH with Temple University's College of Liberal Arts
- MS Health Informatics/MPH within the Temple University College of Public Health
- MSW/MPH with the Temple University School of Social Work
- PharmD/MPH with the Temple University School of Pharmacy (PharmD)

For more information, visit <https://www.temple.edu/academics/dual-degree-programs> or contact the CPH Office of Admissions at cph@temple.edu or 215-204-5200.

Affiliation(s): Locally, the program has long-standing research affiliations with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, The Food Trust, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Health Federation of Philadelphia, Health Promotion Council, Maternity Care Coalition, Mazoni Center, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services, Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Prevention Point, Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC), School District of Philadelphia, Temple University Health System, and numerous other community health agencies. These partnerships allow us to offer students a wide range of fieldwork opportunities to translate skills learned in the classroom to actual practice in the community.

Short-term, international travel experiences focused on public health are offered as part of the MPH program of study through the Public Health Beyond Borders (PHBB) group and elective course. Contact the PHBB faculty advisor for information about timing of travel.

Accreditation: The MPH is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Achieving accreditation in 1985, Temple's MPH program is one of the longest-established accredited MPH programs in the country.

Areas of Specialization: The MPH degree program is offered in six specialty fields of study:

- Applied Biostatistics (APBIO)
- Environmental Health (EH)
- Epidemiology (EPI)
- Health Policy and Management (HPM)
- Nutrition (NUTR)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS)

Students in the Health Policy and Management MPH program may complete transcripted College of Public Health certificate programs by taking their 9 credits of electives in the relevant coursework. For questions about certificates, please contact the CPH Office of Admissions at cph@temple.edu or 215-204-5200.

Job Prospects: Graduates with an MPH-HPM degree hold positions in a wide range of health-related settings, including clinics, community-based organizations, federally qualified health centers, health insurers, hospitals and health systems, pharmaceutical companies, public health-related work sites, schools, state and local public health departments, and voluntary health agencies. Graduates are prepared to assume leadership positions in a variety of health services and public health organizations as environmental health specialists, evaluation specialists, healthcare administrators, HIV/AIDS coordinators, infection control coordinators, marketing specialists, prevention specialists, project directors, research directors, senior health educators and consultants. Virtually all full-time students are placed within three to six months of graduation.

Licensure/Certification: Students who complete an MPH at Temple University are eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam offered by the National Board of Public Health Examiners and the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®) exam offered by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC). For more information about credentialing in public health, visit <https://www.nche.org/>. Graduates may also be eligible for certification and advancement in a number of health professional associations such as the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Non-matriculated students are required to speak with an advisor before registering for classes and to obtain the permission of the professor, whether the coursework is taken in the on-campus or online format. If accepted to the program, a maximum of three courses (9 credits) may be applied toward the degree program. Exceptions to this policy relate to formal certificate programs.

Financing Opportunities: Limited Teaching and Research Assistantships may be available in the College of Public Health. The Graduate School website details the types of graduate student support. Assistantships are awarded on a term or annual basis. Individuals interested in a Teaching Assistant or Research Assistant position may inquire of the admissions staff. Upon admissions, interested students are sent an application for both types of positions.

The College of Public Health and the Department of Health Services Administration and Policy offer a limited number of tuition scholarships to highly qualified applicants. Other available scholarships are listed at <https://cph.temple.edu/admissions/scholarships>. Students may also be eligible for financial support through the Office of Student Financial Services.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: March 1

All applicants to the MPH program must apply via the Centralized Application Service for Public Health (SOPHAS). The system can be accessed at <https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/>.

Applicants should check their application status on the SOPHAS portal often and inquire directly of SOPHAS about receipt of materials. For other questions, please contact the CPH Office of Admissions at cph@temple.edu or 215-204-5200.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 3

From Whom: Letters of recommendation, which are completed electronically through the SOPHAS system, should be obtained from college/university faculty members familiar with academic competence. If the applicant has been out of school for an extended period of time, ensure that letters are provided by professional colleagues who can discuss your relevant academic skills, including critical thinking, research and writing.

Coursework Required for Admission Consideration: Applicants' files are reviewed for undergraduate coursework in mathematics and/or statistics, social sciences, and writing. Applicants who completed prior graduate coursework or earned a graduate degree are expected to submit such documentation as this will be considered in the application review.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: All applicants must present credentials that are the equivalent of an accredited baccalaureate degree. The minimum acceptable undergraduate GPA is 3.0.

Statement of Goals: In 500 to 1,000 words, address the following questions:

- Why are you pursuing the MPH in Health Policy and Management, and what are your particular areas of interest in the field?
- What are your future career goals, and what have you done either academically or professionally to guide your interest in public health and to begin preparation toward your career goals?
- What is your leadership philosophy? How effective are you at working on interdisciplinary teams?
- Are there any exceptional circumstances related to previous academic performance that you would like the Admissions Committee to consider?

Standardized Test Scores:

GRE: Optional. While the program takes a portfolio approach to admissions, standardized tests provide important insight into quantitative and verbal abilities. If submitted, minimum scores of 153 Verbal and 144 Quantitative are desired. Official GRE scores should be sent to SOPHAS using code 0151.

Standardized tests considered in lieu of the GRE for the MPH-HPM include DAT, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, OAT, and PCAT.

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 79 (send officially to SOPHAS using the SOPHAS-specific TOEFL code 5688)
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53
- Duolingo: 110

Test Waivers: Graduates with a terminal degree from a U.S. medical school, foreign-trained physicians who have obtained licensure to practice in the United States, and those with a PhD or with an excellent undergraduate record and 7 to 10 years or more of public health or healthcare professional experience may have the GRE requirement waived. To request a waiver or if you have other questions, contact the CPH Office of Admissions at cph@temple.edu or 215-204-5200.

Resume: Current resume or CV required.

Laptop: Laptops are integrated into CPH curricula, and all students are required to have a laptop for full participation in class activities, online class sessions, online exam proctoring; and the use of special software, which is used to reinforce the learning objectives and program student learning competencies in certain classes. A laptop that meets the minimum device specifications defined below IS REQUIRED across the board for all undergraduate and graduate students in CPH.

Review the CPH laptop requirement for additional information: <https://cphapps.temple.edu/wiki/it/student/laptop>

Transfer Credit: Graduate credits from an MPH program accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) may be transferred into the MPH. The credits must be equivalent to coursework offered at Temple, and the grade must be a "B" or better to transfer. The MPH program director approves the transfer of credits based on a review of course materials provided by the student. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 9.

Clearance Requirements: Students attending Temple University College of Public Health are required to submit to Temple University Student Health Services proof of immunizations and immunity. See Student Health Services for requirements and costs.

Prematriculation Requirements | Student Health Services | Student Health Services (temple.edu)

Students who are in fully on-line programs with no in-person class or practicum experience can request a waiver for the above health requirements. Students can contact their Department's Graduate Program Director for more information.

All MPH programs require that students complete an Applied Practice Experience (APE). All students who attend programs, which have a clinical / practicum / field education experience, including the APE for the MPH programs, will be required to purchase access to EXXAT APPROVE compliance module (\$35). This module is to order, store, and maintain compliance documents – it is required for participation in the learning experience at an affiliate site.

Students who attend CPH programs that have a clinical / practicum / field education experience, which are completed at affiliate sites both on and off the Temple University campus, are required to comply with minimum standard compliance metrics and any APE site-specific standards. The compliance items include the above health requirements and may require additional items including, but not limited to, a national criminal background check, Act 33/34 clearances in the state of Pennsylvania, FBI fingerprinting through DHS or DoE. FBI fingerprints is a national check, which can be performed through any of the 50 states. The total cost to complete the compliance items will vary depending on APE site-specific requirements, but may range from \$120-180.

The results of these requirements may limit and potentially eliminate placement options for the student. Failure to complete these requirements will result in students being unable to register for their APE (i.e., HPM/EPBI/SBS 9289 & 9389), which may delay anticipated graduation for a minimum of one year.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:

Number of Credits Required Beyond the Baccalaureate: 42

Required Courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
College Core Course		
HRPR 5001	Current and Emerging Issues in Public Health and Health Professions	0
Public Health Core Courses		
ENVH 5004	Environmental Health	1.5
EPBI 5006	Biostatistics and Applied Analysis of Health	4.5
EPBI 5101	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
HPM 5006	Political and Economic Aspects of Health	3
SBS 5001	Fundamentals of Public Health	3
SBS 5002	Program Planning, Theory, and Practice	3
Health Policy and Management Courses		
HPM 5014	Leadership and Management in Non-Profit Organizations	3
HPM 5112	Public Health Program Evaluation	3
HPM 8015	Public Health Policy and Legal Issues	3
Electives ¹		9
Select three from the following:		
HIM 5101	Fundamentals of Health Informatics	
HIM 5256	Global Health Informatics	
HPM 5016	Public Health Advocacy	
HPM 5107	Forced Migration and Refugee Health	
HPM 5122	Healthcare Quality and Safety	
HPM 5132	Comparative Health Systems: Local, National, and Global Perspectives	
HPM 8008	Health Economics	
HPM 8013	Research Methods in Health Policy	
HPM 8014	Comparative Health Policy	
MPH Fieldwork Experience		
HPM 9289	MPH Fieldwork I	3
HPM 9389	MPH Fieldwork II	3
Total Credit Hours		42

¹ Alternate electives may be selected with the approval of the Program Director.

On-Campus Full-Time MPH-HPM

Year 1		
Fall		Credit Hours
EPBI 5101	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
HPM 5006	Political and Economic Aspects of Health	3
SBS 5001	Fundamentals of Public Health	3
Credit Hours		9
Spring		
ENVH 5004	Environmental Health	1.5
EPBI 5006	Biostatistics and Applied Analysis of Health	4.5
SBS 5002	Program Planning, Theory, and Practice	3
Credit Hours		9

Year 2		
Summer I		
HRPR 5001	Current and Emerging Issues in Public Health and Health Professions	0
Elective		3
Credit Hours		3
Summer II		
Elective		3
Credit Hours		3
Fall		
HPM 5112	Public Health Program Evaluation	3
HPM 8015	Public Health Policy and Legal Issues	3
HPM 9289	MPH Fieldwork I	3
Credit Hours		9
Spring		
HPM 5014	Leadership and Management in Non-Profit Organizations	3
HPM 9389	MPH Fieldwork II	3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		9
Total Credit Hours		42

Online Part-Time MPH-HPM

Year 1		
Fall		Credit Hours
SBS 5001	Fundamentals of Public Health	3
SBS 5002	Program Planning, Theory, and Practice	3
Credit Hours		6
Spring		
EPBI 5101	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
HPM 5006	Political and Economic Aspects of Health	3
Credit Hours		6
Summer		
HPM 8015	Public Health Policy and Legal Issues	3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		6
Year 2		
Fall		
ENVH 5004	Environmental Health	1.5
EPBI 5006	Biostatistics and Applied Analysis of Health	4.5
Credit Hours		6
Spring		
HPM 5112	Public Health Program Evaluation	3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		6
Summer		
HRPR 5001	Current and Emerging Issues in Public Health and Health Professions	0
Credit Hours		0
Year 3		
Fall		
HPM 5014	Leadership and Management in Non-Profit Organizations	3
HPM 9289	MPH Fieldwork I	3
Credit Hours		6

Spring		
HPM 9389	MPH Fieldwork II	3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		6
Total Credit Hours		42

Minimum Grade to be Earned for All Required Courses: B-

Culminating Events:

Fieldwork Practicum:

Students are required to synthesize and integrate the knowledge acquired in coursework and other learning experiences and to apply theory and principles in a situation that approximates some aspect of professional practice through an internship or practicum experience with a public health agency, health services organization, or under the supervision of a faculty preceptor. The MPH fieldwork experience serves as the applied practice experience as required by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the accrediting body for schools and programs of public health, for completion of the Master of Public Health degree. In addition, this applied practice experience provides the student with the opportunity to develop expertise in a topic area and to contribute original and independent observations to a body of knowledge.

Evaluative Paper:

For the applied practice experience to fulfill the requirements of HPM 9289 and HPM 9389, MPH in Health Policy and Management students are expected to complete a fieldwork experience. The required deliverable for the MPH fieldwork requirement is a final evaluative paper. Students must demonstrate their proficiency and the application of theory and principles in the paper.

Accelerated Programs

Undergraduate students may opt to pursue an accelerated +1 program, enabling them to complete both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time than the traditional route.

The accelerated pathway for the Health Policy and Management MPH is available to students pursuing the Public Health BS.

Cohort Code: XMPHHPM

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.50

Graduate Courses Approved to Count for Both Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EPBI 5101	Fundamentals of Epidemiology ¹	3
HPM 5006	Political and Economic Aspects of Health ²	3
SBS 5001	Fundamentals of Public Health ³	3
SBS 5002	Program Planning, Theory, and Practice ⁴	3

¹ EPBI 5101 fulfills the EPBI 3101 requirement for the Public Health BS.

² HPM 5006 fulfills the HPM 2214 requirement for the Public Health BS.

³ SBS 5001 fulfills a Public Health elective for the Public Health BS.

⁴ SBS 5002 fulfills a Public Health elective for the Public Health BS.

Suggested Academic Plan

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Year 3		
Fall		
SBS 5001	Fundamentals of Public Health	3
Credit Hours		3
Spring		
HPM 5006	Political and Economic Aspects of Health	3
Credit Hours		3

Year 4		
Fall		
EPBI 5101	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
Credit Hours		3
Spring		
SBS 5002	Program Planning, Theory, and Practice	3
Credit Hours		3
Total Credit Hours		12

Admissions Criteria

Candidates for the +1 program must:

- be a declared Public Health major.
- take 12 graduate credits.
- earn a B or better in graduate courses.
- take no more than 18 credits per term once starting the +1 program.
- if a junior status entrant, be able to complete their undergraduate degree within two years of program entry; if a senior status entrant, be able to complete their undergraduate degree within one year of program entry.
- complete the graduate degree in one additional year including one summer term.

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Learn more about the accelerated program in Health Policy and Management.

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