Master of PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health includes everything in our lives that affects our health. It is a dynamic field of study that seeks to improve the conditions and behaviors affecting the health and well-being of communities and their individual residents. Some of the core values of public health are a philosophy of social justice, a focus on populations and an emphasis on prevention.

A Master of Public Health (MPH) enables students to become leaders in the diverse areas of public health practice, including biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health management and policy, and social and behavioral sciences.

CONCENTRATIONS
+ Behavioral Science and Health Education: Promoting and researching healthy living practices to prevent disease and injury.
+ Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness: Developing preventive measures to reduce the risk of transmission of infectious diseases, living modified organisms and other potentially harmful biological agents.
+ Biostatistics: Using math and science to estimate and analyze trends associated with particular types of human behavior and disease.
+ Environmental and Occupational Health: Analyzing the interactions between humans, their surroundings and the natural environment to maintain the quality of the environment and to provide protection from hazards.
+ Epidemiology: Identifying the causes and patterns of diseases and injuries and identifying effective targets for prevention.
+ Global Health: Addressing various health concerns that exist among different cultures worldwide.
+ Maternal and Child Health: Developing preventive measures that promote the health of pregnant women and their unborn children.
+ Public Health Practice: Designed for professionals seeking to become competent in public health practice.

JOINT CONCENTRATION OPTIONS
Students can combine two concentrations allowing them to develop more specialized skills. The joint options are:
+ Behavioral Science and Health Education with Epidemiology
+ Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness with Epidemiology
+ Biostatistics with Epidemiology
+ Environmental and Occupational Health with Biosecurity

DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS
+ Law: MPH in Health Management and Policy with Juris Doctor
+ Medicine: MPH with Doctor of Medicine
+ Nutrition/Dietetics: MPH with MS
+ Social Work: MPH with MSW

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The field of public health is exciting and rapidly expanding. With the world's population quickly approaching 7 billion people, public health professionals are being faced with new and challenging issues on national and international levels. Graduates can find careers suited to a wide variety of interests and skills, in both traditional public health and service-focused organizations as well as in new practice settings and non-profit organizations. Public health graduates from SLU are employed all over the nation and internationally in a wide variety of settings, including:
+ Federal, state and local health agencies (e.g. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, EPA)
+ Consulting firms
+ Consumer advocacy organizations
+ Hospitals and integrated health care systems
+ Private business and industry

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE
The MPH program is designed to give students the practical skills needed for any public health career. Students complete an internship to gain practical experience in their chosen career path. Experienced public health professionals assist students in finding an internship in St. Louis, nationally or across the globe. Students have interned in a variety of settings, such as the St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition and the Pan-American Health Organization.
WHY CHOOSE SLU

+ SLU is a nationally and globally recognized leader in public health education.
+ SLU’s College for Public Health & Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).
+ SLU is positioned at the center of St. Louis, offering students a wide variety of cultural experiences, internships and other professional opportunities.
+ SLU is founded on the Jesuit tradition of “educating the whole person” - learning as much as possible about public health and service while committing to serve humankind with compassion.
+ SLU is the place you come to change the world. We believe in our mission and live it every day.

MPH CORE CURRICULUM (21 CREDIT HOURS)
(MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR MPH CONCENTRATIONS IS 42-51)

Students in joint concentrations or in dual degree programs will be required to complete the following MPH core curriculum and the concentration curriculum.

+ Behavioral Science and Public Health
+ Principles of Biostatistics
+ Environmental and Occupational Health
+ Principles of Epidemiology
+ Mission and Practice of Global Public Health
+ Ethical Issues in Public Health
+ Managerial Aspects of Public Health Practice or Management of Health Care Organizations
+ Rounds
+ Internship/Practice Experience in Public Health
+ Special Study for Examinations

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES/ASSISTANTSHIPS

SLU offers several opportunities for financial assistance, including merit-based scholarships, graduate research assistantships, part-time jobs, presidential and diversity fellowships and loans.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

All applications are considered on an individual basis with a balanced approach, taking into consideration the grade point average, Graduate Record Exam (or equivalent) scores, personal statement, and letters of recommendation.

Application requirements:

+ A bachelor’s degree in a science or social science
+ A résumé or curriculum vitae and a one to two page, double-spaced essay describing interests in the field, career goals and objectives.
+ Three confidential letters of recommendation from individuals qualified to evaluate an applicant’s potential for success in the program.

The priority deadline for applications to be considered for a scholarship or graduate research assistantship is February 15. Some funding may still be available past February 15, but this is not guaranteed.

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