The Master of Science in Public Health is intended for those with terminal degrees who seek training in population-based research methods to support their clinical research activities. There are two concentrations in the MSPH: Epidemiology and Behavioral Science and Health Education.

**CONCENTRATIONS**
- Behavioral Science and Health Education (36 credit hours): This concentration includes core coursework in behavioral science research methods supplemented by a general course in public health and ethical issues in public health.
- Epidemiology (36 credit hours): This concentration includes core coursework in epidemiology and biostatistics supplemented by a general course in public health.

**DUAL DEGREE OPTION**
- Clinical Psychology: MSPH in behavioral science and health education with PhD in Clinical Psychology (36 credits for MSPH, 90 credits for PhD)

**RESEARCH SKILLS**
The MSPH program is designed to give students the research skills needed to incorporate public health into their clinical research activities. The student works with his or her advisor and other mentors as appropriate, to conduct original research. This research may be clinical or population-based using research principles of epidemiology and/or behavioral science. The research may be based on either archival or original data collection. Students who wish to conduct secondary data analysis for their projects must have access to an existing data set.

The outcome of the research is a manuscript of publishable quality (although there is no requirement that it be submitted for publication) and an oral examination of the research project by a three-person faculty review committee.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES**
All applications are considered on an individual basis. For the MSPH, applicants must hold a doctoral degree, (including MD, DO, DC, DDS, DVM or PhD, licensed to practice in the U.S.) from an accredited American educational institution. Dual degree students (MSPH/PhD in Clinical Psychology) will earn their PhD concurrent with the MSPH.

Application requirements:
- An earned PhD or MD degree from an accredited college or university (a transcript from this institution is required) or for the dual degree, enrollment in the PhD in clinical psychology.
- 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 MSPH program only accepts applications for the fall semester.

**FACULTY & RESEARCH**
Classes for the MSPH are taught by faculty who are internationally recognized as leaders in public health research and practice. Our faculty have diverse research interests, including:
- Physical Activity
- Injury Prevention
- Community Development
- Health Communication
- HIV/AIDS Prevention
- Global Health
- Maternal and Child Health
- Indoor & Outdoor Air Pollution
- Cancer Epidemiology

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BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

SAMPLE CURRICULUM
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+ Behavioral Science and Public Health
+ Principles of Biostatistics
+ Principles of Epidemiology
+ Health Promotion Program Evaluation
+ Introduction to General Linear Modeling
+ Ethical Issues in Public Health
+ Applied Data Management
+ Mission and Practice of Global Public Health
+ Methods Electives
+ Capstone in Behavioral Science and Health Education
+ Research Project

WHY CHOOSE SLU

+ SLU is a nationally and globally recognized leader in public health and health science education.
+ SLU’s College for Public Health & Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

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+ Principles of Epidemiology
+ Mission and Practice of Global Public Health
+ Epidemiology Methods II
+ Introduction to General Linear Modeling
+ Statistical Programming and Study Planning: SAS
+ 3 Methods Electives
+ Survival Data Analysis
+ Categorical Data Analysis
+ Capstone in Epidemiology
+ Research Project
+ Oral Exam