M.P.H. MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The MPH degree is a professional degree for students who require a broad general academic experience in public health. Students will acquire competency in the fundamental public health disciplines. This includes research design and conduct, data analysis and policy analysis, communications, program planning and administration, public health systems and the organization of health services in the United States and Latin America, recognition and analysis of ethical issues in public health and professional practice, the needs of special populations, and the integration of these core disciplines in public health decision making. The MPH degree is a 45 credit hour program that is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

The 45 credit hour degree program consists of:

- Core Courses (18 credits)
- Area of Focus (21 credits)
- Capstone/culminating experience (6 credits)

The Capstone Field Experience and the Capstone Project are both vital components of the MPH program, and together form the Capstone Experience. The Capstone Field Experience is designed to provide students with real world work experience in the field of public health. This experience places students in health-related settings (local, national, and international) to work on projects of mutual interest to both the field organization and the student. The Capstone Project is intended to build upon this fieldwork and is geared toward providing the student with an opportunity to apply public health academic theory and acquired skills to community health problems. Students are encouraged to build their Capstone Experience in such a way that supports their academic and professional interests as they advance in their careers as public health professionals.