

PUBLIC HEALTH, MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (152)

Program Coordinator

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The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a professional practice degree that prepares students for a wide range of health professions. The 42 credit-hour program, accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), is offered on WKU's campus and in a fully online format. Beyond the required core courses, MPH students work in partnership with their advisor to select electives and tailor a program that meets their professional and academic goals related to public health. The MPH program is competency-based and focuses on applied and integrative learning. Students are required to successfully complete and defend a capstone project, which could include a thesis, prior to graduation.

Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP)

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Program Admission

In addition to the criteria set forth by Graduate Studies, applicants must meet one the following criteria to be fully admitted into the MPH program:

- cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale from a regionally-accredited US institution of higher education; OR
- cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 on 4.0 scale from a regionally-accredited US institution of higher education AND a minimum of three years of professional public health experience; OR
- current enrollment in a regionally-accredited US medical school or doctoral program; OR
- graduation from a regionally-accredited US medical school, master's, or doctoral program; OR
- completion of a WKU graduate certificate with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants who do not meet any of these criteria may be admitted conditionally into the MPH program.

All Applicants must submit the following:

1. Written personal statement (https://www.wku.edu/publichealth/mp_h_admission-requirements.php)
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae
3. Contact information for at least two professional references

Graduate Studies Admission

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission/>) of this catalog for Graduate Studies admission requirements.

Program Requirements (42 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core		
PH 520 or PH 620	Biostatistics for Public Health Advanced Biostatistics	3
PH 575	Program Planning in Public Health Practice	3
PH 578	Health Inequities	3
PH 580	Public Health Foundations and Practice	3
PH 581	Applied Methods in Public Health Practice/Field Epidemiology	3
PH 582	Epidemiology	3
PH 584	Principles of Environmental Health	3
PH 548	Community Organizing in Public Health	3
PH 587	Health Behavior Theory	3
PH 591	Health Program Evaluation	3
Electives		
Advisor approved electives including:		12
BDAN/BA 513	Contemporary Business Analytics	
BDAN 515	Data Management	
BDAN 517	Predictive Analytics	
BDAN 519	Visualization and Decision Making	
MGT 510	Advanced Organizational Behavior	
ECON 511	Applied Managerial Economics	
MKT 517	Advanced Marketing	
MGT 560	Contemporary Human Resources Management	
MGT 576	Supply Chain Management	
MGT 583	Procurement Management	
Any 600-level course		
Total Hours		42

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This JUMP program allows students to start working toward their MPH while completing their Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health, Health Sciences, or Environmental and Occupational Health Science. Undergraduate students admitted into JUMP may take graduate courses that count toward both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Up to 12 credit hours can be double counted toward both degrees, and up to 15 hours of graduate courses can be taken while a student is completing the undergraduate degree. The key benefit of the JUMP program is that it allows students to earn a bachelor's and a master's degree in an accelerated timeframe.

To be considered for admission to the JUMP program to earn a BS and a MPH in

an accelerated timeframe, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Be an undergraduate student in the major of Public Health, Health Sciences, or Environmental and Occupational Health Science in the department of Public Health.
- A minimum of 60 credit hours earned and 15 or more credit hours remaining to complete the undergraduate degree.
- A minimum of 24 undergraduate hours earned at WKU.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.25 for individuals earning their first baccalaureate degree.
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00 for individuals earning their second baccalaureate degree.