



## University of Illinois at Chicago Community Health Sciences - MPH

### Program Description

The MPH in CHS provides students with a scientific knowledge base, practical public health experience, and scientific research and writing experience. The MPH is directed toward students interested in public health practice and administrative positions. Enrollment can be on a full- or part-time basis. MPH students are admitted to the Comprehensive Program or to the Professional Enhancement Program (PEP) for experienced professionals with at least three years of paid public health or community health experience.



### Admission Requirements

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited school is required.

Applicants must also submit the following supplemental documents:

- Transcripts
- GRE scores
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Statement of purpose and objectives
- 3 letters of recommendation

All MPH applicants must submit GRE scores, EXCEPT: MPH applicants with a graduate or professional degree at the doctoral level, e.g., PhD, ScD, MD, DDS, DO, DVM, JD, from an accredited U.S. or Canadian school.

# Degree Requirements

MPH in Community Health Sciences Required Courses (42-45 total hours)

The MPH CHS consists of 6 school-wide core courses (18-20 hours):

IPHS 401 Determinants of Population Health (4 hours)

IPHS 404 Analytic and Research Methods in Public Health Part 1 (3 hours)

IPHS 405 Analytic and Research Methods in Public Health Part 2 (3 hours)

IPHS 403 Public Health Systems, Policy and Management (4 hours)

IPHS 650 Field Experience in Public Health (3-5 hours)

IPHS 698 MPH Capstone Experience (1 hour)

3 divisional core courses (12 hours):

CHSC 421 Community Health 1: Assessing, Promoting and Improving Community Health (4 hours)

CHSC 422 Community Health 2: Evidence-Informed Community Health Interventions (4 hours)

CHSC 423 Community Health 3: Professional Development in Public Health Practice (4 hours)

Approved Specializations (9-15 hours) - Students in the Comprehensive Program must complete the number of electives necessary to earn a minimum of 45 SH credits. Students in the Professional Enhancement Program must complete the number of electives necessary to earn a minimum of 42 SH credits. At least 9 credits must be earned in an approved area of specialization:

Population Health

Community Health Interventions

Community-Based Research Methods

Global Health

Field Experience- Students must earn 5 SH of credit by working 320 hours in a public health workplace or setting. Some students may qualify for a reduced practicum of 3 credit hours based on prior public health experience. The CHS field experience coordinator works with students to identify appropriate placements based on their interests and career goals.

Capstone Requirements - The purpose of the capstone is for the student to integrate public health principles and knowledge of some aspect of the public health field at the end of the student's degree program. Capstone products may be the result of a survey, analysis of secondary data, systematic literature review, environmental impact statement, grant proposal, position paper, program evaluation or community-engaged research project.

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