



## *Section 20*

### *College of Public Health*

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**Accreditation:**

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools. The College is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health and the MSPH in Industrial Hygiene is accredited by the Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

**Mission Statement:**

The College of Public Health's mission is to improve the public's health through advancing discovery, learning, and service. Goals are related to building strong focused research programs that reward and encourage scholarship and creative activities, continual improvement of academic programs and student centered learning, a college culture that supports our mission, vision, and values, a strong sustainable infrastructure, and active service and meaningful community engagement.

The base of knowledge for public health comes from a variety of disciplines, ranging from social sciences to biological sciences and business, brought together by a commitment to improve the public's health. Thus, the field is open to students from diverse academic disciplines including Health Sciences, Education, Business, Communication, Mathematics, Social and Natural Sciences. Graduates are prepared for interdisciplinary focused public health careers as administrators, managers, educators, researchers, and direct service providers.

The College's five departments are: Community and Family Health, Environmental and Occupational Health, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Global Health, and Health Policy and Management. The program in Public Health Practice is College-wide.

Core content is directly related to addressing and meeting public health issues. Off campus or alternate calendar programs may reflect additional offerings to meet specific needs. The College accommodates the working professional as well as the full-time student by offering late afternoon and evening classes, online delivery of courses and graduate certificates, and a executive MPH for experienced health professionals.

The College hosts several College and Departmental based centers that augment the learning opportunities for students. A few examples include the Center for Biological Defense, Center for Leadership in Public Health Practice, Center for Positive Health, the Florida Health Information Center, The James and Jennifer Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence, the Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies, and the Florida Prevention Research Center.

**Degrees Offered:**

Master of Health Administration (MHA)  
 Master of Public Health (MPH)  
 Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH)  
 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)  
 Doctor of Public Health (Dr.Ph.)

**Name of Programs Offered:**

Health Administration - MHA  
 Public Health - MPH, MSPH, Ph.D., Dr.Ph.

**Dual Degrees Offered:**

Public Health and Anthropology (MPH/MA or Ph.D.)  
 Public Health and Law (MPH/JD)  
 Public Health and Medicine (MPH/M.D.) for already enrolled USF College of Medicine students.  
 Public Health and Social Work (MPH/MSW)  
 Public Health (Occupational Health) and Nursing/Adult Nurse Practitioner (MPH/MS)  
 Public Health and Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (MPH/Ph.D.)  
 Public Health and Physical Therapy (DPT/MPH)

**Concentrations offered in\*:**

Accelerated Health Education	(MPH)
Behavioral Health	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)
Bioinformatics	(MSPH)
Biostatistics	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)
Community and Family Health	(Ph.D.)
<i>(Focus Areas Include: Behavioral Health, Maternal and Child Health, Public Health Education, Socio-health Sciences)</i>	
Environmental and Occupational Health	(Ph.D.)
Environmental Health	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)
Epidemiology	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)
Epidemiology and Biostatistics	(MPH)
Epidemiology and Biostatistics	(MPH)-dual concentration
Epidemiology and Global Health	(EGH)-dual concentration
Epidemiology and Maternal & Child Health	(MPH)
Executive Program for Health Professionals	(MPH)
Executive Program for MBA Physicians	(MPH)
Global Communicable Disease	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)
Global Health Informatics	(MPH)

Global Health Practice	(MPH) <sup>1</sup>
Health Care Organizations and Management	(MPH)
Health Policies and Programs	(MPH)
Health Policy and Management	(MSPH, Ph.D.)
Industrial Hygiene	(MSPH, Ph.D.)
International Health Management	(Ph.D.)
Maternal and Child Health	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)
Occupational Health	(MPH <sup>2</sup> , MSPH <sup>3</sup> )
Occupational Health for Health Professionals	(Ph.D.)
Occupational Medicine Residency	(MPH, MSPH)
Occupational Safety	(MPH, MSPH)
Public Health Administration	(MPH)
Public Health Education	(MPH <sup>4</sup> , MSPH, Ph.D.)
Public Health Practice Program	(MPH <sup>5,6</sup> )
Public Health Practice	
Socio-Health Sciences	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)
Toxicology/Risk Assessment	(MPH, MSPH, Ph.D.)

**Dual Concentrations Offered:**

Epidemiology and Biostatistics  
Epidemiology and Global Health

**Masters International Peace Corps (MIPC) Program**

Offered in All Departments

The Masters International Peace Corps (MIPC) program is a college-wide program open to all students (excluding international students) within the COPH. MIPC students begin studies on campus, and then serve abroad with the Peace Corps for 27 months before returning to campus to complete graduation requirements for a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. As an incentive, the College provides tuition and fee waivers for nine credit hours: the required Field Experience - 6 credit hours and the Special Project- 3 credit hours. MIPC students gain significant international practical experience and knowledge working in resource-poor settings, thereby enhancing their marketability for employment upon graduation

**Graduate Certificates Offered:**

For the most current list go to: <http://www.outreach.usf.edu/gradcerts/>

Biostatistics  
Epidemiology  
Disaster Management\*  
Infection Control  
Health Management and Leadership  
Homeland Security  
Humanitarian Assistance\*  
Maternal and Child Health  
Occupational Safety  
Social Marketing & Public Health  
Violence and Injury: Prevention and Intervention  
Interdisciplinary Women's Health

<sup>1</sup>Master's International Peace Corps Program available

<sup>2</sup> Only available to dual M.S. Adult Nursing students

<sup>3</sup> Only for health professionals

<sup>4</sup> Accelerated entry program available

<sup>5</sup> Requires 3 years of health-related experience

<sup>6</sup> Offered (1) executive program and (2) online

Public Health Generalist\*  
 Public Health Policy and Programs\*  
 Diasporas and Health Disparities (shared with Africana Studies)  
 \*fully on-line

## COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

### Attendance Policy

It is the policy of the College of Public Health that a student will not be automatically dropped if they do not attend the first class of each semester for graduate classes only. However, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the course instructor if they cannot attend the first class.

**Degree Requirements:** A detailed description of each degree and its requirements can be found on the website listed.

### Master of Health Administration (MHA): <http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/hpmmha.html>

All MHA students are required to successfully complete a total of 56 credits plus field experience:

- Health and Communities—15 credits
- Management and policy courses - 21 credits
- Finance, Economic and Quantitative Courses - 17 credits
- Health Plans – 3 credits
- Capstone Course - 2 (substitutes for comprehensive examination)
- Field Experience – 2 credits
- Special Projects - 3 credits

### Master of Public Health (MPH): [http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/degree\\_description..html](http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/degree_description..html)

All MPH students are required to successfully complete a minimum of 42 credits plus field experience:

- Five college core courses - 15 credits: Biostatistics I, Epidemiology, Principles of Health Policy and Management; Environmental and Occupational Health, and Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health
- Concentration courses in specialty areas - 12 credit minimum, depending on department requirements
- Comprehensive Exam and/or capstone course
- Field Experience - 1 - 12 credits
- Special Projects - 3 credits
- Electives (variable)

### Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH): <http://publichealth.usf.edu/msph.html>

- All MSPH students are required to successfully complete 42+ credits depending on concentration requirements 9 credits of college core courses including Biostatistics I and Epidemiology, plus one other core courses approved by the academic advisor
- Biostatistics II
- Courses in specialty areas as designated by advisory committee - 12 credits minimum
- Research Methods as determined by advisory committee
- Comprehensive Exam/Capstone Course
- Thesis for a minimum of 6 credits
- Electives (variable)

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.):** [http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/degree\\_description.html](http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/degree_description.html)

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is granted in recognition of high attainment in a specified field of knowledge. It is a research degree and is not conferred solely upon the earning of credit or the completion of courses. It is granted after the student has shown proficiency and distinctive achievement in the specific field, has demonstrated the ability to do original, independent investigation, and has presented these findings with a high degree of literacy skills in a dissertation. This degree requires a minimum of 90 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree. Doctoral programs leading to Ph.D. are offered in all five departments and the five core areas of public health. Students have an opportunity to specialize within their department.

Each department has written specific guidelines and there are college-wide PhD student competencies. Students and their major advisor jointly create a written plan to meet all competencies via plan of study, research experience, departmental and professional activities, and other appropriate methods.

**Ph.D. Course of Study**

The student's course of study will include the following:

**Prerequisites:**

A minimum of Biostatistics I, Epidemiology, and one other selected college core courses are required by all students who do not have a master's degree in public health. The doctoral committee or the department may require other prerequisites. These courses are not included in the minimum number of hours a student needs to complete the Ph.D. and are expected to be completed early in the course of study.

**Required Coursework:**

The courses and number of credit hours required are defined by the department and the doctoral committee and include coursework from another department or college. There must be minimum of 13 credits at the 7000 level. Generally, the doctoral degree requires a minimum of 90 credits beyond the bachelor's degree. Departments determine the number of credits accepted from previous master(s) degree. There is a mandatory doctoral student orientation that all new doctoral students must attend in the fall semester of their first academic year.

**Tools of Research:**

Departmental Guidelines will address whether tools of research are required for doctoral students within that department (consistency within the department required). The student must complete a minimum of two of the "Tools of Research" options designated by the department, and approved by the doctoral committee before the student is eligible to take the doctoral qualifying examination.

**Teaching:**

All doctoral students will demonstrate or document proficiency in teaching academic courses at the university level.

**Qualifying Exam:**

When all required coursework is satisfactorily completed (including tools of research and prerequisites), the student must pass a written comprehensive qualifying examination covering the subject matter in the major and related fields.

**Dissertation:**

All students must follow the University's "Guidelines for Dissertations and Theses."

**OTHER INFORMATION****Comprehensive Examination (MHA, MPH, MSPH)**

The Core Comprehensive Examination covering core courses is a requirement for all students seeking an MPH or MSPH degree in the College of Public Health. (A capstone course substitutes for the comprehensive examination for the MHA degree.)

The Department of Environmental and Occupational Health also requires a concentration comprehensive examination covering the concentration courses. Each department has detailed written guidelines which are listed on department websites. Additional information may be found at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/pdf/Academic%20Policies.pdf>. Please consult individual departments for information.

**Field Experience**

The type and length of the field experience varies. All students in the MHA, MPH, and MSPH in Industrial Hygiene are required to complete a field experience. Each department has written guidelines and a field experience website is available to assist students in this portion of their program at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/academicaffairs/fe/>

**Special Project**

The special project is an in-depth study of a selected issue in public health. A topic will be selected according to student's needs and interests.

**Thesis (MSPH)**

MSPH students MUST complete a Thesis.

**Graduate Assistantships**

Graduate assistants may perform research, teaching functions, assist in the production of seminars and workshops, or other work related to their specific disciplines. Graduate assistants are paid a biweekly stipend and may qualify to receive in-state tuition waivers. Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better in their upper division coursework, must be degree-seeking and enrolled full time.

Additional information may be found at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/financial.html>

All positions are posted at <http://publichealth.usf.edu/jobpostings.html>

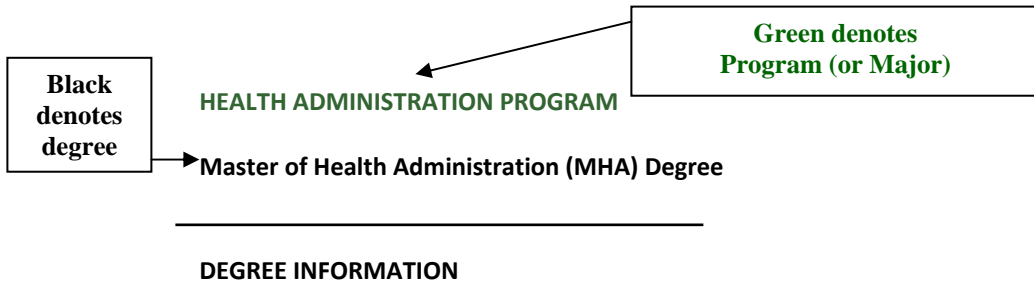
**Scholarships and Aid**

Sources of aid are limited to degree-seeking students only and include the following which are detailed at <http://www.publichealth.usf.edu/FinAid.html>: several named fellowships and scholarships, Florida Environmental Health Association Scholarships, Florida Public Health Association Scholarships, MCH Epidemiology Traineeships, among many others.

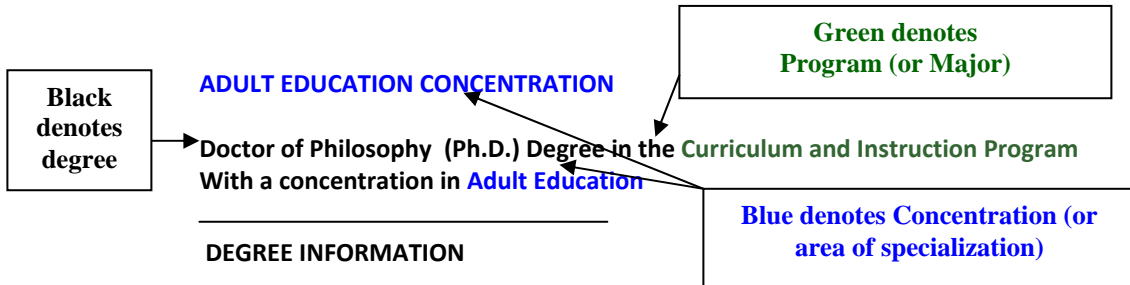
## About the Catalog

The University of South Florida Graduate Catalog is organized with the degree programs offered listed in the section of the college that offers them. For example, the Master of Science degree with a “program” (also known as major) in Biology is listed in the College of Arts and Sciences section. Some colleges offer areas of specialization, or “concentrations” within a degree program.

### EXAMPLE OF PROGRAM PAGE



### EXAMPLE OF CONCENTRATION PAGE



The name of the program and/or concentration does not appear on the diploma – only the name of the degree (i.e., Master of Arts) is listed. The program and concentration information is listed on the official transcript. Other areas, such as application track, are not listed on the transcript.

## HEALTH ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

### Master of Health Administration (MHA) Degree

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#### DEGREE INFORMATION

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

Public Health has rolling admissions and no set deadline. A minimum of six (6) weeks is necessary after a completed application is received in order for the application to be fully processed.

**Minimum Total Hours:** 54 plus field experience

**Program Level:** Masters

**CIP Code:** 51.0701

**Dept Code:** DEA

**Program (Major/College):** MHA PH

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**College:** Public Health

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

**Other Resources:** [www.usf4you](http://www.usf4you)

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#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The MHA program prepares students for private and public sector leadership positions. In addition to the five core areas of public health, the curriculum helps students develop skills and knowledge in basic business disciplines with application to health services; a clinical and community perspective and professional skills. Students develop an understanding of organizational models and management principles applied to health settings; health care financial management and economics; quality and performance improvement; health policy and policy analysis; strategic planning and marketing; and health law and ethics.

Master of Health Administration graduates will be able to:

- ❖ Assess the health care system in the United States, including the role of the public health disciplines;
- ❖ Demonstrate ability to use analytic and decision-making skills in accounting, finance, health economics, quantitative methods, and policy analysis;
- ❖ Apply management, leadership and performance improvement theories and principles in solving related health services problems;
- ❖ Analyze ethical issues and implications of cultural diversity in health policy and management;
- ❖ Demonstrate ability to utilize knowledge of information systems, health law, strategic planning, and marketing to advance health services delivery and outcomes;
- ❖ Develop interpersonal and communication skills; and
- ❖ Apply critical thinking skills and knowledge to health management cases and to a health care or related organization.

**Accreditation:**

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools. The College is fully accredited by the Council on Education in Public Health.

**Major Research Areas:**

Health care financial management, Health economics, Quantitative methods in health services, Health insurance, Health law, Quality management, Performance improvement, Community health assessment, Organizational theory and behavior applied to health settings, Health information management, Health policy, and Strategic planning.

## ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

### Program Admission Requirements

Meeting these criteria per se shall not be the only basis for admission.

- Public health course prerequisites:
  - College requires HSC 4554 Survey of Human Diseases or comparable course for students who do not have public health or biology courses or experience.
  - Suggested/preferred undergraduate majors: Life sciences, social sciences, business, or health professions.
  - Prerequisite undergraduate courses: Micro-economics.
- Work experience: Preferred, but not required.
- Minimum undergrad GPA: 3.0 upper division (some exceptions made if GRE exceeds minimum subscores).
- Verbal GRE Score: 500 minimum
- Quantitative GRE Score: 500 minimum
- In lieu of the GRE, only applicants to the Department of Health Policy and Management may submit a minimum GMAT score of 500 for the MPH, MSPH and MHA.
- An MCAT score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE. A mean of 8 is required.

## DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**Plan of Study** Total minimum: 56 hrs plus field experience

### College Core

(15)

PHC 6102	Principles of Health Policy and Management	(3)
PHC 6000	Epidemiology	(3)
PHC 6050	Biostatistics I	(3)
PHC 6357	Environmental and Occupational Health	(3)
PHC 6410	Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health	(3)

### Management and Policy

(19)

PHC 6148	Strategic Planning and Healthcare Marketing	(3)
PHC 6147	Managing Quality in Health Care	(2)
PHC 6151	Health Policy and Politics	(3)
PHC 6114	Managed Care	(3)
PHC 6180	Health Services Management	(3)
PHC 6181	Organizational Behavior in Health Services	(3)
PHC 6420	Health Care Law, Regulation and Ethics	(3)

### Finance, Economics and Quantitative

(17)

ACG 6025	Financial Accounting for Managers	(2)
QMB 6305	Managerial Decision Making	(2)
PHC 6161	Managerial Health Care Finance and Costing	(4)
PHC 6191	Quantitative Analysis in Health Care Management	(3)
PHC 6196	Information Systems in Health Care Management	(3)
PHC 6430	Health Economics I	(3)

**Culminating Requirements****(6-7)**

- PHC 6945 Supervised Field Experience (1-2)
- Students with little or no professional experience: 2 hours minimum;
  - Students with substantial work experience can negotiate a reduced number of hours with their advisor (e.g., 1 or 2 hours) if the student has meaningful experience (involving decision-making) in a health care or related organization
- PHC 6977 Special Project (3)
- PHC 6183 Advanced Seminar in Health Care Management (2)  
*(Case-based capstone course that includes the final comprehensive exam)*

Total credits:

54 plus field experience

**COURSES**See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm>

## PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

### Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Degree

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#### DEGREE INFORMATION

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

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**Minimum Total Hours:** 42  
**Program Level:** Masters  
**CIP Code:** 51.2201  
**Dept Code:** DEA  
**Program (Major/College):** MPH PH

**Concentrations in:**

See list below. Detailed descriptions are available at:

[http://publichealth.usf.edu/programs\\_offered.html](http://publichealth.usf.edu/programs_offered.html)

**Dual Degrees:** See list below.

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#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Concentrations available in:**

Accelerated Health Education (AHE)  
 Behavioral Health (BHH)  
 Biostatistics (BST)  
 Environmental Health (EVH)  
 Epidemiology (EPY)  
 Epidemiology and Biostatistics (PEB)  
 Epidemiology and Global Health (EGH)  
 Executive Program for Health Professionals (EPH)  
 Executive Program for MBA Physicians (EPPGlobal Communicable Diseases (TCD)  
 Global Health Practice (GLO)  
 Global Health Informatics (GHI)  
 Health Care Organizations and Management (HCO)  
 Health Policies and Programs (HPP)  
 Maternal and Child Health (PMC)  
 Occupational Health (OCC)<sup>7</sup>  
 Occupational Medicine Residency (OMR)-  
 Occupational Safety (SFM)  
 Public Health Administration  
 Public Health Education(PHN)<sup>8</sup>  
 Public Health Practice(PHO, PHP)<sup>9,10</sup>  
 Socio-Health Sciences (SHS)  
 Toxicology and Risk Assessment (TXY)

**Dual Degrees Offered:**

Public Health and Anthropology (MPH with MA or Ph.D.) offered in the following concentrations:

- Epidemiology

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<sup>7</sup> Only available to dual MS Adult Nursing Students

<sup>8</sup> Accelerated entry program available

<sup>9</sup> Requires 3 years of health-related experience

<sup>10</sup> Offered (1) executive program and (2) online

- Global Health
- Environmental Health
- Global Communicable Disease
- Public Health Education
- Maternal and Child Health
- Health Care Organizations and Management

Public Health and Law (MPH/JD)—offered collegewide with Stetson Law School

Public Health and Medicine (MPH / M.D.) for already enrolled USF College of Medicine Students

Public Health and Physical Therapy (DPT/MPH)

- Designated for students in the DPT program in the School of Physical Therapy-MPH availability collegewide

Public Health and Social Work (MPH / MSW)

- Behavioral Health
- Maternal and Child Health

Public Health (Occupational Health) and Nursing / Adult Nurse Practitioner (MPH / MS)

Public Health and Biochemistry / Molecular Biology (MPH / Ph.D.) offered in the following concentrations:

- Epidemiology
- Environmental Health
- Toxicology and Risk Assessment
- Global Communicable Disease

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The College accommodates the working professional as well as the full-time student by offering late afternoon and evening classes, online course delivery, partnerships with international schools to expand options, a variety of graduate certificates, and a professional MPH for experienced health care professionals.

#### **Accreditation:**

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**Community and Family Health**<http://publichealth.usf.edu/cfh/>

Adolescent health risk taking behavior, Community-based prevention marketing, Reproductive and women's health, Health literacy, Health issues of developing countries, Family violence, Injury control and prevention, Social determinants of health, Aging and public health.

**Environmental and Occupational Health**<http://publichealth.usf.edu/eoh/>

Environmental and occupational toxicology and health risk assessment, Ergonomics and occupational heat stress, Occupational and environmental lung disease, inflammation and asthma, Environmental pollution assessment and modeling, bio-monitoring and management.

**Epidemiology and Biostatistics**<http://publichealth.usf.edu/epb/>

Epidemiology of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, Aging and occupational epidemiology, Cardiovascular disease epidemiology, Social epidemiology and public health geography, Cross-cultural studies, Cancer epidemiology, Perinatal epidemiology, Sleep disorders, Injury epidemiology, Osteoporosis and falls in aging population, Infectious disease epidemiology, Prevention science and prevention methodology, including design and analysis of preventive field trials, Prevention of conduct disorder and aggression, depression, and suicide and drug use/abuse, Analysis of behavior observation data, Multi-level and mixture modeling, Environmental statistics, Health outcome evaluation and medical surveillance, Detection of bioterrorism, Small area estimation, Missing data methods, Growth curve modeling, Risk assessment, and Bayesian inference.

**Global Health**<http://publichealth.usf.edu/gh/>

Surveillance of intestinal parasitic infections; Realtime syndromic surveillance of bioterrorist event; Biosafety of bloodborne pathogens; Serology of arboviruses; pathophysiology of arboviral infections; Health promotion against violence; Health promotion and education in HIV/AIDS; Surveillance of waterborne infections; Development of solar latrines for helminth eradication; Ecodynamics and environmental impact on health.

**Health Policy and Management**<http://publichealth.usf.edu/hpm/>

Health care financial management, Health economics, Quantitative methods in health services, Health insurance, Health law, Quality management, Performance improvement, Community health assessment, Organizational theory and behavior applied to health settings, Health information management, Health policy, and Strategic planning.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

All Applicants must take the Graduate Record Exam (except as noted below) or an equivalent taken within five years preceding application unless noted as exceptions and must meet the following criteria:

- shall have earned an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution;
- shall have earned a "B" average (3.0 on a 4 point scale) or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division student working toward a baccalaureate degree; OR
- shall have a minimum Verbal Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General test score of 450 and a minimum Quantitative Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test score of 550;
- In lieu of the GRE, only applicants to the Department of Health Policy and Management may submit a minimum GMAT score of 500 for the MPH, MSPH and MHA.
- An MCAT score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE. A mean of 8 is required. The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics does not permit the substitution of the MCAT for the GRE.

Meeting of these criteria per se shall not be the only basis for admission. Note: Some Department concentration areas require higher GRE subscores.

## DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

**Master of Public Health (MPH):** <http://publichealth.usf.edu/mph.html>

All MPH students are required to successfully complete a minimum of 42 credits plus field experience:

Five college core courses - Biostatistics I, Epidemiology, Principles of Health Policy and Management; Environmental and Occupational Health, and Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health	15 credits:
Concentration courses in specialty areas-	12 credit minimum depending on department requirements
Comprehensive Exam and/or capstone course	
Field Experience	1 - 12 credits
Special Projects	3 credits
Electives (variable)	

For information on program requirements, refer to the college website: [www.publichealth.usf.edu](http://www.publichealth.usf.edu)

### OTHER INFORMATION

**Certificate Programs:**

(for information click on the graduate certificates at <http://www.outreach.usf.edu/gradcerts/>)

### COURSES

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm>

## PUBLIC HEALTH / LAW DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

### Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Degree Doctorate of Jurisprudence (J.D.) Degree with Stetson University

#### DEGREE INFORMATION

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

Public Health has rolling admissions and no set deadline. A minimum of 6 weeks is necessary after a completed application is received in order for the application to be fully processed.

<b>Minimum Total Hours:</b>	42
<b>Program Level:</b>	Masters
<b>CIP Code:</b>	51.2201
<b>Dept Code:</b>	DEA
<b>Program (Major/College):</b>	MPH PH

**Concentrations:**

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Colleges:** Public Health  
Stetson Law School

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

**Other Resources:** [www.usf4you](http://www.usf4you)

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The core functions of public health include assessment, policy development, and assurance. Public health professionals can better perform these functions through not only obtaining the prerequisite knowledge but also through partnering with well-trained professionals in other fields such as law to develop and implement society's responses to public health needs. However, lawyers' effectiveness is often limited by their inadequate knowledge of public health and its scientific disciplines. The joint degree program is intended to supply this knowledge by giving public health and Stetson Law School graduates a sound education in both law and public health. A related goal is to increase the opportunities for inter-disciplinary research, teaching, and advocacy for the faculties at the College of Public Health and Stetson University College of Law.

**Concentrations available in:**

- Accelerated Health Education (AHE)
- Behavioral Health (BHH)
- Biostatistics (BST)
- Environmental Health (EVH)
- Epidemiology (EPY)
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics (PEB)
- Epidemiology and Global Health (EGH)
- Executive Program for Health Professionals (EPH)
- Executive Program for MBA Physicians (EPPGlobal Communicable Diseases (TCD)
- Global Health Practice (GLO)
- Global Health Informatics (GHI)
- Health Care Organizations and Management (HCO)
- Health Policies and Programs (HPP)
- Maternal and Child Health (PMC)
- Occupational Health (OCC)<sup>11</sup>
- Occupational Medicine Residency (OMR)

<sup>11</sup> Only available to dual MS Adult Nursing Students

Occupational Safety (SFM)  
 Public Health Administration  
 Public Health Education(PHN)<sup>12</sup>  
 Public Health Practice(PHO, PHP)<sup>13,14</sup>  
 Socio-Health Sciences (SHS)  
 Toxicology and Risk Assessment (TXY)

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**Accreditation:**

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**Major Research Areas:**

Faculty major research areas are listed at:

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**Community and Family Health**

<http://publichealth.usf.edu/cfh/>

Adolescent health risk taking behavior, Community-based prevention marketing, Reproductive and women's health, Health literacy, Health issues of developing countries, Family violence, Injury control and prevention, Social determinants of health, Aging and public health.

**Environmental and Occupational Health**

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Environmental and occupational toxicology and health risk assessment, Ergonomics and occupational heat stress, Occupational and environmental lung disease, inflammation and asthma, Environmental pollution assessment and modeling, bio-monitoring and management.

**Epidemiology and Biostatistics**

<http://publichealth.usf.edu/epb/>

Epidemiology of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, Aging and occupational epidemiology, Cardiovascular disease epidemiology, Social epidemiology and public health geography, Cross-cultural studies, Cancer epidemiology, Perinatal epidemiology, Sleep disorders, Injury epidemiology, Osteoporosis and falls in aging population, Infectious disease epidemiology, , Prevention science and prevention methodology, including design and analysis of preventive field trials, Prevention of conduct disorder and aggression, depression, and suicide and drug use/abuse, Analysis of behavior observation data, Multi-level and mixture modeling, Environmental statistics, Health outcome evaluation and medical surveillance, Detection of bioterrorism, Small area estimation, Missing data methods, Growth curve modeling, Risk assessment, and Bayesian inference.

**Global Health**

<http://publichealth.usf.edu/gh/>

Surveillance of intestinal parasitic infections; Realtime syndromic surveillance of bioterrorist event; Biosafety of bloodborne pathogens; Serology of arboviruses; pathophysiology of arboviral infections; Health promotion against violence; Health promotion and education in HIV/AIDS; Surveillance of waterborne infections; Development of solar latrines for helminth eradication; Ecodynamics and environmental impact on health.

<sup>12</sup> Accelerated entry program available

<sup>13</sup> Requires 3 years of health-related experience

<sup>14</sup> Offered (1) executive program and (2) online

**Health Policy and Management**<http://publichealth.usf.edu/hpm/>

Health care financial management, Health economics, Quantitative methods in health services, Health insurance, Health law, Quality management, Performance improvement, Community health assessment, Organizational theory and behavior applied to health settings, Health information management, Health policy, and Strategic planning.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

Students will need to be accepted to both institutions and follow the admission standards of each setting. Students must complete the GRE and the LSAT for acceptance into this dual program. Refer to the MPH listing for specific USF admission requirements.

**DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**College of Public Health Students:** Students in the College of Public Health will enroll in the JD/MPH program, complete the MPH degree, and meet the admission requirements of Stetson which includes taking the LSAT, and then enroll in the Stetson College of Law to complete the JD. Students in the dual degree program will be permitted to count nine hours of credit from the MPH program toward satisfaction of JD credit requirements, and up to nine hours of credit from the JD program toward satisfaction of MPH credit requirements. All students in the dual degree program must complete a field experience requirement. Students in Stetson Law must do mandatory pro bono work (20 hours). Some of these hours may qualify for the field experience however these must be done in a public health setting. This will be determined by the student's public health advisor and department. Credit hours for the MPH may be more than 42 hours (i.e. 46 hours) depending on the concentration program.

**Stetson Law Students:** Students already enrolled in Stetson College of Law will normally apply for the dual degree program in their first or second year. Students in the program will usually complete either one or two years of law school, after which they will spend a year completing the MPH program in the College of Public Health. Students will have the ability to choose whichever concentration within the College that best meets their interests and needs and which they are formally accepted to by the College and Department. After completing their MPH, students will return to Stetson to complete their JD and prepare for the bar exam. The virtue of this study plan is that students will commence MPH study with a sound foundation in law and legal process, and students will complete the elective portion of their legal study with a sound foundation in public health.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Contact Public Health for a listing of curriculum requirements of both USF and Stetson Law.

**COURSES**

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm>

## PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

### Master of Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.) Degree

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#### DEGREE INFORMATION

**Program Admission Deadlines:**

Public Health has rolling admissions and no set deadline. A minimum of 6 weeks is necessary after a completed application is received in order for the application to be fully processed.

<b>Minimum Total Hours:</b>	42
<b>Program Level:</b>	Masters
<b>CIP Code:</b>	51.2299
<b>Dept Code:</b>	DEA
<b>Program (Major/College):</b>	MSP PH

**Concentrations:**

See list below. Detailed descriptions are available at:  
[http://publichealth.usf.edu/programs\\_offered.html](http://publichealth.usf.edu/programs_offered.html)

**Dual Degrees Offered:** See list below.

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**College:** Public Health

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

**Other Resources:** [www.usf4you](http://www.usf4you)

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Concentrations available in:**

- Behavioral Health (PBH)
- Bioinformatics (PBF)
- Biostatistics (PBC)
- Environmental Health (PEH)
- Epidemiology (PEY)
- Global Communicable Disease (PGD)
- Health Policy and Management
- Industrial Hygiene (PIH)
- Maternal and Child Health (PMH)
- Occupational Health for Health Professionals (POH)<sup>15</sup>
- Occupational Medicine Residency (POM)
- Public Health Education (PPD)
- Socio-Health Sciences (PSH)
- Toxicology and Risk Assessment (PTX)

**Program Information**

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<sup>15</sup> Only for health professionals

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## ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

### Program Admission Requirements

All Applicants must take the Graduate Record Exam (except as noted below) or an equivalent taken within five years preceding application unless noted as exceptions and must meet the following criteria:

- shall have earned an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution; shall have earned a "B" average (3.0 on a 4 point scale) or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper division student working toward a baccalaureate degree; AND
- shall have a minimum Verbal Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test score of 450 and a minimum Quantitative Graduate Record Exam (GRE) test score of 550;
- In lieu of the GRE, only applicants to the Department of Health Policy and Management may submit a minimum GMAT score of 500 for the MPH, MSPH and MHA.
- An MCAT score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE. A mean of 8 is required.

Meeting of these criteria per se shall not be the only basis for admission.

Note: Some Department concentration require higher GRE subscores.

## DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All MSPH students are required to successfully complete 42+ credits depending on concentration requirements 9 credits of college core courses including Biostatistics I and Epidemiology, plus one other core courses approved by the academic advisor

- Biostatistics II
- Courses in specialty areas as designated by advisory committee - 12 credits minimum
- Research Methods as determined by advisory committee
- Comprehensive Exam/Capstone Course
- Thesis for a minimum of 6 credits
- Electives (variable)

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Certificate Programs:

(for information click on the graduate certificates at <http://www.outreach.usf.edu/gradcerts/>)

## COURSES

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/sab/sabs.cfm>

## PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

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#### DEGREE INFORMATION

<b>Program Admission Deadlines:</b>	
<b>Fall:</b>	December 15 annually
<b>Minimum Total Hours:</b>	90
<b>Program Level:</b>	Doctoral
<b>CIP Code:</b>	51.2201
<b>Dept Code:</b>	DEA
<b>Program (Major/College):</b>	PPH PH

#### Concentrations available in:

See list below in Program Information. Detailed descriptions are available at:  
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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>College:</b>	Public Health
<b>Contact Information:</b>	<a href="http://www.grad.usf.edu">www.grad.usf.edu</a>

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### Concentrations available in:

Behavioral Health (BHH)  
 Biostatistics (BST)  
 Community and Family Health  
*(Focus Areas Include: Behavioral Health, Maternal and Child Health, PublicHealth Education, Socio-health Sciences)(CFH)*  
 Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH)  
 Epidemiology (EPY)  
 Global Communicable Disease (TCD)  
 Health Policy and Management (HPM)  
 Industrial Hygiene (IHY)  
 International Health Management (IHM)  
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**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

Applicants to the doctoral program in Public Health must meet the following minimum criteria in order to be considered for admission. However, the meeting of these criteria per se, shall not be the only basis for admission.

- A minimum Verbal Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test score of 480 and a minimum Quantitative Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of 620 taken within 5 years preceding the application and a grade point average of 3.0 are needed to be considered.
- A score of 600 or higher on the GMAT for applicants to only the Health Policy and Management Department will be considered.

- Each applicant must submit evidence of written/analytical skills to the College of Public Health which will take two-forms:
  - A graduate level term paper, thesis, or research paper of which the student is the sole author, publication on which the student is the first author; and
  - A detailed personal statement of less than five pages that describes why the applicant wishes to obtain a Ph.D. degree in Public Health.
- Applicants seeking consideration to the doctoral program must possess the MPH, M.S.P.H., or equivalent. Those who hold other graduate degrees will be considered, but as a prerequisite, they must complete the Epidemiology and Biostatistics core courses, one additional core course, and other courses as required and approved by their advisory committee.
- Each applicant must submit at least two formal Letters of Recommendation. The Department of Community and Family Health requires three Letters of Recommendation.
- In order to be considered for admission to the Ph.D. Program in Public Health, applicants must be fully prepared to register as full-time students for at least one full academic year (consecutive Fall and Spring semesters).

## DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### Prerequisites:

A minimum of Biostatistics I, Epidemiology, and one other selected college core courses are required by all students who do not have a master's degree in public health. The doctoral committee or the department may require other prerequisites. These courses are not included in the minimum number of hours a student needs to complete the Ph.D. and are expected to be completed early in the course of study.

### Required Coursework:

The courses and number of credit hours required are defined by the department and the doctoral committee and include coursework from another department or college. There must be minimum of 13 credits at the 7000 level. Generally, the doctoral degree requires a minimum of 90 credits beyond the bachelor's degree. Departments determine the number of credits accepted from previous master(s) degree. There is a mandatory doctoral student orientation that all new doctoral students must attend in the fall semester of their first academic year.

### Tools of Research:

Departmental Guidelines will address whether tools of research are required for doctoral students within that department (consistency within the department required). The student must complete a minimum of two of the "Tools of Research" options designated by the department, and approved by the doctoral committee before the student is eligible to take the doctoral qualifying examination.

### Teaching:

All doctoral students will demonstrate or document proficiency in teaching academic courses at the university level.

### Qualifying Exam:

When all required coursework is satisfactorily completed (including tools of research and prerequisites), the student must pass a written comprehensive qualifying examination covering the subject matter in the major and related fields.

### Dissertation:

All students must follow the University's "Guidelines for Dissertations and Theses."

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Certificate Programs:** (for information click on the graduate certificates at <http://www.outreach.usf.edu/gradcerts/>)

## COURSES

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## PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

### Doctor of Public Health (Dr.PH.) Degree

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#### DEGREE INFORMATION

**Program Admission Deadlines:**  
**Fall:** December 15 annually

**Minimum Total Hours:** 90  
**Program Level:** Doctoral  
**CIP Code:** 51.2201  
**Dept Code:** DEA  
**Program (Major/College):** DPH PH

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**College:** Public Health

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

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#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Dr.PH. is an advanced professional degree that prepares practitioners for leadership and advocacy in public health practice through a scientific and interdisciplinary approach to understanding and solving problems in public and private sectors in Florida and the global community. The Dr.PH. curriculum differs from the Ph.D. in that the Dr.PH. requires all five public health core courses, whereas the PhD requires only three. Dr.PH. students would be required to develop both quantitative and qualitative applied research skills, whereas PhD students may choose to develop either quantitative or qualitative research skills. Dr.PH. students are required to complete 12 credit hours of policy, leadership and management courses, which is not required in most Ph.D. concentrations. Another difference from the PhD is the culminating requirement of the Dr.PH., a dissertation, must be practice based in addition to a requirement of 9 hours of field experience. Data and other information gathered through the field experience can be incorporated into the dissertation.

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#### ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

**Program Admission Requirements**

Applicants must have an MPH, MHA or equivalent degree from an accredited university, and a minimum of two years work experience in public health, a closely related field or as a health professional. Eligibility requirements regarding GPA and standardized test scores will be identical to the college's Ph.D. program which is 3.0 GPA AND at least 480 on the verbal section of the GRE and 620 on the quantitative section.

Applicants must identify a discipline-specific interest area and have a faculty sponsor from the discipline who agrees to serve as the major professor. The admissions decision is made by the faculty sponsor's department.

**DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

- Public Health Core (15 credit hours)  
 PHC 6000 Epidemiology  
 PHC 6050 Biostatistics I  
 PHC 6102 Principles of Health Policy and Management  
 PHC 6357 Environmental and Occupational Health  
 PHC 6410 Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health
- 7000 Level (12 credit hours)  
 Must include Interdisciplinary Doctoral Seminar (3)
- Applied Research (15 credit hours)  
 PHC 6051 Biostatistics 2  
 Evaluation course\*
- Quantitative Research Methods\*  
 \*Two mixed methods courses may substitute for the Quantitative and Qualitative research methods courses
- Choose one:  
 PHC 6010 Epidemiology Methods I  
 PHC 6011 Epidemiology Methods II  
 PHC 7001 Practical Issues in Epidemiology
- Policy, Leadership and Management (12 credit hours)  
 Policy course\*  
 Planning course\*  
 Management/Leadership course\*
- Elective (18 credit hours)  
 \*Each department (or doctoral committee if department guidelines do not exist) should choose the appropriate policy, leadership, and management courses for the student's plan of study. Discipline-Specific courses should pertain to focal discipline and interest area. Hours can be transferred from Master's degree.
- Culminating Requirements (18 credit hours)  
 Written qualifying exam  
 and Practice-Based Dissertation  
 (requires 9 credit hours of PHC 7908 Specialized Study, which encompasses a field placement, and 9 credit hours of PHC 7980 Dissertation)
- Total Hours = 90  
 At least 12 hours have to be at the 7000 level

**Doctoral Committee**

A student's doctoral committee must have a minimum of four members, which includes at least two faculty members from the sponsoring department and a public health professional or practitioner.

**Graduation Requirements**

Students must be in good academic standing to graduate (minimum of an overall 3.0 GPA) and have completed all required and elective coursework, including successful defense of their doctoral dissertation and completion of the teaching requirement.

**COURSES**

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