Public Health Administration & Policy (PHAP) MPH
Hosted by Arizona State University (ASU)

The Public Health Administration & Policy (PHAP) major offers individuals a core curriculum on managing organizations and influencing policy to improve population health. The curriculum emphasizes the skills necessary for population-focused administration, policy development, and evidence-based public health. Graduates work in health-oriented government agencies, nonprofits, or other organizations that seek to improve the health of populations. The existing PHAP program will be offered to students online, through UMN’s Summer Public Health Institute, and through courses taught on the ASU campus by faculty who have adjunct faculty status with UMN School of Public Health. Students take a total of 44 credits.

**MPH Core Courses** *(14-15 credits)*
- Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (PubH 6020, 3 credits; O/L)
- Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (PubH 6102, 2 credits; O/L)
- Fundamentals of Epidemiology (PubH 6320, 3 credits; O/L) or Epidemiologic Methods (PubH 6341, 3 credits; O/L)
- Biostatistical Literacy (PubH 6414, 3 credits; O/L) or Biostatistics I (PubH 6450, 4 credits; O/L)
- Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice (PubH 6741, 1 credit; O/L) or Ethics in Public Health: Research and Policy (PubH 6742, 1 credit; O/L)
- Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (PubH 6751, 2 credits; O/L)

**PHAP Core Courses* *(16 credits)*
- Foundations of Public Health (PubH 6700; 2 credits; O/L)
- The Health Care System and Public Health (PubH 6724, 3 credits; O/L)
- Health Leadership and Effecting Change (PubH 6727, 2 credits; O/L)
- Planning and Budgeting for Public Health (PubH 6755, 2 credits; O/L)
- Principles of Public Health Research (PubH 6806, 2 credits; O/L)
- Principles of Health Policy (PubH 6735, 3 credits; O/L)
- Master’s Project Seminar (PubH 7784, 1 credit in Fall Semester, 1 credit in Spring Semester. This course will be conducted on the ASU campus by Dr. Baldwin.)

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**Field Experience** *(PubH 7796, 2 credits)*
The required field experience provides an opportunity to apply policy skills and theories learned in the classroom in a real-world setting. The ASU director will assist in placing students in field experiences in local communities.
**Master’s Project** (PubH 7794, 2 credits)

The required Master’s Project demonstrates familiarity with the tools of research and scholarship in public health administration and policy, the capacity to work independently or in group collaborations, and the ability to present work effectively.

**Electives**

Students select the remaining credit from other graduate level classes offered by The University of Minnesota and Arizona State University. The University of Minnesota’s Summer Public Health Institute has numerous elective opportunities. Other online electives offered by UMN SPH include (but are not limited to):

- Continuous Quality Improvement: Methods/Techniques (PubH 6765, 3 credits; O/L)
- Program Evaluation in Health & Mental Health Settings (PubH 6852, 2 credits; only O/L)
- Public Health Informatics (PubH 6880, 2 credits)
- Biostatistics II (PubH 6451, 4 credits; O/L)
- Children’s Health: Issues, Programs, and Policies (PubH 6606, 2 credits; O/L)
- Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (PubH 6613, 2 credits; O/L)
- Using Policy to Address Child and Adolescent Obesity Prevention (PubH 6955, 2 credits; O/L)
- Introduction to SAS Programming (PubH 6420, 1 credit; O/L)

**Admission Preferences and Prerequisites**

Admission requires a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university. The admissions committee reviews applicants according to their personal statements, background and experience, record of academic achievement, demonstrated academic potential, letters of recommendation, compatibility of interests with program faculty, and other factors. Test scores and GPAs are not used exclusively in the admissions review. Applicants should have some work experience in public health, such as serving as a volunteer, completing an internship, or full-time employment in a public health setting.

**Preferred Performance Levels**

- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00
- A GRE score of 300 combined verbal and quantitative, and 3.5 analytic writing assessment. Also acceptable: GMAT, LSAT, DAT, MCAT. (Test not required for applicants with a doctoral degree from an accredited U.S. school.)
- TOEFL scores of 600 on the paper test or 250 on the computer-based test or 90 on the internet-based (iBT) test for applicants whose native language is not English

**Application Deadlines for Fall Admission**

- Priority: December 1
- Final: April 15 (or until all seats are filled)

O/L= offered online