

## Public Health Practice: DNP/MPH Dual Degree Program

The Doctor of Nursing Practice/Master of Public Health (DNP/MPH) dual degree program is designed to teach students to create and implement evidenced-based interventions to provide quality care that improves the health and well-being of individuals, families, communities, and populations. Students will learn how to effectively address public health policy problems and influence policy-makers to make change at all levels. Students must complete a minimum of 42 credits.

The DNP/MPH dual degree allows students, with approval, to transfer up to 14 credits from the DNP curriculum, with approval. The remaining 28 credits will be taken as a public health student from the School of Public Health.

### PUBLIC HEALTH CORE REQUIREMENTS

#### 16 CREDITS

*The basic curriculum courses are offered online and on-campus:*

- PubH 6020** Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science (2 cr)
- PubH 6102** Issues in Environmental and Occupational Health (2 cr)
- PubH 6250** Foundations of Public Health (2 cr)
- PubH 6320** Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3 cr)
- PubH 6414** Biostatistical Literacy (3 cr and a 1 cr statistical programming course\*\*) **or**
- PubH 6450** Biostatistics I (4 cr)
- PubH 6741** Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice and Policy (1 cr)
- PubH 6751** Principles of Management in Health Services (2 cr)

*\*\*Students who take PubH 6414 Biostatistical Literacy, must also take one of the following courses:*

- PubH 6107** Excel and Access in Public Health Settings (1 cr)
- PubH 6123** Violence Prevention & Control: Theory, Research, and Application (2 cr)
- PubH 6325** Data Processing with PC-SAS (1 cr)
- PubH 6420** Introduction to SAS Programming (1 cr)
- PubH 6470** SAS Procedures & Data Analysis (3 cr)
- PubH 6755** Planning & Budgeting in Public Health (2 cr)
- PubH 6813** Managing Electronic Health Info (2 cr)
- PubH 6845** Using Demographic Data for Policy Analysis (3 cr)
- PubH 7461** Exploring and Visualizing Data in R (2 cr)
- PA 5929** Data Visualization: Telling Stories with Numbers (2 cr)

### APPLIED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

**PubH 7296** (1-4 credits)

### INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

**PubH 7294** (1-4 credits)

### ELECTIVE COURSES

To complete program requirements, students will choose electives, in consultation with their academic advisor, which may include credits towards a minor.

The majority of DNP/MPH students complete the elective courses at the Public Health Institute (PHI), which is offered in the last week in May and first weeks in June, during the May session.

PHI offers on-campus courses on a variety of current topics in a concentrated format over three weeks. PHI provides course content that emphasizes research to practice with opportunity for field trips, case studies and simulations. It provides a perfect setting to network with other professionals or explore a new area of interest in public health.

Students may attend PHI one to three weeks, dependent upon time, and may complete up to 7 credits during this May session. Other elective courses are offered online and on-campus during the fall and spring terms.

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