

# PUBLIC POLICY AND URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING PUBLIC HEALTH



The Master of Public Policy/Master of Public Health (MPP/MPH) and Master of Urban & Regional Planning/Master of Public Health (MURP/MPH) dual degree programs are tailored to students who want to address public policy and influence how neighborhoods, cities, and regions develop from a perspective that puts community and population health first.

**“Having a MPH degree was a strong contributing factor to getting the job I wanted. The evaluation training I received in the MPH is the primary reason I got the position.”**

- MPP/MPH 2015 Alumnus  
 Healthcare Analyst in the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota

## PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH degree requires 42 credits (22-23 MPH core credits; 19-20 elective credits). Up to 14 MPP or MURP credits can be transferred to the MPH degree, and up to 12 MPH credits can be transferred to a MPP or MURP degree.

## ONLINE & IN-PERSON COURSEWORK

The MPP/MPH and MURP/MPH dual degree programs are designed for students to complete the core MPH courses online (14 credits), and complete elective courses during the Public Health Institute (PHI)—a three-week intensive session that offers in-person courses on a variety of current topics. PHI takes place each year during May Term.

## COURSES

### REQUIRED CORE COURSES/ACTIVITIES (22-23 CR)

- **PubH 6020** Fundamentals of Social & Behavioral Science (3 cr)
- **PubH 6102** Issues in Environmental & Occupational Health (2 cr)
- **PubH 6320** Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3 cr)
- **PubH 6414** Biostatistical Literacy (3 cr)
- **PubH 6741** Ethics in Public Health: Professional Practice & Policy (1 cr)
- **PubH 6751** Principles of Management in Health Services Organizations (2 cr)
- **Master's Project (Capstone):** completed in conjunction with MPP or MURP (transfer 4 cr)
- **Field Experience:** completed in conjunction with MPP or MURP (3-4 cr)

### ELECTIVES/TRANSFERS (19-20 CR)

Up to 14 MPP, MURP or graduate-level credits may transfer to the MPH degree. Within elective courses, students are required to complete one course in each of the four core public health practice domains:

1. Public policy development using a systems framework
2. Interventions based on the dimensions of community and culture
3. Assessment and application of public health sciences
4. Program management and communications principles

## BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

**Accessible.** Dual degree option is available to students enrolled in an MPP or MURP program at any accredited institution.

**Affordable.** In-state tuition for all students regardless of the state of residency.

**Efficient.** Transfer up to 14 credits from your MPP or MURP program into the MPH degree. In addition, capstones/projects and field experiences may be applied to both degrees.

**Competitive edge.** A degree from top 10 schools of public health and public affairs (Humphrey School): opens up new opportunities; sets candidates apart in the hiring process; and provides distinction in competitive career environments.

**Comprehensive curriculum.** Students are well-prepared with the skills needed to design, advocate for, and evaluate efforts to promote health behaviors and social conditions for populations.

## CAREER

Increasing focus on public health preparedness, public health research and evaluation, and environmental health dramatically increases career opportunities for public policy and planning professionals. Students gain skills in holistic and population-based thinking and are well-prepared for a variety of positions within government (local, national, and international), industry, and not-for-profit organizations.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be applying to or be admitted to a MPP or MURP graduate program.

### MATERIALS

- Official transcripts
- Statement of Purpose and Objectives
- Resume or C.V.
- Official GRE scores
- 3 letters of recommendation

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis and students can join the program at three different points throughout the year:

Fall Term: **August 1** application deadline

Spring Term: **December 1** application deadline

Summer Term: **April 1** application deadline



## POSITIONS HELD BY GRADUATES

**Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota**

Healthcare Analyst

**HealthPartners Institute**

Research Project Manager

**Chemonics International**

Project Management Associate

**Bicycle and Greenway Program, New York City Department of Transportation**

Project Manager



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