

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH



One of the few programs of its kind in the nation that works to improve the health of women, children, fathers and families around the world.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAM FORMAT

The Maternal & Child Health program has three flexible curriculum options.

STANDARD TRACK, 48 CREDITS

The standard track is ideal for students without advanced degrees and who have limited professional experience. Students may complete their degree online, in-person, or through a mix of both.

EPIDEMIOLOGY TRACK, 48 CREDITS

The epidemiology track emphasizes quantitative methods and research, training students to become epidemiologists with expertise in data collection, data analysis and data interpretation specific to maternal and child health populations. In-person classes are required.

ADVANCED STANDING TRACK, 42 CREDITS

The advanced standing track is designed for students who either have an advanced degree (e.g., MD, MS, MSW, MEd) or who have at least three years of professional experience in maternal and child health or public health. Students may complete their degree online, in-person, or through a mix of both. Advanced standing students may matriculate in fall, spring, and summer.

ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM

Strong Values. Our program is rooted in the principles of social justice and is committed to serving vulnerable populations.

Integrated Health Sciences. Core program faculty includes more than 30 epidemiologists, psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, geneticists, physicians, nurses, and public/community health specialists—giving our students a multi-disciplinary approach to public health topics.

Supportive Environment. Students receive personal attention from nationally recognized faculty, and a network of more than 10,000 alumni (600 MCH graduates) who serve as mentors, employers and teachers.

Comprehensive Curriculum. Our students develop skills in health principles and approaches, health disparities/health inequities, ethics, communications, policy and health systems. They use these skills to promote and improve the health of women, children, youth and families.

CAREERS

Maternal & Child Health graduates work to promote social and environmental conditions that contribute to the health of women, children, youth, and families. Much of their work is focused on socially and economically vulnerable populations in the U.S. and abroad. Graduates work in a variety of settings in city, county, and state health departments and other government agencies; global and domestic non-profit organizations, clinics, and agencies; universities; and research institutes.

POSITIONS HELD BY GRADUATES OF THIS PROGRAM

Minnesota Department of Health

Health Educator, Newborn Screening Program

Allina Health

Senior Clinical Data Analyst

Hennepin County

Public Health Nurse

Denver Public Health

HPV Program Coordinator

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Project Officer – HIV/AIDS Bureau

Comprehensive Abortion Care Initiative

International Planned Parenthood Manager

AFFILIATED TRAINING CENTER

The Maternal & Child Health MPH program is enhanced by a training grant from HRSA that provides students and professionals with ongoing education and outreach opportunities. The Center emphasizes:

- partnership through collaboration with families, community professionals, and other academic departments
- paid conference registrations, updates on MCH trends, and additional professional education opportunities
- 4-5 paid opportunities with community partners and the center during the year

DUAL-DEGREE OPTIONS

MPH/JD, U of M Law School

MPH/MSW, U of M Law School

ADMISSIONS

REQUIRED

Standard and Epidemiology Tracks: Bachelor's degree

Advanced Standing: Advanced degree or 3 years experience

PREFERRED

Students with related experience, a basic understanding of physiological and/or psychological human development, and a quantitative background or interest (for Epidemiology track) are best suited for academic success in this program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Standard and Epidemiology Tracks

Scholarship priority deadline: December 1

Final deadline: May 1

Advanced Standing Track

Fall: May 1 • Spring: November 1 • Summer: March 1

FACULTY PROFILE



Ruby Nguyen's research focuses on maternal, child and family health; chronic vulvar pain; the etiology of reduced fertility; and infertility and later disease. Recent research includes examining the chemicals found in common products to determine how they alter hormone-related levels in expectant mothers and affect their child's development.

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