

# PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION & POLICY



The Public Health Administration & Policy (PHAP) MPH program provides core knowledge about 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, community non-profits, and for-profit organizations that seek to improve the health of populations.

**Become a leader and innovator in public health management, analysis, and policy.**

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### 44 CREDITS

The Public Health Administration & Policy (PHAP) MPH program is a full-time two year program that focuses on building skills in policy development and advocacy; project, residential program, and organizational management; and data analysis and management.

The curriculum is composed of MPH core courses, PHAP core courses, and electives. Most courses are offered online and in-person to meet individual learning needs and schedules.

PHAP is housed within the academic Division of Health Policy & Management in the School of Public Health, which is home to several national research centers. Our faculty have expertise in health equity, public health practice, ethics, aging, rural health, state and federal health, and health economics.

## ADVANTAGES OF THE PROGRAM

**Connected.** Students in our program are linked to local, state, and federal programs in public and private health.

**National Expertise.** The majority of faculty are nationally recognized scholars, speakers, and educators.

**Networking.** More than 10,000 alumni in the Midwest and across the U.S. support student career development, field work, and employment opportunities.

**Support.** Students are connected to affinity groups, academic clubs, academic support staff in biostatistics and writing, as well as one-on-one advising from our renowned faculty.

**Real world.** Our community advisory board partners with program administrators to keep curriculum, internships, and courses connected to what's happening in public health.

## ADDITIONAL DEGREE OFFERINGS

- MPH/JD dual degree, UMN Law School
- MPH/JD dual degree, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

## CAREERS

PHAP graduates work in traditional public health agencies at the local, state, federal, and international levels, as well as at for-profit companies and nonprofit organizations. PHAP graduates work with hospital and health care organizations to expand their population health focus through data analysis, community engagement, and policy making.

## POSITIONS HELD BY GRADUATES OF THE PHAP PROGRAM

**Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN Center for Prevention**  
Health Improvement Project Manager - Health Equity

**Minnesota Department of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Division**  
Healthcare System Preparedness Planner

**Collective Action Lab**  
Project Manager/Communication Lead

**Wilder Research**  
Research Associate

**Medica**  
Public Policy Coordinator

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Resume or C.V.
- Statement of purpose and objectives

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## EXPERT FACULTY

PHAP students engage with School of Public Health faculty (two profiled below) who are deeply involved in current policy-making and research.



Assistant Professor **Tetyana Shippee** looks closely at what creates and sustains quality of life in nursing homes. Her research on racial disparities for nursing home residents is breaking new ground and revealing surprising demographic changes.



Associate Professor **Sarah Gollust** analyzes geographic variations in media messaging about the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Her research assessing public response to media contributes to social science theory on the psychology of media effects, and informs policymakers and enrollment advocates about what types of messages shape public opinion and insurance enrollment.

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