PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH)

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THE PROGRAM
The DPH program prepares students to be researchers, managers, and university faculty who can lead efforts to promote health and prevent disease in urban populations. The curriculum integrates health, natural, and social sciences as applied to public health. Students will be prepared as interdisciplinary urban health researchers and practitioners, capable of working across levels, disciplines, and sectors to address complex public health problems with a focus on urban populations. Graduates will acquire the skills and knowledge to reduce socioeconomic and racial/ethnic disparities in health, a major national goal of the United States. The program admits students into one of four tracks: Community, Society, and Health; Epidemiology; Environmental and Occupational Health; and Health Policy and Management. Eligible students in any track can also choose to enroll in a concentration in public health nutrition or Maternal, Child, Reproductive and Sexual Health (MCRSH).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION
In addition to meeting the general University requirements for admission stated earlier in this bulletin, the applicants must meet the following requirements:

Completion of a Master’s of Public Health or equivalent degree. Students with advanced degrees in fields other than public health, such as law, social work, public policy, medicine, nursing, urban planning, social sciences, and natural sciences will also be considered. Such applicants will need to take five master’s level public health core courses (in biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health care administration, and social and behavioral dimensions of health), of which at least three must be satisfactorily completed prior to admissions.

At least three years of prior relevant teaching, research, or programmatic work experience in public health or a closely related area;

Well-defined interests in urban or population health, strong writing skills, and completion of the verbal, quantitative, and writing sections of the Graduate Record Examination;

At least two master’s level quantitative research courses with a grade of A- or better.
In addition, applicants for the Community, Society, and Health track are required to have completed at least three courses in social dimensions of health. Applicants for the Epidemiology track are required to have completed a second-level course in epidemiology, research methods, or statistics. Applicants for the Environmental Health Sciences track are required to have completed a course in toxicology, at least two courses in either occupational safety and health or environmental sciences, plus one course in public, environmental, or occupational health law or policy. Applicants for the Health Policy and Management track are required to have completed one course in health care systems, management, or administration, one course in health policy, and one social science course in a cognate-related field, such as economics, sociology, or political science. Students from any track can also apply for the concentration in public health nutrition if they are Registered Dieticians (RD), have completed the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE), or completed other graduate-level training in nutrition or food policy. The Maternal, Child, Reproductive and Sexual Health (MCRSH) Concentration is open to students in any specialization track who have prior graduate training in MCRSH.

**Course of Study**

1. All students must successfully complete five required courses (15 credits) in urban public health: PUBH 80000 Cities, Society, and Health; PUBH 80100 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Urban Health Research; PUBH 80500 Quantitative Research Methods with Applications to Urban Health or PUBH 82400 Biostatistics I; 80600 Qualitative Research Methods with Applications to Urban Health; and PUBH 82000 Epidemiologic Methods I.

2. Each track includes a specialization core of 9–12 credits.

For the Community, Society, and Health track, these include: PUBH 81100 Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Health; PUBH 81000 Community Health Interventions; and PUBH 81600 Evaluation of Public Health Programs and Policies.

For the Epidemiology track, the required specialization courses include: PUBH 82100 Epidemiologic Methods II: Research Design and Data Analysis; PUBH 82200 Epidemiologic Methods III: Seminar in Emerging Epidemiologic Methods and Topics; and PUBH 82300 Epidemiologic Methods IV: Seminar in Applications of Epidemiologic Methods to Urban Health; and PUBH 82500 Biostatistics II.

For the Environmental and Occupational Health track, the required courses include: PUBH 83000 Emerging Issues in Occupational and Environmental Health; PUBH 83100 Occupational and Environmental Health Risk Assessment, Management and Communication in Urban Settings; and at least one other GC or PUBH course on the urban environment or occupational health.

For the Health Policy and Management track, the required courses include: PUBH 84000 Seminar in Health Policy and Management; PUBH 84100 Quantitative Methods in Health Services Research; PUBH 84200 Public Health Economics; and PUBH 84300 Health Policy Analysis Methods.

Students in the nutrition concentration complete four courses that meet both track and concentration requirements, these include: PUBH 81400 Food Policies and Politics or its equivalent; SOC 82800 Food, Culture and Society or its equivalent; an advanced 3-credit epidemiology course relevant to nutrition and one 3-credit elective in research methods relevant to public health nutrition.

3. Each track includes additional courses in research methods, of which one must meet the interdisciplinary requirement (3 credits minimum) of an elective course in another Graduate Center area, all selected with faculty adviser (9 credits).

4. Each track includes PUBH 89300 Leadership and Organizational Change Seminar (3 credits) and PUBH 80700 Project Practicum (3 credits).

5. Each track includes research seminars (6 credits): PUBH 89000 Research Seminar I and PUBH 89100 Research Seminar II.

6. Each track includes dissertation research (12 credits): PUBH 89800 Dissertation Seminar (0 credits); PUBH 89900 (01, 02, 03, 04) Supervised Dissertation Research; and, if needed, PUBH 90000 Dissertation Supervision (0 credits).
Examinations After students successfully complete 21 credits of track-specific courses with at least a 3.0 GPA, they are eligible to take the First Examination. The exam will assess students’ mastery of track-specific and core curricula. Students who successfully complete the First Examination will be eligible to continue taking course work. After successfully completing all additional required course work except PUBH 891 and PUBH 899 (01, 02, 03, 04) and PUBH 898 with at least a 3.0 GPA, students become eligible to take the Second Examination. The Second Examination is tailored to the student’s particular area of interest and expertise.

The degree requires a total of 60 post-master’s credits and completion of the dissertation.

Specialization Courses: 3–5 courses (9–15 credits)
All students are required to develop expertise in one of four public health tracks: Community, Society, and Health (CSH), Epidemiology (EPI), Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH), and Health Policy and Management (HPM). Students must complete at least three required courses in their re-spective tracks and at least three additional GC or public health courses in a related discipline. Within each track, students can, in consultation with their adviser, create an individual specialization using both public health and other Graduate Center courses (e.g., women’s health, children’s health, cancer con-trol, infectious disease control, health disparities, aging and health, immigra-tion and health, sustainable urban development and health, etc.).

To meet specialization requirements, Doctor of Public Health students may take up to 6 credits in master’s-level courses in a related discipline with the approval of their faculty adviser and use these credits towards their Doctor of Public Health degree. Students cannot use MPH core courses (i.e., first-level courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health sciences, health management and policy, or health and behavioral sciences) towards the doctorate nor can they transfer master’s-level courses taken prior to matriculation in the DPH towards this degree.

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Students in the DPH Program
A DPH student is deemed not to be making satisfactory progress if she or he:
1. Has completed 36 credits and not passed the First Examination
2. Has a grade point average below 3.00
3. Has not completed Second Exam within 48 credits of matriculating
4. Has not completed the degree in six years
5. Has accumulated more than two open grades (“INC,” “INP,” “NGR,” “ABS,” and “ABP”).
6. Has not completed all five core Master’s in Public Health courses prior to enrolling in second year of course work.

Courses
Unless otherwise indicated, all courses for the DPH Program are 3 credits.

PUBH 80000 Cities, Society, and Health
PUBH 80100 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Urban Health Research
PUBH 80500 Quantitative Research Methods with Applications to Urban Health
PUBH 80600 Qualitative Research Methods with Applications to Urban Health
PUBH 80700 Practicum Project
PUBH 81000 Community Health Interventions: Theory and Methods
PUBH 81100 Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Health: Theory and Methods
PUBH 81200 Nutritional Epidemiology
PUBH 81300 Nutrition Education, Programs and Practice
PUBH 81400 Food Policies and Politics
PUBH 81600 Evaluation of Public Health Programs and Policies
PUBH 82000 Epidemiologic Methods I: Research Design and Interference
PUBH 82100 Epidemiologic Methods II: Study Design and Analysis
PUBH 82200 Epidemiologic Methods III: Seminar in Epidemiologic Methods
PUBH 82300 Epidemiologic Methods IV: Seminar in Applications of Epidemiologic Methods to Urban Health
PUBH 82400 Applied Biostatistics I
PUBH 82500 Applied Biostatistics II
PUBH 83000 Emerging Issues in Occupational and Environmental Health
PUBH 83100 Environmental and Occupational Health Risk Assessment, Management and Communication in Urban Settings
PUBH 84000 Seminar in Health Policy and Management
PUBH 84100 Quantitative Methods in Health Services Research
PUBH 84200 Public Health Economics
PUBH 84300 Health Policy Analysis Methods
PUBH 85100 Current Topics in Public Health Research and Practice
Variable 1–3 credits
PUBH 86100, 86200, or 86300 Independent Study in Public Health
Variable 1–3 credits
PUBH 87000 Maternal, Child, Reproductive and Sexual Health in Context
PUBH 87100 Maternal, Child, Reproductive and Sexual Health: A Life Course Perspective
PUBH 89000 Advanced Research Seminar I
PUBH 89100 Advanced Research Seminar II
PUBH 89201 Leadership and Organizational Change Project I
PUBH 89202 Leadership and Organizational Change Project II
PUBH 89300 Leadership and Organizational Change Seminar
PUBH 89800 Dissertation Seminar
0 credits
PUBH 89901, 89902, 89903, 89904 Supervised Dissertation Research
PUBH 90000 Dissertation Supervision
0 credits