

Online Master of Public Health Degree in Maternal and Child Health



A flexible program for working professionals who are concerned about vulnerable populations and want to acquire leadership skills for addressing the health needs of families, women, infants, children, and adolescents



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Relevant, dynamic leadership training

Professionals with work experience in maternal and child health can earn a majority of credits for a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree online.

The online MPH program is designed for working professionals whose goal is to advance to leadership roles within the field of maternal and child health or related fields. The program focuses on the principles of social justice and ensuring the health of vulnerable populations. The faculty and the coursework reflect deep concern about social conditions contributing to health status disparities around the world. Graduates will develop expertise in evidence-based advocacy, rigorous public health assessment, accessible and appropriate health education, and effective and innovative programs and policies that promote health and well-being.

The online coursework is geared toward the development of skills used in maternal and child public health practice settings. Students also participate in short (one-week) on-campus courses that focus on cutting edge issues in the field designed to respond to emerging needs in the community. These intensive courses are offered during a three-week Public Health Institute held each spring.

The School of Public Health

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health is one of the top 10 schools of public health in the nation. Its academic programs, combined with its research portfolio and connections to the community, make it an attractive choice for students seeking an advanced degree in public health.

All online students pay Minnesota in-state tuition rates, regardless of their state or country of residence.

Individualized and flexible advanced training

The School of Public Health is a technological leader in distance learning. Online students can communicate easily with faculty and other students. The flexibility of learning online, with activities that facilitate student-faculty interaction, presents an effective platform for distance education. Regular communication with a faculty advisor and a personally relevant field experience and master's project assure that your educational goals are met.

Eligibility

This program is available to those who already hold an advanced degree (e.g., MD, MSW, MSN, MS, PhD) OR to individuals without an advanced degree who have three or more years of work experience in the field of maternal and child health or a related field.

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Course requirements

The M.P.H. in maternal and child health requires that students take courses in the following competency areas:

- **Public Health Core (15 credits)**
Required courses include Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Environmental Health, Public Health Management, Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science, and Ethics

- **Scientific Basis of Maternal and Child Health (5 credit minimum)**
Choose from courses such as Reproductive Health, Maternal and Infant Nutrition, Biological Basis of Public Health, Children's Health, and Immigrant Health Issues

- **Methodologic and Analytical Skills (5 credit minimum)**
Program Evaluation is required and you may choose from other courses such as Community-Based Participatory Research, Focus Group Methods, and Community Health Data

- **Management, Communication, Policy/Advocacy Skills (6 credit minimum)**
Required courses include Principles and Programs in Maternal and Child Health, MCH Leadership Seminar, and Grant Writing; you may choose additional courses such as Community Organizing, Culturally Responsive Leadership, and Politics and Public Health

- **Application of M.P.H. Knowledge and Skills (4 credits)**
A 2-credit field experience and a 2-credit master's project are required.

Elective courses in public health and related fields may be taken to complete the 42-credit minimum required for the MPH degree.

While the majority of courses are available online, students will need to complete some coursework at the annual three-week Public Health Institute held in the spring on the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota. Most of these courses can be completed in one week.



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Financial information

Students admitted into this program are charged in-state tuition rates, regardless of the state or country where they reside. To view the most recent tuition and fee information please visit www.onestop.umn.edu/onestop/Tuition_Billing/Tuition_Rates.html

How to apply

All applicants must apply through SOPHAS, the School of Public Health Application Service. Applicants will be asked to provide SOPHAS with the following:

- A letter of intent describing the applicant's professional experience and leadership career goals;
- An up-to-date résumé or C.V.;
- Official transcripts or mark sheets from each college and/or university attended;
- Three letters of recommendation using the School Recommendation Form;
- GRE scores are required of all applicants except those who have earned a doctoral level degree from an accredited U.S. or Canadian institution; and
- TOEFL scores are required for all international applicants.

Detailed application instructions are available at www.sph.umn.edu/pro/app/home.html

Application deadline

Students are considered for admission throughout the year. The application review and decision process takes approximately six weeks. The following application deadlines apply (all application materials must be received by these dates):

- Fall admission: April 15
- Spring admission: September 15
- May and Summer admission: February 15