



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) *ONLINE DEGREE*

The Department of Public Health is home to all accredited public health degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels that prepare students for public health practice and research. Our graduates promote health in local and global settings as they work in government-sponsored public health agencies, nonprofit organizations, university and corporate wellness programs, and population health programs in healthcare settings.

Our graduate program includes a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree with a concentration (major) in Community Health and a joint degree that combines our Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) degree with the MPH in Community Health. The MPH degree and the BSPH/MPH joint degree are offered in an on-campus format. Details about these on-campus programs are provided in another section of this graduate catalog.

An online version of the MPH in Community Health degree is also available and is described in this section. This online program, commonly referred to as *MPH@Baylor Online*, is a 42-credit hour program that can be completed between 12-24 months. The program includes one required 2-credit-hour immersion experience in which students come to the campus of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, for a weekend of invaluable interaction with peers and professors, training in interprofessional collaboration skills, and early-stage training needed to begin developing ideas for the culminating graduate project that students must complete toward the end of the degree program. The culminating project, which includes the completion of a 150-hour internship, may be completed in an approved organization/agency and location. All courses, with the exception of the 2-credit hour immersion experience, are offered and completed fully online.

Courses in the online program are offered on a quarter system with course start dates occurring in January, April, July, and October. Students can choose to complete the program on a **full-time or part-time** basis. The time to complete varies based on the chosen track:

- Full-time, accelerated: 12 months
- Full-time, standard: 18 months
- Part-time: 24 months

Admissions Requirements for Online MPH

Applicants to the online MPH in Community Health program must have earned a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the United States, or proof of equivalent training at a foreign university. Additionally, **applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree with a GPA that demonstrates strong academic success, which is normally 3.0 or higher.**

There is no GRE requirement for this program. However, the GRE is recommended for applicants with less than 3 years of work experience OR who have not previously attained a Master's degree. Additionally, an optional essay will be available in the application for these candidates to state why previous coursework or work experience prepares them for the quantitative aspect of the program. Scores from the following exams can also be accepted: MCAT, LSAT, DAT, GMAT.

The admissions team accepts and reviews applications year-round on a rolling basis. Successful applicants possess backgrounds that demonstrate an ability to apply critical thinking skills to solve problems, collaborate with others and work on multidisciplinary teams, understand the importance of data-driven decision making, and embrace the significance of community engagement and cultural relevance in the health promotion process.

All applicants must submit the online application, a \$50 application fee, a resume/curriculum vitae, official transcripts from accredited institutions, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement.

**MPH Online Degree Plan
(Full-Time, Standard – 18 months)**

Quarter 1

- PUBH 5315 Theoretical Foundations of Health Behavior and Public Health
- PUBH 5334 Foundations of Public Health

Quarter 2

- PUBH 5337 Public Health Concepts in Epidemiology
- PUBH 5350 Assessment and Planning in Public and Community Health

Quarter 3

- PUBH 5379 Research Methods
- STA 5300 Statistical Methodology
- PUBH 52XX Public Health Immersion Experience

Quarter 4

- PUBH 5360 Evaluation in Public and Community Health
- PUBH 5378 Administration and Leadership in Public Health
- PUBH 53XX Elective*

Quarter 5

- PUBH 5302 Fundamentals of Environmental Health Science
- PUBH 53XX Elective*

Quarter 6

- PUBH 54XX Public Health Internship
- PUBH 53XX Elective*

*A total of 3 electives are required and must be selected from the following courses:

- PUBH 5329 Current Topics in Public Health
- PUBH 53XX Global Public Health
- PUBH 53XX Determinants of Health and Health Equity
- PUBH 53XX Public Health Policy and Practice
- PUBH 53XX Practicum