

PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE CONCENTRATION

Public Health Practice is a concentration often preferred by professionals, such as physicians, nurses, social workers, and nutritionists, who work in public health settings. This concentration builds upon the strong foundation of the five basic MPH concentrations by allowing students the opportunity to develop greater breadth in two, three, or four of the existing concentrations. Such breadth is usually required of professionals who assume positions of leadership in public health. It is available to students in joint degree programs on the campus, working professionals who return to campus to study, and medical and other health professional residents in Gainesville and Jacksonville.

The curriculum for the Public Health Practice MPH follows the same model as the other five concentrations. Students begin their programs with the MPH core courses required of all students. Instead of a specified set of concentration core courses, however, these students choose 2 to 3 courses from concentration core course options in 2-4 of the other concentrations. Selections include courses with problem-based methodologies to enhance students' practice skill sets. Students complete their degrees with a 5-8 credit internship. The concentration is offered in the traditional 48-credit format or in an accelerated 42-credit format. All students in this concentration must hold a prior health professional degree or be enrolled in a joint or concurrent graduate program. To be eligible for the accelerated option, applicants must hold a terminal degree in a health or health-related field.

Eligibility for the Public Health Practice MPH is summarized below.

48-credit traditional MPH program	42-credit accelerated MPH program
Prior professional degree (e.g., BSN, MS nutrition, MS social work)	Prior terminal degree (e.g., PharmD, DVM, MD, PhD)
Joint or concurrent professional/MPH program (e.g. JD/MPH, PharmD/MPH)	

A variety of curricular options may be developed. A 48-credit sample and a 42-credit sample are provided below. Students admitted to the Public Health Practice Concentration develop their curricula in collaboration with the Assistant Director of Public Health Programs and the chairs of their supervisory committees.

Sample Curriculum, Public Health Practice Concentration, 48-credit Program.

Public Health Core		
PHC 6050	Statistical Methods for Health Sciences I	3
PHC 6001	Principles of Epidemiology	3
PHC 6313	Environmental Health Concepts in Public Health	3
PHC 6406	Psychological, Behavioral, and Social Issues in Public Health	3
PHC 6102	Introduction to Public Health Administrative Systems	3
PHC 6931	Seminar in Contemporary Public Health Issues	1
Public Health Management and Policy		
PHC 6104	Evidence-Based Management of Public Health Programs	3
HSA 6119	Introduction to Management of Health Services Organizations	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
PHC 6112	Assessment and Surveillance in Public Health	3
PHC 6146	Public Health Program Planning and Evaluation	3
PHC 6xxx	Health Disparities in the United States	3
Environmental Health		
VME 6602	General Toxicology	3
VME 6605	Toxic Substances	3
VME 6607	Human Health Risk Assessment	4
Internship		
PHC 6946	Public Health Internship	7
TOTAL		48

Sample Curriculum, Public Health Practice Concentration, 42-credit Program.

Public Health Core		
STA 6166	Statistical Methods in Research I	3
PHC 6001	Principles of Epidemiology	3
PHC 6313	Environmental Health Concepts in Public Health	3
PHC 6406	Psychological, Behavioral, and Social Issues in Public Health	3
PHC 6102	Introduction to Public Health Administrative Systems	3
PHC 6931	Seminar in Contemporary Public Health Issues	1
Epidemiology		
PHC 6000	Epidemiology Methods I	3
PHC 6002	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	3
PHC 6003	Epidemiology of Chronic Disease	3
Environmental Health		
VME 6602	General Toxicology	3
VME 6605	Toxic Substances	3
VME 6607	Human Health Risk Assessment	4
Internship		
PHC 6946	Public Health Internship	7
TOTAL		42