The Wayne State University Master of Public Health degree is designed for individuals with a range of academic and professional backgrounds. Public health professionals are concerned with disease prevention, health promotion, and clinical intervention. Learning occurs in interdisciplinary teams and builds on professional expertise (nursing, medicine, pharmacology, social work, dentistry, veterinary science, allied health) and the social and basic sciences. The five core areas of public health are biostatistics, epidemiology, health behavior, environmental health, and health care administration.

The Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice (MPH-PHP) prepares graduates with the knowledge and skill to conduct culturally competent public health research, to plan and evaluate health programs in diverse settings, and to contribute to the science of disease prevention and health promotion. The public health programs are administered by the School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences in accordance with WSU Graduate School policy. ([http://www.familymedicine.med.wayne.edu/mph](http://www.familymedicine.med.wayne.edu/mph))

The mission of the MPH Program is to educate and engage students in theory, practice and interdisciplinary research focused on understanding and improving the public health of urban and underserved communities on a local, national, and global scale.

**MPH-PHP DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

A minimum of **42 credit hours** are required for graduation. A minimum grade point average of **3.0** in coursework must be maintained. All work must be **completed within six years**.

The following lists courses required in three areas: the core, the concentration and electives. All students are required to complete a **practicum experience** (3 credit hours) and a **final project** (3 credit hours) as part of their concentration requirements.

**Foundational Required Courses (16 credit hours)**

- FPH 7015 Biostatistics I
- FPH 7100 Health Care Organization and Administration
- FPH 7240 Epidemiology
- FPH 7320 Social Basis of Health Care
- FPH 7420 Principles of Environmental Health

**PHP Concentration Courses (12 credit hours)**

- FPH 7010 Community Health Assessment and Planning
- FPH 7230 Health Program Evaluation
- FPH 7210 Research Methods for Health Professionals
- FPH 7250 Applied Epidemiology
- FPH 7430 Application of Public Health Principles in Practice

**Applied Learning Course (3 credit hours)**

- FPH 7440 Public Health Practicum

**Integrated Learning Course (3 credit hours)**

- FPH 8990 Master’s Project

**Elective Courses (8 credit hours)**