



Department of Public Health, Health Administration and Health Sciences

Master of Public Health Degree

Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

Tennessee State University Master of Public Health (MPH) Program in the College of Health Sciences prepares students to influence, change, and transform lives through a focus on health education and health across communities. This program gives you the opportunity to effect change by developing skills in understanding health drivers; behavioral, social and cultural factors; environmental challenges; and political influences on community health. This degree allows you to step directly into a career after graduation. Courses are offered in both synchronous virtual and/or in-person traditional format.

The MPH program requires the completion of 42 credit hours and can be completed in two years. The program offers two concentrations:

(1) Public Health Science

- The Public Health Science Concentration emphasizes traditional core competencies of public health to enable students to become more effective public health practitioners.

(2) Community & Behavioral Sciences

- The Community & Behavioral Sciences Concentration emphasizes the core competencies of public health and provides an in-depth examination, understanding, and analysis of diverse populations. Graduates in this concentration are trained to become competent public health practitioners who will develop and implement practices, and policies that respect and respond to the cultural diversity of communities in the United States and beyond.

Students in each concentration complete a total of 24 courses with eight (8) core courses, including a field placement and a capstone project; four (4) required concentration specific elective courses, and two (2) elective courses.

Applications are reviewed year-round, but admissions are for Fall semesters only.

Graduates from the MPH Program have found employment at places such as:

- Tennessee Department of Health
- The Tennessee Kidney Foundation
- Hospitals, such as Vanderbilt, HCA
- Veteran Affairs
- Non-profit Organizations
- Sarah Cannon Cancer Research Center
- CDC
- Long-term Care Facilities
- And many, many more



For additional information, please call (615) 963-7367 or visit the department website at http://www.tnstate.edu/phas/public_health.aspx

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Year 1					
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	(optional) Summer Semester	Credits
PUBH 5010 Biostatistics	3	PUBH 5020 Environmental Health Science	3	PUBH Elective	3
PUBH 5110 Management & Public Health Policy	3	PUBH 5100 Principles of Epidemiology	3	Elective or Concentration Course	3
PUBH 5120 Behavioral Science & Public Health	3	PUBH 6030 Cultural Competency I	3		
Candidacy/Program of Study Form due	Nov.	Comp Exam Application due	April		
Total	9	Total	9	Total	0-6
Year 2					
Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	Summer Semester	Credits
PUBH 6000 Field Placement	3	PUBH 6100 Capstone Project	3		
Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course	3		
Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course	3		
(PUBH Elective	3)	(Elective or Concentration Course	3)		
MPH Comp Exam	October	Apply for May Graduation in Banner	By Mar. 15th		
Total	9-12	Total	9-12		
				Program Total	42

Public Health Science Concentration courses (12 hours):

- PUBH 6020 Health Communication
- PUBH 6070 Bioterrorism & Disaster Preparedness
- PUBH 6160 Principles of Health Education
- PUBH 6170 Program Development & Evaluation

Community & Behavioral Sciences Concentration courses (12 hours):

- PUBH 6050 Understanding Health Disparities
- PUBH 6220 Maternal, Child, & Family Health
- PUBH 6270 Multicultural Perspectives in Health & Healthcare
- PUBH 6300 Cultural Competency II

MPH Admissions Criteria:

1. Overall GPA at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
2. Official transcripts from all institutions attended, including TSU
3. Personal Statement
 - a. 500 – 1000 words
 - b. Interests and career goals
 - c. Why do you want an MPH?
4. Resume or CV
5. GRE, not required (TSU code: 1803)
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation
7. An interview with the MPH Admissions Committee may be necessary
8. Proof of immunization will be required, if admitted to the program

For International Students:

- Official transcripts and authorized school records with a course-by-course listing of courses and grades received, such transcripts must have been evaluated by a foreign educational credential agency at the student's expense
- TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo (TSU code: 1803)
- Current, valid passport
- Documentation of financial resources
- Certificate of financial resources
- Certificate of Immunization
- More information can be found at the following website:
<https://www.tnstate.edu/graduate/internationalstudentadmission.aspx>

Deadlines:

- International Students: March 1st
 - Domestic Students: April 1st
- Applicants are encouraged to apply early! Graduate Assistantships are available but are competitive; application required.

For information about Financial Aid, please visit:
https://www.tnstate.edu/financial_aid/

Procedures for Admission:

1. Begin the Graduate Admissions application at <http://go.tnstate.edu/inquiryform>.
2. The completion of the form will forward you to GradCAS (<https://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>) for completion of the electronic application.
 - a. Select one major from the list provided on the application form,
 - b. check the semester of enrollment, and
 - c. indicate the degree sought;
3. The completed application form requires a \$35.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School;
4. Request the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) to send one official transcript to the Graduate School;
5. Submit official copies of all test scores appropriate to the degree program to the Graduate School.

Information on tuition, fees, and residency can be found at:
<https://www.tnstate.edu/bursar/fees.aspx>