

Pitt Public Health Academic Handbook Academic Year 2017-18

Pitt Public Health school-level required (core) courses

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Master of Public Health (MPH)

The MPH core curriculum provides the foundational knowledge and competencies that all public health professionals need. Based on the [ASPPH core competencies](#), it covers the following broad areas: epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, behavioral and community health sciences, health policy and management, public health biology, public health professionalism, systems thinking, program planning, communication and informatics, diversity and culture in public health practice, and leadership.

Students must complete all other core courses before taking Capstone (PUBHLT 2016), although exceptions can be made for students who need to take one remaining core course simultaneously with the Capstone course. Exceptions are by permission of the Capstone instructor.

PUBHLT 2015	Public Health Biology (2 credits)
BIOST 2011*	Principles of Statistical Reasoning (3 credits)
BIOST 2041*	Introduction to Statistical Methods I (3 credits)
EPIDEM 2110	Principles of Epidemiology (3 credits)
BCHS 2509	Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health (3 credits) <i>not required for BCHS students</i>
EOH 2013	Environmental Health and Disease (3 credits) <i>not required for EOH students</i>
HPM 2001	Health Policy and Management in Public Health (3 credits) <i>not required for HPM students starting Fall 2013 or later</i>
PUBHLT 2016	Capstone: Problem Solving in Public Health (2 credits)
PUBHLT 2022	The Dean's Public Health Grand Rounds (0 credits) - two terms required; Completed during first and second terms. Offered fall and spring.

*Students are required to take either:

-BIOST 2011, or

-BIOST 2041

Selection of BIOST course(s) should be done in consultation with your advisor.

For full information view the *biostatistics core requirements*.

- The Dean’s Public Health Grand Rounds is not required for students who started before January 2008.
- Public Health Biology is not required for MMPH students who started before fall 2013.

Master of Health Administration (MHA)

HPM 2141	Managerial Epidemiology (3 credits)
PUBHLT 2011	Essentials of Public Health (3 credits)
PUBHLT 2022	The Dean's Public Health Grand Rounds (0 credits) - two terms required; Completed during first and second terms. Offered fall and spring.

- The Dean’s Public Health Grand Rounds is not required for students who started before January 2008.
- Managerial Epidemiology is not required for students who started before fall 2011.

Master of Science (MS)

PUBHLT 2011	Essentials of Public Health (3 credits)
EPIDEM 2110	Principles of Epidemiology (3 credits)
PUBHLT 2022	The Dean's Public Health Grand Rounds (0 credits) - two terms required; Completed during the first and second terms. Offered fall and spring.

- The Dean’s Public Health Grand Rounds is not required for students who started before January 2008.
- Essentials of Public Health is not required for students who started before fall 2005.

Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)

Students seeking a DrPH take the same school-wide core as MPH students, unless they enter with an MPH degree from an accredited school of public health, in which case they are only required to take the following.

PUBHLT 2022	The Dean's Public Health Grand Rounds (0 credits) - two terms required; Completed during first and second terms. Offered fall and spring.
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- The Dean’s Public Health Grand Rounds is not required for students who started before January 2008.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

EPIDEM 2110	Principles of Epidemiology (3 credits)
PUBHLT 2011	Essentials of Public Health (3 credits)
PUBHLT 2022	The Dean's Public Health Grand Rounds (0 credits) - two terms required. Completed during first and second terms. Offered fall and spring.

- The Dean's Public Health Grand Rounds is not required for students who started before January 2008.
- Essentials of Public Health is not required for students who started before January 2012 (varies by department).