The MPH for Advanced Health Professionals

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Multidisciplinary Master of Public Health (MMPH)

Pitt Public Health’s Multidisciplinary Master of Public Health (MMPH) program prepares doctoral-level health professionals to practice in community, public, and global health settings. Students are introduced to population-based concepts, health education, health promotion, and the preventive components of public and personal health care and practice. The program provides advanced public health education that complements the prior training of these health professionals.

The MMPH is uniquely designed for individuals with advanced degrees (e.g., MD, DDS, DO), allowing them the flexibility to self-design their MPH to complement their own professional expertise. Centered around the Pitt Public Health core curriculum, the program also allows students to choose electives from any of the seven departments in the school and across the University to create an area of focus. This provides the flexibility necessary to work around busy clinical schedules. MMPH graduates develop an understanding of statistics, health policy, research design, and an advanced ability to contribute to research in their field.

Coursework and Competencies

For the MMPH degree, students complete 42 credits of coursework—including 19–21 from the MPH core curriculum—as well as a practicum and essay. Up to 6 credits of advanced standing may be awarded towards this 42-credit requirement based on the program administrator’s review of prior or concurrent graduate transcripts.

The MPH core curriculum covers the essential competencies for all public health professionals, including public health knowledge and foundational competencies defined by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). MMPH students also develop advanced skills within their personalized program that specifically apply to their professional and personal goals.

Learn more at publichealth.pitt.edu/mmph.

Admission Requirements

All applicants apply online through SOPHAS, the centralized application service for public health (sophas.org). MMPH applicants must hold an MD, DDS, DVM, DO, or DNP degree or other doctoral degree in the health sciences. Applications from advanced medical and dental students, or other advanced doctoral degree students, will be considered on an individual basis.

For eligibility, graduates of foreign medical and dental schools should also hold a valid medical or dental license in the United States, or be eligible for medical or dental licensure in the United States (i.e. you have passed all necessary examinations and completed an approved residency program), or be currently in an approved residency or fellowship program, or be an outstanding candidate with appropriate clinical training, skills, and career objectives to justify consideration for admission (e.g. a visiting clinician or researcher who will return to his or her native country).