

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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Graduate

Do you want to become a high-level leader in a health care organization or advance your health care management career? Earning your Masters of Public Health (MPH) in Health Policy and Administration online can help you achieve your career goals while you enjoy the benefits of an affordable, flexible program. Our online MPH in Health Policy and Administration can give you advanced knowledge in health care management so you can take your health care career to the next level.

The University of Southern Mississippi's MPH in Health Policy and Administration is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and is designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to coordinate a wide variety of activities crucial to the effective and efficient delivery of health services and programs. The health administrator plans, organizes, coordinates, and supervises the delivery of services within health care organizations, including hospitals, medical group practices, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers, mental health clinics, insurance and pharmaceutical companies.

With a master's degree in public health focused on health policy and administration, you have the opportunity to work in a wide variety of health service organizations, including:

- Hospitals
- Doctor's offices and clinics
- Nursing homes
- Health care consulting firms
- Insurance companies
- Ambulatory surgery centers
- Dental offices
- Health systems
- Public health agencies
- Pharmaceutical companies

Common job titles include:

- Chief executive officer
- Clinic manager
- Department or service line manager
- Health care consultant
- Health services manager
- Hospital administrator
- Health policy analyst
- Program manager

COURSES

MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH CORE REQUIREMENTS (18 HOURS)

Course	Credits
Epidemiology	3 hrs.
Biostatistics	3 hrs.
Environmental Health	3 hrs.
Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3 hrs.
Internship in Public Health 3-9 hrs. (6 hrs. required)	3 hrs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPHASIS IN HEALTH POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION (21 HOURS)

Course	Credits
Introduction to Health Systems	3 hrs.
Health Policy	3 hrs.
Healthcare Financial Management I	3 hrs.
Health Law and Ethics	3 hrs.
Health Economics	3 hrs.
Health Care Strategic Planning	3 hrs.
Health Care Organizational Behavior and Human Resources	3 hrs.
Health Care Marketing	3 hrs.
Healthcare Financial Management II	3 hrs.

ADDITIONAL NOTE

Please note that the above information is meant to be a guide and is not official. For further information regarding courses for this degree, see the University Bulletin. Please be aware that not all course choices listed in the University Bulletin are available online. However, sufficient online options are available to complete this degree.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

+ What is the minimum GRE/GMAT score?

There is no minimum score because performance on the GMAT or GRE is only one component of the application package.

+ How long will it take for me to complete the MPH degree online?

You can complete the MPH in Health Policy and Administration in 15 months based on a full-time schedule averaging 4-5 courses per semester. A sample course sequence is available at: <https://www.usm.edu/community-public-health-sciences/mph-course-sequence-and-plan-study>

+ Do online students pay out-of-state tuition?

No. Online MPH students pay resident tuition.

+ Can this degree be completed fully online?

Yes. All of the courses for the online MPH in Health Policy and Administration are available totally online. You are not required to visit campus for an in-class lecture; however, participation in online lectures may be required by your instructors. You are required to complete 400 hours of fieldwork at a health facility during your last semester.

+ What is the MPH internship?

The internship is a culminating experience that is completed during the last semester of your program. You must complete 400 hours of fieldwork at a health facility. The internship is a valuable opportunity for you to gain hands-on experience and engage in professional networking within a health services organization. You will apply the knowledge and skills gained from academic courses to real situations. You must be in good academic standing to be approved for the internship. Your advisor and the internship coordinator will assist you with internship placement that fits your needs and career interests. More information on the internship is available in the MPH Graduate Student Handbook.

https://www.usm.edu/sites/default/files/groups/department-public-health/pdf/mpg_graduate_student_handbook-_updated_5.2.2016.pdf

+ Are comprehensive examinations required?

Yes. You must pass a comprehensive examination (often called “comps”) to complete the MPH in Health Policy and Administration. Comprehensive examinations are usually taken over two days during the last semester of the program. Comprehensive

examinations allow you to demonstrate your comprehension of public health and your emphasis area as well as apply the knowledge you have learned during the program. More information on comprehensive examinations is available in the MPH Graduate Student Handbook. https://www.usm.edu/sites/default/files/groups/department-public-health/pdf/mph_graduate_student_handbook-_updated_5.2.2016.pdf

+ Do I have to complete a thesis?

No. A thesis is not required. The MPH in Health Policy and Administration is a comprehensive exam based program. Students must pass a comprehensive examination to complete their degree. Comprehensive exams require online exam proctoring at an approved site. More information about the Department of Public Health's MPH Comprehensive Examination Policy is available at <https://www.usm.edu/community-public-health-sciences/mph-comprehensive-exam-policy>

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum standards for regular admission include:

- Minimum GPA of at least 2.75 on the last 60 hours of coursework
- Test scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- Submission of TOEFL scores for applicants whose native language is not English

Application:

Applications are reviewed twice per year, with admission for either the fall or spring semester.

- Fall semester admission deadline – August 1
- Spring semester admission deadline – December 1

Completed applications must include:

- Completed Graduate School application form
- Personal essay
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official report of GRE or GMAT scores
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Official report of TOEFL scores for international applicants

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