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Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the 42 credit-hour Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program is designed to prepare students with the foundational public health knowledge and competencies to address the most pressing and emerging health problems and concerns nationally and globally. Graduates are prepared to work in a variety of employment sectors including local, state, and federal health and social service agencies, non-governmental and voluntary health organizations, health care, and private industry. Students may choose from seven highly specialized concentrations: Community Health Promotion Epidemiology Food Security and Nutrition Global Health Health Policy Public Health Communication Public Health Practice (offered 100% online only) In accordance with the CEPH accreditation standards, students are required to complete coursework in the public health core and one concentration, as well as fieldwork for the applied practice experience. As a CEPH-accredited program, all graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health (CPH) examination. Admission decisions are based on a review of: undergraduate academic performance and recent post-baccalaureate coursework (transcripts) professional and volunteer experience statement of goals and objectives letters of recommendation Some background in statistics, biology, and the social sciences is preferred. Applicants must meet the admission standards and application requirements specified in Admissions. Applications must be submitted using the online Schools of Public Health Application System (SOPIAS). Applications are considered for the fall semester only. For more information about application requirements and deadlines, please visit the CHHS Admissions website. Food Security and Nutrition Concentration To be admitted to the Food Security and Nutrition Concentration, students must have taken NUTR 295 Introduction to Nutrition (Mason Core) or a substitute approved by the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies. Public Health Practice Concentration To be admitted to the Public Health Practice Concentration, students must have at least two years' work experience in a health-related field. Policies Transfer of Credit Transfer credit is governed by the policies outlined in AP.6.5.3 Graduate Transfer of Credit and AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees, and transfer credit must be approved by the program director and the dean. Students who enroll initially through non-degree studies should seek academic advising through the department before taking a course and should plan to submit their application to the MPH program in their first semester of study. Banner Code: HH-MPH-PUBH Degree Requirements Total credits: 42 Students must complete 42 credits of graduate coursework with at least a 3.00 GPA in order to graduate. Each course listed below can be used to fulfill only one requirement toward the MPH degree. A graduate course in which a grade of C or below is earned may be repeated only once. Graduate students may repeat no more than two courses. Public Health Core Course List Code Title Credits GCH 500Foundations of Public Health3 GCH 604Fundamentals of Epidemiology and Biostatistics3 GCH 609Community Assessment and Partnerships3 GCH 611Health Program Planning and Evaluation3 GCH 645U.S. and Global Public Health Systems3 HAP 635Role of Government in Health Care and Public Health3 HAP 680Applied Public Health Leadership and Management3 Total Credits21 Practicum Requirements This required 200-hour practicum gives students the opportunity to practice and improve professional skills in a supervised setting. Students must have completed at least 21 credits toward the degree program in order to be eligible for their practicum. The requirements to complete the practicum are in three courses over two semesters, as follows: Course List Code Title Credits GCH 780Practicum Seminar0 GCH 790Practicum in Public Health3 GCH 792Integrative Learning Experience0 Total Credits3 Concentration Students must complete one concentration. Concentration in Community Health Promotion (CMHP) Students examine the social and behavioral determinants associated with the most pressing health problems in order to improve population health through the design, implementation, and evaluation of health promotion programs. Graduates of this concentration are eligible to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®) exam. Course List Code Title Credits Required Courses GCH 607Evidence-Based Public Health Practice3 GCH 610Health Behavior Theory3 GCH 620Public Health Promotion Strategies 3 GCH 651Behavioral Research Methods3 GCH 700Social and Ecological Determinants of Health3 Electives Select three credits from the following:3 Human Genetics Concepts for Health Care Risk Communication Science Communication Climate Change and Sustainability Communication Campaigns E-Health Communication Science of the Environment I Environmental Science and Public Policy Environmental Toxicology Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Health Public Health Preparedness and Response Global Health Environmental Health HIV/AIDS: Concepts, Principles, and Interventions Migrant Health Global Infectious Diseases Global Non-Communicable Diseases Project Management in Public Health Interventions in Public Health Environmental Epidemiology Health Geography Geographic Information Systems Nutrition Education Global Nutrition Nutrition Assessment, Monitoring and Surveillance Administration in Public and Nonprofit Organizations Introduction to Management of Nonprofits Emergency Planning and Preparedness The NGO: Policy and Management Environment and Society Advisor-approved elective course Total Credits18 Concentration in Epidemiology (EPID) Students develop strong quantitative skills to investigate and analyze factors that influence the occurrence, distribution, prevention and control of disease. Emphasis is placed on the development of such skills as study design, data collection and management, data analysis and interpretation, and communication of research findings. Course List Code Title Credits Required Courses GCH 712Introduction to Epidemiology3 GCH 726Advanced Methods in Epidemiology I3 GCH 702Environmental Epidemiology3 or GCH 722 Infectious Disease Epidemiology or GCH 732 Chronic Disease Epidemiology or GCH 772 Social Epidemiology GCH 804Biostatistics for Public Health I3 GCH 805Biostatistics for Public Health II3 Electives Select three credits from the following:3 Population Genetics Introduction to Computational Social Science Environmental Science and Public Policy Global Health Environmental Health Promotion Methods Evidence-Based Public Health Practice SAS for Health Research Behavioral Research Methods Infectious Disease Epidemiology Chronic Disease Epidemiology Nutritional Epidemiology Environmental Epidemiology Social Epidemiology Health Geography Geographic Information Systems Global Nutrition Advisor-approved elective course Total Credits18 Concentration in Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Students in this interdisciplinary concentration create population health approaches to implement food security and nutrition programs and policies at the local, regional and global levels. Students explore definitions, measurement, and policy implications of food security and nutrition through a multidisciplinary approach. Course List Code Title Credits Required Courses NUTR 608Perspectives on Food Security3 NUTR 610Food Safety and Defense3 NUTR 626Food Systems3 NUTR 630Global Nutrition3 NUTR 651Nutrition Assessment, Monitoring and Surveillance3 Electives Select three credits from the following:3 Introduction to Biostatistics Migrant Health Chronic Disease Epidemiology Nutritional Epidemiology Fundamentals of Cooking Nutrition Across the Lifespan Introduction to Wine and Beer Urban Agriculture Food Science for Nutritionists Food and Culture Nutrition Education Macronutrients Micronutrients Nutrition Research Methods Nutrition Program Development, Interventions and Assessments Advisor-approved elective course Total Credits18 Concentration in Global Health (GLOH) Students develop competencies and apply skills to promote health in a global context, emphasizing comparative global health metrics; the socioeconomic, environmental, and other risk factors associated with transnational health concerns; and ethical and effective strategies for preventing and controlling infectious and non-communicable diseases in diverse populations. Course List Code Title Credits Required Courses GCH 543Global Health3 GCH 626Migrant Health3 GCH 640Global Infectious Diseases3 GCH 650Global Non-Communicable Diseases3 GLOA 600Global Competencies3 Electives Select three credits from the following:3 Emerging Infectious Diseases Health Communication Risk Communication Science Communication Climate Change and Sustainability Communication Campaigns E-Health Communication Science of the Environment I Environmental Science and Public Policy Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Health Public Health Preparedness and Response HIV/AIDS: Concepts, Principles, and Interventions Study Abroad in Public Health Health Promotion Methods Evidence-Based Public Health Practice Health Behavior Theory SAS for Health Research Behavioral Research Methods Project Management in Public Health Interventions in Public Health Environmental Epidemiology Social Epidemiology Health Geography Geographic Information Systems World Food and Population Food and Culture Global Nutrition Nutrition Assessment, Monitoring and Surveillance Administration in Public and Nonprofit Organizations Introduction to Management of Nonprofits Emergency Planning and Preparedness The NGO: Policy and Management Environment and Society Advisor-approved elective course Total Credits18 Concentration in Health Policy (HTHP) Students address the nature and importance of policy and policy-making in today's public health system in order to engage with public health and advocacy organizations on policy issues and to analyze and support policy approaches in an era of scarce public resources and ever-changing priorities. Students are introduced to the context and process for policy-making in public health, including the current political, economic, and legal environment for health policy and the basic elements of the public policy-making process. Course List Code Title Credits Required Courses HAP 602Statistics in Health Services Management3 or HAP 719 Advanced Statistics in Health Services Research I HAP 715Health Economics3 HAP 742Health Policy Development and Analysis3 HAP 764Health Policy and Government Payment Systems for Health Care Services3 HAP 793Final Project in Applied Health Policy3 Electives Select three credits from the following:3 Essentials of Health Insurance and Managed Care Topics in Public Policy Health Care Security Policy Health Policy Leadership Advisor-approved elective course Total Credits18 Concentration in Public Health Communication (PHCM) Students design, evaluate, and implement effective communication strategies and messages to inform and influence individual and community decisions that affect health. This interdisciplinary concentration links the fields of communication and public health. Course List Code Title Credits Required Courses COMM 620Health Communication3 COMM 637Risk Communication3 COMM 670Social Marketing3 COMM 721E-Health Communication3 COMM 820Health Communication Campaigns3 Electives Select three credits from the following:3 Emerging Infectious Diseases Science Communication Climate Change and Sustainability Communication Campaigns Science of the Environment I Environmental Science and Public Policy Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Health HIV/AIDS: Concepts, Principles, and Interventions Migrant Health Global Infectious Diseases Global Non-Communicable Diseases Project Management in Public Health Environmental Epidemiology Social Epidemiology Biostatistics for Public Health I Health Geography Geographic Information Systems World Food and Population Food and Culture Nutrition Assessment, Monitoring and Surveillance Global Nutrition Administration in Public and Nonprofit Organizations Introduction to Management of Nonprofits Emergency Planning and Preparedness The NGO: Policy and Management Environment and Society Advisor-approved elective course Total Credits18 Concentration in Public Health Practice (PHP) Students examine the social and environmental factors associated with improving population and community health with a focus on the application of evidence-based public health concepts. The Public Health Practice concentration (offered 100% online) is designed to advance the competencies of public health practitioners and other health professionals to fulfill their roles and responsibilities in local, state, and federal public health agencies and non-governmental health-related organizations. Course List Code Title Credits Required Courses COMM 637Risk Communication3 GCH 535Public Health Preparedness and Response3 GCH 601Introduction to Biostatistics3 GCH 607Evidence-Based Public Health Practice3 GCH 601Project Management in Public Health3 Electives Select three credits from the following:3 Advanced Topics in Global Health Security Global Health Security Policy Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution HIV/AIDS: Concepts, Principles, and Interventions Social Gerontology Global Nutrition Emergency Planning and Preparedness Disaster Response Operations and Recovery Advisor-approved elective course Total Credits18 Highly-qualified undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's (BAM) program and obtain any bachelor's degree and an MPH in Public Health in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 150 credits. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree for policies related to this program. Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies. BAM Pathway Admission Requirements Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies and Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree policies. For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see the Department of Global and Community Health's Accelerated Bachelor's/MPH website. Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of at least 60 credits with a minimum overall 3.25 GPA, and: A completed application form (available at the admissions website); A career goal statement, between 500 and 750 words in length, that addresses the following: Why are you applying to Mason's MPH program, and the concentration you chose? How will earning an MPH help you achieve your professional goals? What have you learned from successes and/or challenges in your past educational, professional, and/or personal experiences? Please use specific examples, as applicable. Two academic letters of recommendation, one of which must come from a Department of Global and Community Health faculty member. The second letter may come from an employer if a student has had significant public health related experience. Students may submit their application to the BAM Pathway after completion of the following classes: Students who are accepted into the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits and course-specific pre-requisites. Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MPH program if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form: 3.00 overall GPA 3.00 GPA in graduate-level coursework Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation. Accelerated Pathway Requirements Students may take up to four graduate level courses (12 credits) that count as advanced standing. These courses also substitute for BS in Community Health major-specific degree requirements. To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following: Course List Code Title Credits GCH 500Foundations of Public Health 13 GCH 604Fundamentals of Epidemiology and Biostatistics 23 GCH 609Community Assessment and Partnerships 33 GCH 611Health Program Planning and Evaluation 43 Total Credits12 Reserve Graduate Credit While still undergraduates, students in the accelerated master's program may take up to 6 additional graduate credits. These "reserve credits" do not apply to the student's undergraduate degree but may later be applied to their master's degree, using the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form. Course List Code Title Credits GCH 645U.S. and Global Public Health Systems3 HAP 635Role of Government in Health Care and Public Health3 Total Credits56 The ability to take courses, including those not listed above, for reserve graduate credit is available to all high-achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

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