

# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

Program Length: 36 - 39 semester hours

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The Master of Public Health (MPH) is grounded in the values of the University of La Verne and the College of Health and Community Well-Being. Threaded throughout the program concentrations is a commitment to explore ways health inequities impact health and well-being outcomes and the way social determinants of health constrain disparities in outcomes at the individual, systems, and community levels.

## Admission Requirements

### Required Application Materials

1. Completed Admission Application and non-refundable application fee
2. Official transcripts from all institutions attended. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university is required.
3. Statement of purpose
4. Resume

Students without a degree from an English-speaking institution, where English is the primary language of instruction and of the geographic area, must establish minimal proficiency in English by accomplishing one of the following: a TOEFL of 79 (iBT), 213 CBT, or 550 PBT or above, Duolingo 110 or above, a GRE verbal score of 146, satisfactory completion of La Verne's English proficiency test, or satisfactory completion of prerequisite courses at La Verne as indicated by a placement examination.

### Admission is evaluated on two criteria:

1. Overall performance in undergraduate studies; while no minimum GPA is required, it is expected that the applicant demonstrates the academic ability to succeed at the graduate level.
2. Personal statement of purpose that details applicants desire to work in health serving organizations.

### Prerequisites

- Experience in the health services industry preferred. Healthcare internship required if no health services industry experience.

### Core Requirements

18 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HSM 545	Foundations of Public Health	3
HSM 546	Epidemiology	3
HSM 547	Public Health Policy	3
PH 501	Social Determinants of Health	3
PH 502	Environmental Change & Public Health	3
PH 504	Biostatistics in Social Epidemiology	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

### Culminating Activity <sup>1</sup>

3 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
PH 596	Graduate Seminar	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

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PH 598 Fieldwork/Internship required if the student doesn't have professional experience.

### Electives

15 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select five of the following:		15
HSM 501	Current Trends and Issues in Health Services	
HSM 534	Program Evaluation in Health Services	
HSM 548	Applied Research for Public Health Professionals	
HSM 549	Public Health and the Urban Context	
HSM 551	Food Systems & Public Health	
PH 513	Advanced Epidemiology Methods	
PH 514	Epidemiology of Global Health	
PH 515	Social Epidemiology Methods & Theory	
PH 520	Measuring & Monitor Population Health	
PH 521	Mental Health Policy	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Concentration in Epidemiology

15 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
PH 513	Advanced Epidemiology Methods	3
PH 514	Epidemiology of Global Health	3
PH 515	Social Epidemiology Methods & Theory	3
PH 516	Geo-Spatial Epidemiology	3
Choose one of the following:		3
HSM 501	Current Trends and Issues in Health Services	
HSM 534	Program Evaluation in Health Services	
HSM 548	Applied Research for Public Health Professionals	
HSM 549	Public Health and the Urban Context	
HSM 551	Food Systems & Public Health	
PH 520	Measuring & Monitor Population Health	
PH 521	Mental Health Policy	
PH 570	Medical Anthropology	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>