

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

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The Department offers a Graduate Certificate, a Master's degree in Public Health with a specialization in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and a Ph.D. in Public Health with a specialization in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.

MPH in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention courses prepare students to develop and implement health promotion/health education programs in various sites. This program of study is concerned with personal and public health lifestyles, identification of risk factors and behavioral change strategies that promote positive health behaviors of individuals, groups, and community. See also Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion.

General Core Courses: (15 credits)

PHC 6065	Health Statistics	3
PHC 6000	Introduction to Public Health Epidemiology	3
PHC 6315	Introduction to Environmental Health	3
PHC 6410	Health Behavior and Public Health	3
HSA 5125	Introduction to Health Policy and Management	3

Specialization in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention: (15 credits)

PHC 6600	Health Promotion Communication Theory and Design	3
PHC 6602	Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion	3
PHC 6750	Program Development and Evaluation in Health Promotion	3
PHC 6706	Research Methods in Public Health	3

PLUS ONE COURSE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

PHC 6751	Community Organization for Health Promotion	3
PHC 6504	Introduction to Health Education and Wellness	3
PHC 5415	Public Health in Minority Urban Populations	3

Elective Courses: (9 credits)

PHC 5009	AIDS: Contemporary Issues	3
PHC 5113	Communities and Public Health	3
PHC 5581	Public Health Aspects of Complementary and Alternative Medicine	3
PHC 5409	Public Health Behavior Change Theory and Practice	3
PHC 5415	Public Health in Minority and Urban Populations	3
PHC 5930	Public Health on the Internet	1

PHC 6111	Primary Health Care Strategies	3
PHC 6150	Public Health Policy Analysis and Formulation	3
PHC 6160	Public Health Budgeting and Financial Management	3
PHC 6443	Ethical Issues in Public Health	3
PHC 6502	Health Promotion in the Workplace	3
PHC 6751	Community Organization for Health Promotion	3
PHC 6530	Principles of Maternal and Child Health	3
PHC 6580	Contemporary Issues in Health Promotion	3
PHC 6585	Health Promotion in Clinical Settings	3
PHC 6589	Health Promotion in Institutional Settings	3
PHC 6907	Independent Study in Public Health	1-3

** or other advisor approved elective

Capstone Courses: (6 credits)

PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience in Public Health	6
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Required for all MPH students, unless student has at least 3 years of practical experience working in a public health setting. The student must apply for this exemption; upon approval the following may be selected as a capstone course:

PHC 6977	Masters Research Project in Public Health	6
	or	
PHC 6xxx	Master's Thesis	6

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health Specialization in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Public Health is available with a specialization in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. Students will be expected to demonstrate significant research capacity by completing 60 credits beyond the Master's degree and through the writing of an original dissertation.

Required Courses

The program requires a minimum of 75 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate which includes a minimum of 24 credit hours of dissertation credits. There are three components to the College Ph.D. curriculum. The first is a core curriculum shared across all specializations (12 credit hours). The second component is specific to the specialization (27 credit hours) and secondary field courses (12 credit hours). The third component consists of the dissertation, including 24 dissertation credit hours.

Shared Core Courses: (12 credits)

PHC 6601	Emerging Issues in Public Health	3
PHC 6718	Quantitative Research Analysis in Health and Urban Affairs II (or other approved Quantitative Methods course)	3
PHC 7981	Research Concepts and Proposal Development	3
PHC 7705	Methods in Evidence Based Public Health	3

Courses for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Specialization (minimum 18 credits with 9

at the 7000 level) a minimum of 9 credit hours in Methods and 18 credit hours in Content Courses required.

Methods Courses*: (9 credits)

Major advisor and the program committee for the student will identify appropriate methods courses from an approved list.

PHC 6065	Health Statistics	3
PHC 6706	Research Methods in Public Health	3
PHC 6710	Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health	3

*or other advisor-approved methods course

Content Courses: (18 credits)

PHC 6907	Independent Study: Public Health*	3
PHC 7162	Grant Writing in Public Health	3
PHC 7583	Policy and Practice in Health Promotion	3
PHC 7584	Specialized Issues in Health Promotion I	3
PHC 7588	Specialized Issues in Health Promotion II	3

Plus 3 credits of advisor-approved coursework

*for dissertation literature review

Secondary field courses or Additional Concentration

Outside of Specialization (minimum) 12

Courses to be selected in consultation with advisor from University offerings in a focused area appropriate to public health.

Dissertation Requirements

PHC 7980 Dissertation 24

For additional and updated information about College requirements, programs, and services, please visit our website at www.cphsw.fiu.edu.

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