

## Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work

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The Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work includes five departments of Public Health that include: Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; a department of Dietetics and Nutrition, the Academy for International Disaster Preparedness, and the School of Social Work. Programs of study are offered that lead to a Master's of Public Health degree (MPH) (with specializations in Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Health Promotion and Disease Prevention), including an Online Master of Public Health; a Master of Science degree in Dietetics and Nutrition; a Master's degree in Social Work (MSW); and a Master of Arts degree in Disaster Management. A Ph.D. in Public Health (with specializations in environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, and health promotion and disease prevention, health systems research); a Ph.D. degree in Dietetics and Nutrition; and a Ph.D. in Social Welfare are also offered. In addition, a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics and Nutrition; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work are also offered.

The mission of the college is to serve the South Florida community by increasing, sharing, and applying knowledge, wisdom, and ethical decision making in public health and social welfare. Our mission is carried out through:

- Educating and training future leaders, researchers, and practitioners;
- Conducting innovative research translating research into policy, programs, and practice, and
- Promoting healthy lives for diverse and especially underserved populations, here and abroad.

### Accreditation

The Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. The Didactic (DPD) and pre-professional practice programs (CP) in Dietetics and Nutrition are accredited by

the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetic Education. The BSSW and MSW programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Each degree program is committed to preparing students for the pursuit of excellence in professional and scholarly endeavors in an era of globalization, scientific and technological advances, and demographic changes. The health and well-being of communities as affected by multiple determinants is reflected in our interdisciplinary curriculum. The programs emphasize the involvement of practitioners, academic researchers, and the community to improve and promote public health and social well-being.

### Office of Student and Alumni Affairs

The Office of Student and Alumni Affairs serves as a liaison between students in the Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work and university-wide student support services. The office works closely with directors and department chairs to coordinate admissions and advising services, and to provide students with information about scholarships, internships, community engagement opportunities and career development resources to help ensure student and alumni success.

The College has dynamic professional staff dedicated to promoting the college and supporting our students while they pursue their academic goals.

### Admission Application

Students seeking admission to the graduate programs in the Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work must formally apply to the University for acceptance at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu>. For additional information contact the:

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Office of Student and Alumni Affairs  
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For additional and updated information about degrees offered, entrance requirements, and services, please visit our website:

<http://stempel.fiu.edu/>

### Master of Arts in Disaster Management

The Master of Arts in Disaster Management is a 30- credit graduate program featuring coursework in emergency management and international humanitarian assistance. This one-year graduate program has been developed in response to the growing recognition and need for graduate level education in disaster management. The program's curriculum is interdisciplinary in nature and scope and designed to develop and improve the skills of disaster practitioners and those interested in entering the exciting field of disaster management.

The graduate degree is offered in an 11-month executive format culminating with a disaster field operations course whereby students will engage in a field simulated exercise focusing on the practical issues that arise in a disaster (rapid damage and public health assessment, shelter and site planning, field cluster sampling, water, sanitation and hygiene, personal security, food aid, and operational approaches to relations with the military).

Broadly speaking, the general learning outcome of the program is aligned with FEMA's Higher Education Core Competencies and is designed to take students beyond the core competencies needed by practitioners, to a deeper understanding of the reasons behind the practice and cultivate in them an ability to develop and implement integrated solutions to problems. Upon successful completion students will:

- possess sufficient knowledge of the history of disasters
- Able to recognize the ways sociocultural and geographic factors contribute to population vulnerability and how scientific evidence enhances decision-making in changing risk profiles
- be well-versed in the definition, mission, concepts and terminology applied in emergency management and international humanitarian assistance
- demonstrate a solid grounding in social, political, cultural and ecological issues in the social construction of disasters
- possess a firm grasp of the statutory and regulatory basis of disaster management
- identify and define areas of disaster management responsibility including mitigation opportunities, planning, training, exercises, warning, evacuation, sheltering, damage assessment, feeding, and medical care
- recognize the importance of public, private and nongovernmental organization networking to facilitate collaboration and cooperation; understand the importance of communication, coordination and collaboration in disasters
- be able to identify the resources needed and how to obtain those resources to assist survivors
- describe the various hazards and the organization needed to reduce the threat
- identify the core requirements to effective planning
- demonstrate how to perform vulnerability analysis be able to recognize and apply the appropriate decision making models; be able to isolate and apply strategic planning
- demonstrate recognition of the social and ethical considerations unique to the practice of disaster management.
- be familiar with crisis communication language.
- deliver press briefings and learn how to anticipate questions the press are likely to ask disaster and emergency managers.
- understand the variety of disaster-related health consequences that may arise during and after an event, as well as how to mitigate their impact

### Admission Requirements

All applicants for graduate study at FIU must have a:

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education, or equivalent degree from a foreign institution.
2. 3.0 undergraduate GPA.
3. Foreign students must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and must have a minimum scores: 550 Paper and Pencil, 213 Computer-based, 80 Internet-based.

The above admission requirements are minimums, and not all students meeting them are assured admission.

Students with a grade-point average below the above minimums may still apply and request a waiver of those scores. The student must provide an explanation of why the waiver should be approved.

### Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete satisfactorily the prescribed curriculum.

### Required Courses

This 30-credit professional master's program requires completion of the following 10 courses:

FES 6846	Comparative Disaster Management Systems	3
FES 6826	Disaster Preparedness and Planning Methodologies	3
FES 6857	Introduction to Vulnerability Analysis and Hazard Mitigation	3
FES 6806	Disaster Response and Recovery	3
FES 6848	Disaster Health Readiness	3
FES 6847	Foundations in Humanitarian Assistance and Coordination	3
FES 6805	Disaster Field Operations	3
ISS 6387	Analytical Writing and Presentation Skills	3
PAD 6434	Leadership and Decision-making	3
PHC 6374	Environmental Disasters and Human Health	3

**Note:** Courses not included on the approved list of required courses may count toward meeting the requirement of this degree only with the permission of the Director or Dean.

### Hybrid Washington DC Master of Arts in Disaster Management

The hybrid Washington DC Master of Arts in Disaster Management consists of the same 30-credit curriculum focusing studies in emergency preparedness, disaster management, and humanitarian assistance as the face-to-face and online programs. Broadly speaking, the general learning outcome of the program is aligned with FEMA's Higher Education Core Competencies and is designed to take students beyond the core competencies needed by practitioners, to a deeper understanding of the reasons behind the practice and cultivate in them an ability to develop and implement integrated solutions to problems. The hybrid program consists of approximately 25% course meetings in the FIU facility in Washington, DC, 70% online course work and 5% participation at a three-day disaster field exercise held in Miami, Florida at the culmination of the program.

### Admission Requirements

All applicants for graduate study at FIU must have a:

1. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education, or equivalent degree from a foreign institution.
2. 3.0 undergraduate GPA.
3. Foreign students must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and must have minimum scores: 550 Paper and Pencil, 213 Computer-based, 80 Internet-based.

The above admission requirements are minimums, and not all students meeting them are assured admission. Students with a grade-point average below the above minimums may still apply and request a waiver of those scores. The student must provide an explanation of why the waiver should be approved.

### Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete satisfactorily the prescribed curriculum.

### Required Courses

This 30-credit professional master's program requires completion of the following 10 courses:

FES 6846	Comparative Disaster Management Systems	3
FES 6858	Crisis Communications	3
FES 6826	Disaster Preparedness & Planning Methodologies	3
SYG 6932	Special Topics in Disaster Studies	3
FES 6857	Introduction to Vulnerability Analysis & Hazard Mitigation	3
FES 6806	Disaster Response & Recovery	3
FES 6848	Disaster Health Readiness	3
FES 6847	Foundations in Humanitarian Assistance & Coordination	3
FES 6805	Disaster Field Operations	3
PHC 6374	Environmental Disasters & Human Health	3

Note: Courses not included on the approved list of required courses may count toward meeting the requirement of this degree only with the permission of the Executive Director or Dean.

### Online Master of Arts in Disaster Management

The online Master of Arts in Disaster Management is a 30-credit graduate program featuring course work in emergency preparedness, disaster management and humanitarian assistance. This one-year graduate program has been developed in response to the growing recognition and need for graduate level education in disaster management. The program's curriculum is interdisciplinary in nature and scope and designed to develop and improve the skills of disaster practitioners and those interested in entering the exciting field of disaster management. Broadly speaking, the general learning outcome of the program is aligned with FEMA's Higher Education Core Competencies and is designed to take students beyond the core competencies needed by practitioners, to a deeper understanding of the reasons behind the practice and cultivate in them an ability to develop and implement integrated solutions to problems. Students enrolled in the online program will be required to travel to Miami to participate in a 3-day disaster field exercise, which is part of the Disaster Field Operations course (FES 6805).

### Admission Requirements

All applicants for graduate study at FIU must have a:

4. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution for higher education, or equivalent degree from a foreign institution.
5. 3.0 undergraduate GPA.

6. Foreign students must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and must have a minimum scores: 550 Paper and Pencil, 213 Computer-based, 80 Internet-based.

The above admission requirements are minimums, and not all students meeting them are assured admission. Students with a grade-point average below the above minimums may still apply and request a waiver of those scores. The student must provide an explanation of why the waiver should be approved.

### Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete satisfactorily the prescribed curriculum.

### Required Courses

This 30-credit professional master's program requires completion of the following 10 courses:

FES 6846	Comparative Disaster Management Systems	3
FES 6826	Disaster Preparedness and Planning Methodologies	3
FES 6857	Introduction to Vulnerability Analysis and Hazard Mitigation	3
FES 6806	Disaster Response and Recovery	3
FES 6848	Disaster Health Readiness	3
FES 6847	Foundations in Humanitarian Assistance and Coordination	3
FES 6805	Disaster Field Operations	3
FES 6858	Crisis Communication	3
PHC 6374	Environmental Disasters and Human Health	3
SYG 6932	Special Topics in Disaster Studies	3

*Note: Courses not included on the approved list of required courses may count toward meeting the requirement of this degree only with the permission of the Director or Dean.*

### Online Master of Public Health

Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work offers a fully online MPH degree taught by college faculty and experts in public health. The Online MPH degree program prepares students for interdisciplinary public health positions that investigate the distribution of diseases, as well as determinants of social and environmental health among diverse populations. Students also learn how to use existing health policies and influence policies in support of optimizing population health. All admissions and graduation requirements are the same as the traditional MPH program. Each online course is the equivalent of an on-campus section of the same course in terms of objectives, content, rigor, and transferability. Students must meet stated prerequisites or assessment scores, where applicable.

### Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the University's general graduate admission requirements. Students with diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

1. A Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited US college or university or, in the case of foreign students, a WES verified institution and also recognized in its own

country as preparing students for further study at the graduate level.

2. A minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of upper level work.

In addition, applicants are required to submit

- a) a current resume;
- b) a written statement of purpose (career goals);
- c) three letters of recommendation.

3. Foreign graduates, including applicants from non-English speaking countries and domestic students who studied outside of the U.S., must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by presenting a minimum score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on the paper-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language), or 6.5 overall on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Applicants who hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from an institution within the United States, other English speaking countries, or countries listed in the university's English Proficiency Test Exempt Countries (<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/toefl-exempt-countries/>) are not required to submit English proficiency exam scores.

4. Submission of official GRE scores. Scores must be less than 5 years old.

5. Applicants with MCAT or DAT scores or PhD degrees, practicing physicians, dentists, pharmacists, individuals with equivalent backgrounds or with public health experience of no less than 5 years who meet all other admission requirements, can be waived of the GRE requirement, following on the admission committee's review of their application

### Program Requirements

The Online Master of Public Health requires completion of 45 credit hours of approved course work with a minimum of a 'B' (3.0) average. Public Health Core courses must be passed with a grade of 'B' or higher. All work applicable to the degree must be completed within six years of first enrollment in the master's program.

#### Public Health Core Courses: (15 credits)

PHC 6000	Epidemiology I: Intro to Public Health Epidemiology	3
PHC 6065	Public Health Statistics	3
PHC 6102	Introduction to Public Health Policy and Management	3
PHC 6315	Introduction to Environmental Health Sciences	3
PHC 6410	Health Behavior and Public Health	3

#### Online General Core Courses: (15 credits)

Five courses (3-credits per course) are to be selected to reflect the Online MPH competency-based objectives that allows the learning outcome in the integration of interdisciplinary public health programs.

PHC 6055	Data Management and Epidemiologic Analysis Using SAS/SPSS	3
PHC 6155	Health Policy	3
PHC 6311	Environmental Health Risk Assessment	3
PHC 6536	Health Demography	3
PHC 6113	Community Health Promotion Planning and Research	3

#### Elective Courses (9 credits)

Students are required to take three courses (3-credits per course) for 9-credits of the following advised graduate public health electives. Students may take any other

faculty approved 6000 level courses in the college to meet the 9-credit requirement. For MPH, course descriptions please visit <https://goo.gl/2PJRAr>.

PHC 6009	AIDS Epidemiology	3
PHC 6091	Biostatistics 2	3
PHC 6104	Public Health Management and Leadership	3
PHC 6442	Global Environmental Health	3
PHC 6412	Health Promotion in Culturally Diverse Communities	3

#### Practicum and Culminating Experience: (6 credits)

PHC 6945	Practicum in Public Health	3
PHC 6930C	Integrative Seminar in Public Health	3

PHC 6945 (Practicum) and PHC 6930C (culminating experience) are both required for all Online MPH students. The Practicum may be taken after completing a minimum of 30 credit hours, including all core courses. Students must contact the Program at least two semesters prior to registering for the Practicum to begin the process of planning, respective to the geographic location of the student and intended project. The Practicum may be waived if the student has at least 3 years of relevant practice experience working in a public health practice setting. The waiver request is prepared by the student and submitted to the program for final approval. If the Practicum Requirement is waived, the student will need to substitute an approved 3-credit course in place of PHC 6945 (Practicum) such that the total curriculum hour requirement of 45 credit hours is met.