

## 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 <https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/index.html>. For additional information contact the:

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For additional and updated information about degrees offered, entrance requirements, and services, please visit our website:

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### 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 (<https://fiuonline.fiu.edu/admissions/international-students.php>) are not required to submit English proficiency exam scores.

4. Submission of official GRE scores is optional. If a student decides to submit GRE scores, the scores must be less than 5 years

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)

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| 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.

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| 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>.

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| PHC 6009 | AIDS Epidemiology                                  | 3 |
| PHC 6091 | Biostatistics 2                                    | 3 |
| PHC 6104 | Public Health Management and Leadership            | 3 |
| PHC 6374 | Environmental Disasters and Human Health           | 3 |
| PHC 6412 | Health Promotion in Culturally Diverse Communities | 3 |

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

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| 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.