

About the School

Morgan State's Public Health Program was launched in 1999. The School of Community Health and Policy (SCHP) was established in 2005. The Public Health Program is directed by Allan Noonan, MD, MPH and is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Other Programs in the School of Community Health and Policy

Nutritional Science
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*Maryland's Designated Public Urban
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Addressing the Health Challenges Facing Urban Underserved Communities

MPH and DrPH Degrees in Public Health

Are you interested in making a difference in the health of our urban communities? What better place to study than at an institution whose mission is providing service to urban underserved communities? As Maryland's designated public urban university, Morgan State University (MSU) is committed to making a difference in Baltimore and beyond. An education in public health at MSU equips leaders to serve communities in an empowering and rewarding way. Graduates from our MPH and DrPH degree programs are prepared to join a new cadre of public health professionals dedicated to providing responsible and responsive leadership in the face of diverse social and cultural contexts; promoting optimal health for urban underserved populations and people of color. The program is the first doctorate-granting, urban practice-based public health program at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

Our faculty strives to prepare students to be able to address health disparities through research, service, and practice. Building on a long tradition of serving the African American community in Baltimore, the DHPM is committed to developing evidenced-based policy solutions in at-risk communities, while educating the next generation of public health leaders and practitioners.

Our students come from a variety of backgrounds and are committed to a practice-based, service-learning approach to making a difference in the communities we serve. Our metro Baltimore-Washington setting provides our program and department with an excellent laboratory for applied study. Evening courses promote a flexible learning environment, tailored to the needs of individual students.



The Public Health Profession

Public health is a dynamic field, made up of individuals from a wide array of educational backgrounds and specializations. Public health professionals confront diverse and complex health issues, such as eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities, chronic disease prevention, improving access to health care, substance abuse, and reducing environmental hazards. Public health professionals also serve at local, state, and national levels, partnering with communities and providing leadership in finding answers to our Nation's most pressing health issues.

Jobs in Health Policy

A recent edition of U.S. News & World Report identified *Health Policy Specialist* as a “best career,” based on their review of five criteria: job outlook, job satisfaction, difficulty of the required training, prestige, and pay. Overall, the demand for health policy analysts is expected to remain strong. Government and nongovernment nonprofits hire many in the field, but there are job opportunities in the private sector as well. Employment opportunities exist in many areas, including public health informatics, health education, program management, international health, health services administration, and environmental health.

Our graduates are working in a variety of settings across the United States. Graduates have also been recognized for their professional accomplishments, receiving prestigious awards, postdoctoral fellowships, and having their work highlighted in local and professional press.

Admissions Requirements

University Admission Policy: Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution.

Minimum Undergraduate GPA: 3.0 (2.5 for conditional admission).

Test Scores: For DrPH applicants, scores may not be more than 10 years old. For MPH applicants, scores may not be more than 5 years old.

Letters of Recommendation: Three (3) letters from public health professionals.

Personal Statement: A 1-2 page essay describing your area(s) of interest and career objective(s).

For additional information:
http://www.morgan.edu/School_of_Community_Health_and_Policy/Programs/Public_Health/Admissions.html

The Curriculum

The School of Community Health and Policy offers evening courses to accommodate the needs of students. All students who seek to earn a **Master’s of Public Health (MPH)** degree must complete a minimum of forty-eight (48) graduate credit hours including an Internship and Master’s Capstone experience

Summary of MPH Coursework:	
Course type:	Minimum Credit Hours
Program Core Courses	24
Fundamental Courses	8
Required Elective/Concentration	9
Internship Practice Experience	3
Integrating Experience (Capstone)	3
Minimum Total Credits/MPH Degree	48



SCHP Students in Action

All students who seek to earn a **Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)** degree will be required to complete a minimum of sixty (60) graduate credit hours including an Internship and a Dissertation.

Summary of DrPH Coursework:	
Course type:	Minimum Credit Hours
Program Core Courses	24
Concentration Courses	12
Methodology Course	3
Internship Practice Experience	9
Dissertation Research	12
Minimum Total Credits/DrPH Degree	60

Department Faculty

Yutaka Aoki, PhD. Assistant Professor. M.E., Environmental and Sanitary Engineering; M.S., Toxicology; M.H.S., Biostatistics; PhD, Environmental Health Sciences, Johns Hopkins University. Focus Areas: Health effects of pesticides and mercury, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, asthma, thyroid disorders, innovative use of biomarkers and statistical methods, and health disparities. An environmental epidemiologist cross-trained in biostatistics and toxicology, Dr. Aoki is a former Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) Fellow at the USEPA Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program.

Anita Hawkins, PhD. Assistant Professor. M.H.S., Human Services; PhD, Public and Community Health, University of Maryland. Focus Areas: Health communication and HIV risk behaviors and prevention. Dr. Hawkins is the Principal Investigator on three projects: The National Minority Male Health Project, the Mental Health Court Evaluation Project, and the Health Disparities Service Learning Collaborative. She also currently serves as co-Chair of the American Public Health Association’s Equal Health Opportunities Committee. Dr. Hawkins also serves on other local, state and national committees.

Anne Marie O’Keefe, PhD, JD. Associate Professor. M.A., Clinical Psychology, Ohio State University; PhD, Clinical Psychology, Ohio State University; J.D., Harvard Law School. Focus Areas: Tobacco control, women’s health, social marketing, and health disparities. A registered Federal lobbyist for 17 years, Dr. O’Keefe is a founding leader and teacher of the discipline of media advocacy. She is also a clinical psychologist, attorney and health advocate with over two decades of experience in grassroots organizing and social reform.

Andrea Kidd Taylor, DrPH. Assistant Professor. M.S.P.H., Industrial Hygiene, University of Alabama; DrPH, Health Policy, Johns Hopkins University. Focus Areas: Occupational and environmental health, pesticide exposure, indoor air quality, environmental justice, and minority worker health and safety. Dr. Taylor currently serves as co-Vice Chair of the American Public Health Association’s (APHA) Executive Board. She also serves on a number of state and national committees addressing health policy and practice issues related to environmental and occupational health. Current projects include a collaborative indoor air quality stove study, the Safe at Home Baltimore project and the Integrated Pest Management in Health Facilities Community Outreach project.

Jonathan VanGeest, PhD. Associate Professor and Chairperson. B.A., Sociology, Michigan State University; M.A. in Sociology and Urban Studies (dual degrees), Michigan State University; PhD, Medical Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago. Focus Areas: Racial and ethnic disparities in healthcare, health literacy, and professional and care outcomes associated with structural changes in medicine. Dr. VanGeest is a former Senior Scientist in Medicine and Public Health at the American Public Health Association (AMA) where he directed the AMA’s Healthcare Disparities Program. He has also held faculty positions at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Kennesaw State University.