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School of Community Health and Policy

Submission of Application:

Admission applications and required items should be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). In addition, a copy of your intent letter, along with a listing of all required items submitted to the SGS, should be mailed to the School of Community Health and Policy (SCHP), attention Admissions Committee. Students requiring additional information may visit the SCHP's website, where you will find additional course information, faculty bios, and other pertinent information about our MPH and DrPH degree programs.

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School of Community Health and Policy

DEGREE PROGRAM INFORMATION

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

&

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DrPH)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND POLICY OVERVIEW

The Morgan State University Public Health Program was launched in 1999 to produce a new generation of public health professionals. In 2004, the Program received the maximum five-year (5) accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). In 2005, Dr. Earl Richardson, President of Morgan State University, approved the plan to create The School of Community Health and Policy composed of the Public Health Program and the undergraduate Food and Nutrition Program.

Our goal is to produce cutting-edge professionals who are prepared to take advantage of the range of opportunities in the field of health promotion and disease prevention, and are ready to make a difference in the 21st Century. As the first doctorate-granting, urban practice-based public health program at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), we provide students with the opportunity to learn community-based participatory research methods and critical analytic skills, applied to practice in urban and underserved settings. We focus on teaching students to address racial and ethnic health disparities.

Our students benefit from our strong relationships with the communities in which we work. Based in the city of Baltimore, our Program takes advantage of the close proximity of city, state and federal agencies; regional medical and research facilities; local community-based organizations; and other academic institutions.

An education in Public Health at Morgan will prepare you for a rewarding career serving to empower communities. At the same time, it will prepare you to join the new cadre of public health professionals who will provide responsible and responsive leadership in the face of unique health challenges in a variety of social and cultural contexts.

VISION

Morgan State University School of Community Health and Policy faculty, staff, students, and graduates, in partnership with the community, leading the way to optimal health through education, research, service, and practice.

MISSION

The Morgan State University School of Community Health and Policy (MSU-SCHP) will prepare leaders who will generate and disseminate new scientific information designed to help all to better understand urban health problems, develop effective programs, and advocate for policies that enable underserved populations to attain optimal health.

To achieve this mission, MSU-SCHP will train public health practitioners to employ community-based participatory research methods to assess and reveal the systemic inequities and inadequacies that contribute to health disparities; and to design, implement, and evaluate solutions.

The School is dedicated to educating policy makers, researchers, and practitioners who will contribute to the ethical practice of public health grounded in the fundamental principles of cultural, environmental, and social justice.

DrPH PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Fall (Year 1)

PUBH 510 Advanced Level Social Behavioral Health Sciences	4
PUBH 805 Advanced Level Health Policy & Administration	4
PUBH 806 Advanced Level Epidemiology	4
Total Semester Hours	12

Spring (Year 1)

PUBH 808 Advanced Level Environmental Health	4
PUBH 810 Advanced Level Biostatistics	4
PUBH 812 Advanced Level Critical Health Issues	4
Total Semester Hours	12
Total Core Credits Hours	24

Core Competency Examination

Fall (Year 2)

PUBH 551 Doctoral Internship I	3
PUBH 708 Advanced Research Methods	3
Elective Course	3
Elective Course	3
Total Semester Hours	12

Spring (Year 2)

PUBH 651 Doctoral Internship II	3
Elective Course	3
Elective Course	3
Total Semester Hours	9

Fall (Year 3)

PUBH 751 Doctoral Internship III	3
PUBH 998 Dissertation Seminar	6
Total Semester Hours	9

Spring (Year 3) and Fall (Year 4) and Subsequent Semesters

PUBH 997 Dissertation Guidance	3/3
Credit Hours	6
Total Degree Required Credit Hours	60

Currently, all courses are offered between 6:00 pm - 9:00pm .

Financial Aid:

Students are supported through various means. A primary source of support for students comes from the MSU School of Graduate Studies (SGS) in the form of assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships. If you wish to apply for financial aid, your application for admissions along with a completed SGS Application for Assistantship, Fellowship, Scholarship found in the application attached should be submitted by February 1 of each year.



DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DrPH Admission Criteria:

Successful applicants to the Doctor of Public Health degree program are admitted only in the Fall semester. Admission is based on the following requirements:

- Three letters of recommendation from public health professionals and/or other appropriate professionals.
- A recent resume/curriculum vitae including previous academic achievement and professional accomplishments.
- A Masters Degree in a health or social science from an accredited College or University with a minimum academic grade point average of 3.0 or above.
- A 1-2 page essay describing your work/educational experience, area of interest, and career objectives.
- Official transcripts of all post-secondary studies.
- Results obtained on the Graduate Record Examination (sent directly from Education Testing Service [ETS] Test scores for those with a master's degree may not be more than ten (10) years old prior to date of application. If the applicant has a doctoral degree in the health or social sciences area, this criterion may be waived based on the assessment of his/her individual academic record.
- At least one (1) year of experience in the public health/allied health field experienced is preferred.
- Interview with the School's admissions committee (in person if possible).

General Requirements for the Doctorate of Public Health (DrPH) Degree:

All students who seek to earn the Doctor of Public Health degree will be required to complete a minimum of sixty (60) graduate credit hours including an Internship Practice and a Dissertation. In addition, upon completion of core course requirements, students must successfully pass the School's core competency exam and departmental comprehensive examination in partial fulfillment of graduation.

DrPH Program of Study:

Incoming DrPH students must complete the doctoral core which is designed to provide advanced level knowledge of major areas of public health. The core courses covers advanced areas of epidemiology, environmental health, biostatistics, research methods, health planning, and policy and administration as well as social and behavioral factors in public health. A total of twenty-four (24) credit hours of graduate courses are designated for the DrPH degree core area. Students not holding an MPH degree, must complete the Master's core first before beginning the doctoral core courses.

Summary for DrPH Degree Course Work:

The following is a summary of the Schools course requirements for those who will obtain a Masters of Public Degree:

<i>Course Type</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
Program Core Courses	24
Concentration Courses	12
Methodology Course	3
Internship Practice Experience	9
Dissertation Research	12
Total Minimum Credits for the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Degree	60

DEGREE OFFERINGS

The School of Community Health and Policy offers a Master's of Public Health and Doctorate of Public Health degree's with several areas of concentrations. The School is comprised of three departments: Behavioral Health Sciences, Health Policy and Management, and Public Health Analysis

MPH/Master's Degree: The Master of Public Health program prepares students to be public health professionals who draw on the knowledge and skills from a variety of disciplines to define and assess urban public health problems. Morgan State University Public Health graduates will have a foundation in public health that enables them to be advocates, researchers, and policy developers focusing on urban public health problems.

DrPH/Doctorate's Degree: The Doctor of Public Health program provides its students with research, policy making, program planning, and cultural skills. Graduates are competent in the development and implementation of health promotion and disease prevention programs which support behavior change at the community, family, and individual levels.

Department Description

Behavioral Health Sciences Department:

The Department of Behavioral Health Sciences currently offers an array of MPH and DrPH courses in Behavioral Health. These fundamental areas of health are main contributors to the health status of populations, including racial/ethnic health disparities. Students will be grounded in the application of knowledge and methods in social and behavioral sciences which can eliminate health disparities and promote individual and community well-being.

Health Policy and Management Department:

The Department of Health Policy and Management offers several MPH and DrPH courses in Health Policy, and Environmental Health. Today health policies and programs largely determine the quality and access to health services and hence, health outcomes. Students will be able to actively lead, advocate and engage in the design and implementation of health policy and programs to resolve complex problems of health disparities and represent and work with the most affected populations

Public Health Analysis Department:

The Department of Public Health Analysis is responsible for MPH and DrPH courses in Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Methods. Students taken these courses will be trained in public health research methods so they can lead teams and contribute to the development of knowledge and methods for the study and identification of the scope and distribution of public health problems, their causes, mechanisms, solutions, and evaluation of interventions, and who represent and work with the most affected populations, thereby improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities.

MASTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH**MPH Admission Criteria:**

To be considered for admission, applicants must have earned a bachelor's and/or master's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above. Successful applicants are admitted to the MPH and DrPH programs only in the Fall semester. Admission is based on the following requirements:

- Three (3) letters of recommendation from public health professionals.
- A current resume.
- A 1-2 page essay describing your work/educational experience, area of interest, and career objectives.
- Official transcripts of all post secondary studies
- Results of the Graduate Record Examination (sent directly from Education Testing Service [ETS]). Test scores for MPH degree applicants may not be more than five (5) years old prior to date of application. If the applicant has a doctoral degree in the health or social sciences, this criterion may be waived based on the assessment of his/her individual academic record.
- At least two (2) years of experience in a public health/allied health field is preferred.
- Interview with a member of the School's admissions committee (in person when possible).

General Requirements for the Master's of Public Health (MPH) Degree:

All students who seek to earn the Master of Public Health degree will be required to complete a total of forty-eight (48) graduate credit hours including an Internship and Master's Capstone experience. In addition, upon completion of core course requirements, students must successfully pass the School's core competency exam and departmental comprehensive examination in partial fulfillment of graduation.

Program of Study Overview:

Incoming MPH students must complete the Master's level core curriculum which is designed to provide fundamental knowledge of major areas of public health. The core courses cover the areas of epidemiology, environmental health, biostatistics, research methods, health planning, and policy and administration as well as social and behavioral factors in public health. A total of twenty-four (24) credit hours of graduate courses are designated for the MPH degree core area.

Summary for MPH Degree Course Work:

The following is a summary of the Schools course requirements for those who will obtain a Masters of Public Degree:

<i>Course Type</i>	<i>Credit Hours</i>
Program Core Courses	24
Fundamental Courses	8
Required Elective/ Concentration Courses	9
Internship Practice Experience	4
Integrating Experience	3
Total Credits for the Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree	48

MPH PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Fall (Year 1)

PUBH 501 Statistical Methods in Public Health I	4
PUBH 502 Social and Behavioral Health Sciences	4
PUBH 504 Public Health and Health Disparities	3
PUBH 512 Biological Basis of Public Health	1
Total Semester Hours	12

Oral Review by faculty committee to document readiness for Progression and Internship in the program.

Spring 1st Year

PUBH 500 Epidemiological Methods in Public Health I	4
PUBH 503 Policy and Health Services Planning and Management I	4
PUBH 506 Environmental Health Sciences	4
Total Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Core Credits Hours	24

Core Competency Examination

Summer 1st Year

PUBH 517 MPH Internship I	1
Total Summer Credit Hours	1

Fall 2nd Year

PUBH 518 MPH Internship II	3
PUBH 603 Public Health Community Needs Solutions	3
PUBH 610 Public Health Research Methods and Systems Thinking	3
Elective Course	3
Total Semester Hours	12

Spring 2nd Year

Elective Course	3
Elective Course	3
PUBH 607 Integrating Experience (Capstone)	3
PUBH Public Health Community Needs Solutions II	2
Total Semester Hours	11
Total Degree Required Credit Hours	48

Currently, all courses are offered between 6:00 pm—9:00pm .

