

Master of Public Health (GR03)

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a 42-credit hour program that offers broad, interdisciplinary training in public health that prepares students for work in various settings. Settings may include public and private healthcare organizations and businesses, health research facilities, social service, and environmental health agencies, and government institutions dedicated to public health policy, programming, and services. There are three concentrations from which students may choose:

Public Health Promotion

The Public Health Promotion concentration prepares students to educate others, develop programming, conduct research, and advocate for public health. Attention to improving health equity and reducing health disparities among all populations is a central focus. Additionally, students will be prepared to pursue terminal degrees in the behavioral, epidemiological, or environmental health sciences and health-related law, policy, and healthcare administration.

School Health

The School Health concentration prepares students for leadership roles in the field of school health. Through applied practice, students learn best practices in curriculum development, selection and design of assessments, skills-based teaching strategies, program planning and evaluation, and advocacy while also building foundational knowledge in health content areas. Additionally, the coursework meets Illinois requirements for certified teachers seeking an endorsement in Health Education. It also prepares them to take the Illinois Health Education content test.

Healthcare Administration

The Healthcare Administration concentration prepares students for leadership and management positions in various healthcare settings. In addition to learning the basic principles of public health, students explore and apply concepts, processes, and theoretical content related to public policy, human resource management, marketing, financial planning, health economics, health equity, and global health. An emphasis is placed on the differences between leadership and management and the role of ethics, cultural competency, and social, economic, and environmental accountability in effective leadership.

All three concentrations prepare students to sit for the Community Health Education Specialist certification exam. More information about the exam can be found on the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing website.

Admission Requirements

Applicants can find University Graduate Admissions requirements here (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/admissions/graduate-students/>) in the Academic Catalog. Additional application information can be found on the Admissions website (<https://admissions.neiu.edu/admission-requirements/>). Program-specific admissions information, including when the program accepts applications for admission, please contact department.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
Public Health Promotion Concentration Required Courses		
PH-400	Introduction To Public Health	3
PH-405	Social And Behavioral Health Theory	3
PH-410	Epidemiology	3
PH-415	Biostatistics	3
PH-420	Environmental Health	3
PH-430	Health Literacy & Health Communications	3
PH-440	Health Disparities & Health Advocacy	3
PH-450	Health Care Program And Services Administration	3
PH-460	Design And Development Of Public Health Programs	3
PH-470	Research Methods In Public Health	3
PH-480	Internship I	3
PH-490	Capstone	3
Public Health Promotion Concentration Elective Courses		
6 credits approved by the academic advisor		
School Health Concentration Required Courses		
PH-400	Introduction To Public Health	3
PH-405	Social And Behavioral Health Theory	3
PH-410	Epidemiology	3

PH-415	Biostatistics	3
PH-420	Environmental Health	3
PH-460	Design And Development Of Public Health Programs	3
PH-523	Mental Health Education And Promotion	3
PH-503	Human Sexuality And Sex Education	3
EXSC-405	Applied Nutrition	3
PH-519	Substance Use And Abuse Education	3
PH-555	Organization And Administration Of School Health	3
PH-564	Theories And Concepts Of School Health Education	3
PH-470	Research Methods In Public Health	3
PH-490	Capstone	3

Healthcare Administration Concentration Required Courses

PH-400	Introduction To Public Health	3
PH-405	Social And Behavioral Health Theory	3
PH-410	Epidemiology	3
PH-415	Biostatistics	3
PH-425	Global Health	3
PH-430	Health Literacy & Health Communications	3
PH-450	Health Care Program And Services Administration	3
PH-460	Design And Development Of Public Health Programs	3
PH-470	Research Methods In Public Health	3
PH-480	Internship I	3
PH-490	Capstone	3
COBM-403	Topics In Management And Marketing	3
MNGT-403	Leadership And Organizational Behavior	3

Healthcare Administration Concentration Elective Courses (Pick 1 Course)

HRD-400	Hrd And The Organization	3
HRD-410	Talent Management	3
MNGT-474	Human Resources Policy And Decision Making	3

Graduate Student Requirements:

In addition to program-specific requirements, all graduate students must abide by university graduate policies (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduate-studies-research/graduate-policies/>), which can be found in the Academic Catalog in the section of the College of Graduate Studies and Research.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of all program requirements.

This is a sample plan of study for a student pursuing the MPH - Public Health Promotion concentration part-time. For a full-time plan of study or for part- and full-time plans of study for the School Health Promotion concentration, contact the program coordinator and/or academic advisor.

First Year

Term 1		Hours
PH-400	Introduction To Public Health	3
PH-415	Biostatistics	3
Term Hours		6
Term 2		
PH-440	Health Disparities Health Advocacy	3
PH-405	Social And Behavioral Health Theory	3
Term Hours		6
Term 3		
Elective Course		3
Term Hours		3

Second Year

Term 1		
PH-410	Epidemiology	3
PH-420	Environmental Health	3

Term Hours 6

Term 2		
PH-450	Health Care Program And Services Administration	3
PH-460	Design And Development Of Public Health Programs	3

Term Hours 6

Term 3		
Elective Course		3

Term Hours 3

Third Year

Term 1		
PH-470	Research Methods In Public Health	3
PH-430	Health Literacy Health Communications	3

Term Hours 6

Term 2		
PH-490	Capstone	3
PH-480	Internship I	3

Term Hours 6

Total Hours: 42