

Community Health Concentration

The mission of the Community Health Concentration is to prepare students for leadership roles in population-based disease prevention and health promotion in public and private settings. The philosophical foundation of the concentration relies on a community capacity building, empowerment approach to promote social justice and equity in health. The concentration is designed for students with prior experience, education, or interest in community-focused public health practice or research that values diversity, self-reflection and critical analysis of evidence-based practice and practice-based public health approaches. The purpose of this concentration is to provide students with the multi-disciplinary knowledge and skills necessary to plan, implement, and evaluate public health programs at multiple levels of the social-ecologic framework.

Requirements:

- Completion of 19 credit hours of M.P.H. core courses and at least 18 credit hours in graduate-level course in public and community health as outlined below.
- Completion of 2 credit hours of a practical field experience (PH 598 - Public Health Practicum) in a community public health setting.
- Completion of at least 3 credit hours demonstrating competencies in integrating community health perspectives through one of the culminating experience options (Professional Paper, Integrative Experience, Thesis, or Master's Oral Examination).
- The chair of the culminating experience committee must be a core faculty member of the concentration.

	Required Core Courses	
PH 501	Principles of Public Health	3
PH 502	Epidemiologic Methods I	3
PH 506	Environmental-Occupational Health	3
PH 508	Theory and Practice (Mandatory in second semester)	2
PH 511	Writing for Public Health Professionals (CR/NC)	1
PH 513	Public Health Seminar (CR/NC)	1
PH 538	Public Health Biostatistical Methods I	3
PH 552	Public Health Program Planning	3
	Subtotal	19
	Required Practicum Experience	
PH 598	Public Health Practicum (CR/NC)	2
	Subtotal	2
	Required Culminating Experience chosen from the following options:	
PH 595	Introduction to Public Health Integrative Experience	1
-and-		
PH 597	Public Health Integrative Experience	2
-or-		

PH 596	Professional Paper	3
-or-		
PH 599	Master's Thesis	6
	Subtotal	3-6
	Required Concentration Courses	
PH 510	Public Health and Health Care Management	3
PH 555	Public Health Evaluation Methods	3
	Subtotal	6
	Electives	
	Two of the following Community Health Concentration electives:	
PH 507	Health Care Systems	3
PH 533	Public Health Research Methods	3
PH 554	Health Policy, Politics and Social Equity	3
PH 556	Community Participatory-Based Research	2-3
PH 558	Intervention Research with Marginalized Populations	3
PH 564	Public Health and Healthcare Communication	3
PH 575	Public Health Leadership and Facilitation	2
	Subtotal	5-6
	Two or more electives from other courses offered by the Master of Public Health Program and/or UNM colleges or departments. Electives are subject to approval of the academic advisor	
	Subtotal	5-6