

Health Systems, Services, and Policy Concentration

The concentration in Health Systems, Services, and Policy will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to analyze health systems, public health and health care services and programs, and related governmental and non-governmental policies. Students develop the capacity to analyze and develop interventions and health policies at local, national and global levels. The goal of the concentration is to prepare students to work in health organizations and policy arenas to improve population health and decrease health inequities.

Requirements

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

	Required Courses	
PH 501	Principles of Public Health	3
PH 502	Epidemiologic Methods I	3
PH 506	Environmental-Occupational Health	3
PH 508	Theory & Practice Seminar (Mandatory in second semester)	2
PH 511	Writing for the Public Health (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 507	Health Care Systems	3
PH 520	Epidemiologic Methods II	3
PH 539	Biostatistics Methods II	3
PH 554	Health Policy, Politics, and Social Equity	3
	Subtotal	12
	Elective Courses	
PH 510	Public Health and Health Care Management	3
PH 524	Social Epidemiology	3
PH 534	Epidemiology Data Analysis	3
PH 555	Public Health Evaluation Methods	3
PH 564	Public Health and Health Care Communication	3
PH 565	Public Health Law, Policy and Ethics	3
PH 575	Public Health Leadership on Facilitation	1-2
PH 579	New Mexico Border Health: US – Mexico Border Migration and Latino Health	3
PH 583	Advanced Topics in Health Sector and Globalization	3
PADM 500	Public Management and Policy	3
PADM 521	Institutional Development and Behavior	3
PADM 525	Human Resources Management in the Public Sector	3
PADM 544	Public Budgeting	3
	Two or more electives may be selected from other courses offered by the Master of Public Health Program and/or of UNM colleges and departments. Electives are subject to approval of the academic advisor.	
	Subtotal	6