

The Master of Public Health program is open to UTMB residents, fellows, or faculty with doctoral degrees and to UTMB students enrolled in MD or PhD programs. MPH training provides this select group of students with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to succeed in careers that bridge medicine and public health.

Public Health Is...

What we as a society do collectively to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy.

Institute of Medicine (1988)

Our MPH Program includes coursework and learning experiences that prepare graduates to **practice evidence-based and community-oriented public health** in a range of clinical, and community settings.



MPH students were among participants in the UTMB-sponsored Field Epidemiology course in Peru during summer 2010.

Residents, fellows, and faculty members can complete the curriculum in four academic terms of full-time study or may opt to complete the degree over two or more years of part-time study.

The **MD-MPH dual degree plan** combines one year of MPH training with the four years of medical education. The recommended plan is for the MPH year to be scheduled between years 3 and 4 of medical school.

The **PhD-MPH dual degree plan** combines MPH training with the doctoral degree program. Doctoral students may apply to the MPH program after completing one year of graduate training.

To earn the MPH degree, students must complete **required courses** in the core knowledge areas of public health—biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, health policy and management, and social and behavioral sciences—and additional required and elective courses relevant to public health practice and research.

MPH Degree Requirements

- 42 total credit hours
- Required courses
 - Biostatistics
 - Introduction to Epidemiology
 - Environmental Health & Toxicology
 - Health Policy & Management
 - Health Promotion: Social & Behavioral Approaches
 - Epidemiological Methods
 - Prevention & Public Health
 - Ethics
 - choice of:* Public Health Law
or Advanced Business Management
- Elective courses
- Capstone (applied) or thesis (research) project
- Mentored public health practice experience

Master of Public Health Program



The family atmosphere of the MPH program really stands out. The small class size gives you a chance to know your classmates, as well as receive personalized attention and mentorship opportunities from faculty. All program faculty are engaged, open and down-to-earth.

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The capstone (or thesis) project and the practice experience provide students with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills obtained in coursework to **public health practice and research**.

To complete these projects, students work with public health professionals in **community based settings** such as governmental health agencies, nonprofit social service organizations, worksite wellness programs, and health clinics providing care for the medically underserved. Students may also elect to conduct the projects in a public health research setting.

Our graduate education environment provides a unique **interdisciplinary and interprofessional** experience for MPH students. Teaching faculty members come from a range of clinical and population health disciplines and have varied areas of research expertise.

Our MPH Program originally was developed to serve the Preventive Medicine Residencies at UTMB. These MPH graduates have gone on to **successful careers** in academic medicine, aerospace medicine, occupational medicine, and governmental public health practice. The first cohort of MD-MPH students enrolled in academic year 2009-2010. The program opened to broader enrollment in fall 2010.

Application for the MPH program is through the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS). Applications must be completed before June 1 for fall enrollment. GRE scores are waived for most applicants. The online application process can be accessed at: www.utmb.edu/onlineapp.

The application essay and reference letters should specifically address the student's interest in public health and ability to complete the degree. *As applicable, one of the three letters should be from the applicant's supervisor and must state that the student will be allowed the necessary time to complete MPH coursework and requirements.* Personal interviews with the MPH Admissions Committee may be scheduled.

The UTMB MPH Program is fully **accredited** by the Council on Education for Public Health. Graduates are eligible to become Certified in Public Health (CPH) through the National Board of Public Health Examiners.