

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

INTRODUCTION

The Master of Public Health program is housed within the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. The MPH program is offered through a collaboration with the Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health (CEOMPH). The MPH is a partnership between The University of Akron (UA), Cleveland State University (CSU), Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM), Ohio University (OU) and Youngstown State University (YSU).

This nontraditional program is geared toward the working professional who would like to broaden his or her role in improving community health, enhance current job skills, or seek career advancement. Students move through the program as a cohort with core courses taught on Saturdays by interactive videoconferencing from one of our distance learning sites.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The program consists of 42 semester credits, including the core areas of epidemiology, biostatistics, health services administration, health and social sciences and environmental health. Students can choose electives that are delivered online or in the traditional format. Practicum opportunities in the public health setting are available; all students complete a capstone experience to fulfill degree requirements.

Unique features of the program include the use of distance learning for the six core courses, including interactive videoconferencing and web-enhanced teaching. Elective courses may be taken at any of the partner universities. The six core courses are taught on Saturdays to accommodate working students. By the end of the program, students will have a "portfolio" demonstrating mastery of the core competencies in public health.

CEOMPH is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

RESEARCH

Program faculty have a range of research interests and often collaborate with faculty from other universities and departmental disciplines. Students have the opportunity to choose their faculty preceptor from a variety of disciplines. All the core courses include introductions and guest lectures from a multitude of public health professionals in the region.

Current research interests include leadership and health care organizations, worksite health, health disparities, program evaluation and obesity and adolescents. Throughout the program, students are advised of upcoming public health conferences, associations and professional networking opportunities.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 42 semester credits, including a required capstone experience.

At the end of the program, the student is expected to present his or her capstone project, a summary of courses and how public health competencies were fulfilled, and a "portfolio" (a collection of accomplished objectives) to a panel of faculty.

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