



# Master of Public Health Program (MPH)

## Join the Master of Public Health program at the University of Illinois

The mission of the MPH program is to promote health, prevent chronic illness and reduce disparities in health through education and training of public health practitioners, research excellence, and service to communities locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Master of Public Health program is affiliated with the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health within the College of Applied Health Sciences.

### Careers for MPH Graduates

There are a wide range of careers open to MPH graduates. MPH graduates find work in the public sector, the not-for-profit sector, and the private sector. MPH graduates work to provide preventive services to communities, design prevention programs, and work in health administration.

### Application and Admission

Applicants to the MPH Program at Illinois must have a bachelor's degree and must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants' undergraduate coursework should include some background in the social or health sciences.

The MPH program uses a "rolling admissions" process. To apply for the MPH degree, visit the MPH website ([www.mph.illinois.edu](http://www.mph.illinois.edu)) and follow the instructions regarding admissions.

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## MPH Program Tracks

The MPH can be earned independently or jointly with a variety of other degrees. Up to 12 hours of coursework may be applied to both degrees, and the degrees are conferred simultaneously at the completion of both programs.

### Traditional MPH

The traditional MPH can be completed in 1.5 or 2 years, depending on course load. New cohorts begin each fall, and students graduate at the end of the curriculum with the MPH degree.

### BS-MPH

The BS-MPH joint degree program allows University of Illinois majors in Community Health, Kinesiology, and I-Health to combine undergraduate and graduate coursework to complete both degrees in five years. More information is available from students' undergraduate advisors.

### MPH-MUP

For students interested in the built environment and health, the MPH can be earned jointly with the Master of Urban Planning (MUP). The program totals 88 credit hours, 48 in public health and 40 in urban planning, allowing students to earn two degrees in a compressed time frame. Contact the MPH Program Coordinator or MUP Program Director for more information at [www.urban.illinois.edu](http://www.urban.illinois.edu).

### MPH-PhD

Students interested in combining public health practice with research can pursue the MPH jointly with a PhD in one of six departments: Community Health, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, Nutritional Sciences, and Social Work. This track is recommended for students who do not already have a master's degree. Contact the MPH Program Coordinator for more information.



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## What Does the MPH Program Mean to You?



*"The MPH program has given me confidence to effectively serve my community. The professors have made my learning experience enlightening and provided me with the tools for a successful future."*

— Ina, BS-MPH Student

*"The MPH-PhD program is a unique opportunity to combine my previous training with two additional disciplines to address complex childhood obesity issues. As part of the MPH program at the University of Illinois I have explored public health concerns that impact our society today with a multidisciplinary perspective and learned essential skills to promote health behaviors and prevent disease. This program fits perfectly into my career plans as I seek to use transdisciplinary approaches to influence public health research, policy and practice."*

— Roger, MPH-PhD Student



*"The BS-MPH program has been fundamental in establishing my own view of health and its determinants on individual and population levels. The mindset I've gained through the program will be integral in my ultimate career goal of becoming a physician."*

— Krishna, BS-MPH Student



*"The MPH program prepared me for my role as a consultant at MedAssets, a health consulting firm. If it was not for the presentation experience and the hands on classroom training I received, I would not be where I am today. The small class size and professor dedication in the MPH program has made my dream job opportunity a reality."*

— Kevin, MPH Alum



*"While working at the National Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety at the Chinese Centers of Disease Prevention and Control (CDC), I am thankful for my coursework and research experience in the MPH program, as well as my brilliant colleagues and amazing professors. The program's collaboration with the community provides substantial learning opportunities for students to*

*use skills in the real world and collaborate with community members. It has been incredible for me to accomplish such a valuable degree in public health."*

— Grace, MPH Alumna

*"The accredited and comprehensive MPH program will prepare students to become public health professionals and future leaders, adept at addressing current health challenges in diverse communities at the rural, local, national and global levels."*

— Dr. Hillary Klonoff-Cohen, MPH Program Director



*"Our accredited MPH program prepares students from diverse backgrounds and experiences to address most pressing public health problems through training with multidisciplinary faculty and researchers."*

— Dr. Flavia Andrade, MPH Faculty



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