

DEPARTMENT OF

HEALTH MANAGEMENT & SYSTEMS SCIENCES

Master of Public Health (MPH) - Health Policy Concentration

The University of Louisville is a state-supported research university located in Louisville, Kentucky. Louisville provides that small town feel with the big city appeal providing a wide assortment of restaurants, music, art, theater, and sports. Louisville is centrally located to some of the region's largest cities such as Cincinnati, Chicago, and Nashville. In addition, our economy is thriving as indicated by the fact that a healthcare company based in Louisville is listed as a Fortune 500 company.

Who we are

The Department of Health Management and Systems Sciences, part of the School of Public Health and Information Sciences, was created to improve the health of the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and beyond by developing innovative healthcare leaders and partnering with the community. Our primary aims are to develop, disseminate, and apply evidence-based knowledge about health policymaking, systems design, and quality healthcare delivery.



Career Opportunities

According to the most recent report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, healthcare occupations and industries are expected to have the fastest employment growth and to add the most jobs between 2016 and 2026. Once students have completed our Master of Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in Health Policy, they are able to seek jobs as research program managers, research assistants, or research support staff within health policy-related organization and the not-for-profit sector.

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Accreditation

The School of Public Health and Information Sciences is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

Format

The Health Policy concentration is a 48-credit hour program designed to be completed in two years. Health Policy courses are offered on our Health Sciences Center campus in downtown Louisville. Courses are primarily offered Monday through Thursday after 4 pm to accommodate students who work full-time. The concentration also serves as a gateway degree for students interested in a PhD in Public Health Sciences Specialization in Health Management and Policy.

Admission

The ideal candidate for admission to the MPH program has received the equivalent of a bachelor's degree or higher, has the recommendations of at least three persons in a health-related or advanced education field, is interested in pursuing a career in public health or a related field, and can comprehend and communicate effectively in English.

Minimum Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or its equivalent
- A recommended minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Three letters of recommendation
- One-page personal statement
- If candidate's primary language is not English, one of the following:
 - * Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam with a minimum score of 90 (after conversion for test type)
 - * Passing an advanced level Intensive English as a Second Language program
 - * ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) certification
 - * Degree from an accredited U.S. institution (requires provisional admission with evaluation of English language competency and potential requirement to pass an advanced level Intensive English as a Second Language program)
- International applicants: Foreign credential evaluation of all degrees from non-U.S. institutions

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Tuition

Tuition for a full-time student in the MPH Health Policy concentration is approximately \$13,500 per year for a Kentucky resident (or a resident of any of the 7 states that border Kentucky) and \$27,500 per year for a non-resident of Kentucky. Get more information about cost at louisville.edu/bursar.

1st Year Health Policy Concentration Coursework		
Semester	Course Title	Credit Hours
Fall I	<i>Introduction to Public Health Practice and Administration (core):</i> This course emphasizes the practical application of the principles of health care organizations to public health at the national, state and local levels.	3
	<i>Introduction to Health Behavior (core):</i> This course reviews theoretical constructs of the causation of health-related behavior, including preventive, early diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitative behavior.	3
	<i>Introduction to Epidemiology (core):</i> Basic epidemiological methods are presented: terminology; study design; issues of contemporary practice; basic skills for interacting with epidemiologists, reading disease control literature, and drawing on epidemiological concepts.	3
	<i>Introduction to Biostatistics for Health Sciences I (core):</i> Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistical methods, including graphics, estimation, confidence intervals, 1- and 2- sample hypothesis testing, one-way analysis of variance and use of statistical software.	3
	Semester Total	12
Spring I	<i>Introduction to Biostatistics for Health Sciences II:</i> Continued introduction to descriptive and inferential statistical methods including ANOVA regression, chi-square analysis of frequencies, survival analysis, and nonparametric methods.	3
	<i>Introduction to Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (core):</i> This course provides students with the basic concepts and principles of environmental health and occupational health including environmental agents in water, air and soil, such as chemicals, biological and physical agents, and other important factors that may constitute a risk to humans.	3
	<i>Health Policy & Analysis:</i> This course focuses on the legal basis of and the processes of development, implementation and analysis of health policy as it is carried out in the context of the United States health care system.	3
	<i>Comparative Health Systems:</i> This course examines health delivery and public health systems from a global perspective. The course focuses on teaching students to describe elements of these systems, the environment in which the systems exist,	3
	<i>Public Health Practice Experience I:</i> Required field experience; participation in activities at and for a student-identified public health work-site and written and oral presentations describing the experience.	1
	Semester Total	13
2nd Year Health Policy Concentration Coursework		
Semester	Course Title	Credit Hours
Fall II	<i>Health Economics (concentration #4):</i> The course uses principles of microeconomic analysis to study health care system: demand for medical services; role of health insurance; productivity/cost measurement; labor markets and competition.	3
	<i>Health Policy Elective #1:</i> Choose from courses offered at University of Louisville that will add to your policy skill set. These can be courses in additional research methods, grant writing, management techniques, etc. *** Or Statistical Data Management	3
	<i>Health Policy Elective #2:</i> Choose from courses offered at University of Louisville that will add to your policy skill set. These can be courses in additional research methods	3
	<i>Public Health Practicum Experience II:</i> Required field experience; participation in activities at and for a student-identified public health work-site and written and oral presentations describing the experience.	1
	Semester Total	10
Spring II	<i>Health Finance and Financial Management:</i> This course is designed to provide an overview of health finance and financial management including context of health finance and the approaches and processes involved in managing the health enterprise.	3
	<i>Health Policy Elective #3:</i> Choose from courses offered at University of Louisville that will add to your policy skill set. These can be courses in additional research methods, grant writing, management techniques, etc. *** Or Statistical Analysis for Population Health	3
	<i>Community Organization & Assessment:</i> Students in this course apply the knowledge, skills, and methods for conducting community health assessments to identify factors that affect the health of a population and utilizing the assessment process as a tool for community organizing.	3
	<i>Public Health Practice Experience III:</i> Required field experience; participation in activities at and for a student-identified public health work-site and written and oral presentations describing the experience.	2
	<i>Integrative Experience in Public Health:</i> This course is designed to integrate knowledge acquired in coursework and other learning experiences and to apply this knowledge to situations with various aspects of professional public health practice.	2
	Semester Total	13
Degree Total		48