



# ONLINE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN COMMUNITY AND POPULATION HEALTH

BECOME A LEADER FOR CHANGE IN THE RAPIDLY GROWING PUBLIC HEALTH FIELD.

<p><b>DELIVERY FORMAT</b> 100% Online</p>	<p><b>TIME TO COMPLETE</b> 20+ Months</p>	<p><b>CREDIT HOURS</b> 42</p>
<p><b>TIME COMMITMENT</b> 10 to 20 Hours Weekly</p>	<p><b>START DATES</b> Fall, Spring, &amp; Summer</p>	<p><b>COST</b> The MPH in Community and Population Health delivers a strong return on investment by equipping students with the advanced knowledge and leadership skills needed to rise to top roles and increase earning potential in the public health field. Tuition and fees total \$24,150 (\$575 per credit hour). This cost does not include books or additional course materials. No application fee.</p>

## AT A GLANCE

The online Master of Public Health in Community and Population Health empowers professionals to advance their careers by building expertise in population health strategies and

addressing health disparities.

Students gain the skills to champion healthier communities, drive measurable improvements in health outcomes, and lead initiatives that tackle the root causes of health inequities. The program explores how social determinants shape public health, strengthens understanding of health policy, and equips students with foundational knowledge in emergency response.

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## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH: UNLOCK CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND LEAD HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Earning an online MPH in Community and Population Health from the University of Oklahoma positions you for career growth across a wide range of high-impact roles. This degree equips you with the expertise to lead initiatives, influence policy, and drive change in communities around the world. Advance your career in roles such as:

- Public Health Administrator or Director
- Health Educator
- Community Health Worker
- Environmental Health Specialist
- Occupational Health and Safety Specialist
- Health Communications Specialist

## INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- Median Pay: \$83,090
- Job Outlook: Employment in public health and healthcare-related occupations is projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2033.
- Job Openings: About 1.9 million openings are projected each year, on average, across healthcare and public health roles due to growth and workforce replacement needs

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

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## PROGRAM OUTCOMES: LEARN, LEAD, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

OU's online Master of Public Health in Community and Population Health prepares graduates to:

- Understand and address today's most pressing public health issues, respond to emerging population health challenges, and lead in community health advocacy
- Build in-demand skills in data analysis, leadership, communication, and health education—areas where many professionals fall short

- Gain a competitive edge in the job market by mastering the principles of population and community health
- Earn a respected degree from the University of Oklahoma, a globally recognized institution ranked among the best in online education
- Stay ahead in a rapidly evolving industry as public health challenges grow in scale and complexity
- Expand your professional network through OU's global community of alumni, faculty, and public health leaders
- Become eligible to sit for the National Board of Public Health Examiners exam and pursue certification in public health

**TO APPLY: [HTTPS://APPS.OUHSC.EDU/ADMISSIONS/](https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/)**

**FOR MORE INFO: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/PROGRAM/MPH-IN-COMMUNITY-AND-POPULATION-HEALTH/](https://online.ou.edu/program/ MPH-IN-COMMUNITY-AND-POPULATION-HEALTH/)**

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## COURSE DETAILS

With a strong focus on health and the healthcare system, the MPH in Community and Population Health delivers a comprehensive foundation in essential public health disciplines. Students explore key topics in epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, environmental health, the U.S. healthcare system, and more, preparing them to lead in diverse public health settings.

\*Students will choose six additional credit hours of electives from approved College of Public Health lists.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

You'll earn 42 credit hours across 16 courses. You'll take 2 to 3 courses each semester. Spring and Fall semester courses run for 16 weeks, while Summer semester courses run for 8 weeks. You can expect a time commitment of 7 to 9 hours per week per course.

Courses are mostly asynchronous with pre-recorded lectures. Only one courses features live lectures, but these are not mandatory and are recorded for those who cannot attend.

### BIostatistics Methods I

**Credit Hours: 3**

Fundamental concepts and applications of statistics. This course and BSE 5173 serve as an introduction to all higher-level courses in statistics. This course makes use of the JMP statistical package.

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### Principles of Epidemiology

**Credit Hours: 3**

This course provides an introduction to epidemiology for students majoring in any aspect of Public Health. The principles and methods of epidemiology investigation, both infectious and non-infectious diseases, are discussed.

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## **SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Credit Hours: 3**

Introduction to basic concepts of social and behavioral sciences in public health theory and practice. Social factors influencing health outcomes, theories of health behavior, and health promotion at the community level are emphasized.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**Credit Hours: 3**

The effects of the environment on health. Consideration is given to urban water supply and wastewater disposal, air quality control, solid and hazardous wastes, and sanitation.

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## **U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

**Credit Hours: 3**

This course focuses on the history and structure of health organizations in the U.S. Also examined are the functional interrelations among institutional and financial arrangements in the health industry. The course concludes with a comparison of international health systems.

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## **QUALITATIVE METHODS IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Credit Hours: 1**

In this course, students will be introduced to the logic of qualitative research methods; will analyze several qualitative case studies; and will practice conducting a qualitative project from design through data acquisition and analysis through dissemination. (Fall I, Summer II)

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## **HEALTH CARE POLICY AND POLITICS**

**Credit Hours: 3**

How health policy in the U.S. is initiated, formulated and implemented. A comparative, cross-national and cross-state perspective is employed to analyze political culture, interest in group and party behavior, the legislative and executive processes, and the dynamics of federalism.

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## **COMPUTER APPLICATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Credit Hours: 3**

Application of currently available hardware and software to common problems encountered in Public Health practice.

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## **EPIDEMIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**Credit Hours: 3**

Lectures and laboratory sessions devoted to the study of factors common to all infectious diseases as well as studies of specific diseases.

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## **EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASES**

**Credit Hours: 3**

This course is a survey of chronic diseases, and the epidemiologic methods used to study them. Students are expected to read and report on the literature and to use descriptive statistics on survey data of chronic disease risk factors.

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## **PROGRAM PLANNING FOR HEALTH PROMOTION**

**Credit Hours: 3**

Covers basic components of the program planning process in health education, including problem analysis, needs assessment, intervention design, implementation and process evaluation.

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## **INTEGRATED PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE**

Credit Hours: 3

Integrated Public Health Practice and Preparedness (CPH-7003) is part of the Culminating Experience for all Master of Public Health students. The course requires the student to synthesize and integrate knowledge acquired in coursework and other learning experiences and to apply theory and principles in a situation that approximates aspects of professional practice. This course includes applied practice projects that allow the student to demonstrate discipline specific core competencies and the core interdisciplinary/crosscutting competencies.

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## **PRACTICUM PREPARATION SEMINAR**

Credit Hours: 1

This course is a prerequisite for enrollment in CPH 7950 Public Health Practicum. The student will identify and secure a practicum host site and preceptor; complete the necessary prerequisites specific to the student's practicum experience; complete the Application for Practicum; and complete the Practicum Agreement.

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## **PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICUM**

Credit Hours: 1

This course provides a planned, supervised and evaluated public health practicum experience that approximates some aspects of professional practice that apply classroom knowledge and skills to achieve practice goals and objectives. A maximum of 1 hour can be applied toward the MPH degree.

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# **WHY CHOOSE OU FOR A MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN COMMUNITY AND POPULATION HEALTH**

OU Online delivers high-quality, career-focused graduate programs built for working professionals—combining the flexibility of a 100% online format with the academic excellence of a top-tier public university. Offered through the University of Oklahoma's CEPH-accredited Hudson College of Public Health, the MPH in Community and Population Health prepares professionals to lead in health-focused roles across sectors.

## **FACULTY EXPERTISE**

The MPH in Community and Population Health is built on the foundation of world-class OU Health Campus faculty mixed with professors of practice providing valuable instruction. By linking industry experts with our online programs, we offer the most advanced curriculum and prepare students for future career success.

## **ROBUST STUDENT SUPPORT**

OU Online offers robust student support services, including academic support, online tutoring, mental health counseling, and an online career development center. The program accommodates the needs of working professionals, allowing you to expand your skills while maintaining full-time employment.

## GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

With more than 250,000 alumni across the world, becoming a Sooner means you'll have access to a strong network of public health professionals to accelerate your career. As a Sooner, you'll be part of a powerful network of leaders working in healthcare organizations across the world, helping you expand your public health career.

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## COST & FINANCIAL AID

Earning your MPH in Community and Population Health is a strategic investment in your future—and OU Online is committed to making that investment accessible and transparent.

Students pay \$575 per credit hour, totaling \$24,150. This rate does not include books or additional course materials.

Financial aid, scholarships, and employer tuition assistance may be available to help reduce your out-of-pocket costs. OU's dedicated financial services team will support you through every step of the funding process—so you can stay focused on your education and career goals.

For questions about financial aid for your online program, contact the Online Aid office at [onlineaid@ou.edu](mailto:onlineaid@ou.edu) or call 405-325-2929.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is required upon admission to secure your place in the program. This deposit guarantees your spot in your first semester of courses and will be applied toward your first semester's tuition.

*\* Please be aware that tuition and fees may change, as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.*

## TRANSFER CREDIT

You can transfer a maximum of 12 credits. Must follow OU Health Science transfer credit policies.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/COST-AND-AID/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/cost-and-aid/graduate/)**

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## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

To apply to the online Master of Public Health in Community and Population Health program, you must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent)

- Must be in good standing with the college or university where currently enrolled or last attended
- College Algebra or a higher-level math course.
- No GRE required.
- Grade point average requirement on a 4.00 scale can be met by any of the following:
  - 3.00 in bachelor's degree cumulative GPA
  - 3.00 in the last 60 credit hours of upper-division coursework applied to the bachelor's degree
  - 3.00 in the master's degree (or higher) cumulative GPA
  - 3.00 in the last 12 or more hours of graded graduate-level coursework

## REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are an international applicant, you are required to demonstrate English proficiency. This can be satisfied by submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores that meet the minimum required score. Additional information about the English proficiency requirement is available at [OU Health Sciences' English Proficiency Requirements](#).

*Please note that international students are not eligible for an F1 Student Visa status for this program because it is 100% online.*

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

The admissions committee follows a rolling admissions process, reviewing applications as they are received. While admissions may remain open until two weeks before classes begin, some programs may set earlier deadlines. The committee aims to provide decisions within two weeks of receiving a completed application.

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**STEP 1**

Contact an Enrollment Coach to discuss your qualifications and interest in the program.

**STEP 2**

Complete the online application at <https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admission>

**STEP 3**

Complete and submit the following with the online application:

- A professional resume or CV that includes past education and work experience
- Written personal statement on career goals
- TOEFL or IELTS scores for applicants whose first language is not English.
- All official transcripts from previously attended institutions by following these instructions at <https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/pstudents/how-to-apply#submittranscript>

**TO APPLY: [HTTPS://APPS.OUHSC.EDU/ADMISSIONS/](https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/)**