

HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY, M.P.H.

Saint Louis University's Master of Public Health offers a concentration in health management and policy that blends a core management component with advanced public health training. That, along with an applied-team-based learning experience that draws a diverse group of students from around the country and the world, will equip you for senior leadership roles in a wide range of public, private and not-for-profit organizations committed to improving health care delivery systems, access to health care services, and reducing risks to the public's health.

Program Highlights

SLU's strong job placement rates are based largely on its competencies-based training, collaborative faculty and team-based learning environment. M.P. H. students in SLU's health management and policy concentration master skills, knowledge and abilities in the following key areas:

- Leadership
- Critical thinking
- Science and analysis
- Management
- Political and community development
- Communication

Curriculum Overview

Learn to create solutions that address key public health and health care system management challenges. Students in the M.P.H. health management and policy concentration blend a core management component with advanced public health training to prepare for senior leadership roles in a wide range of public, private and not-for-profit organizations committed to improving health care delivery systems, access to health care services, and reducing risks to the public's health.

A joint concentration in epidemiology requires just six additional credit hours and can still be completed in two years. In a data-driven economy where the need for assessment skills is increasingly important, a joint concentration provides the additional skills that future employers will value and the flexibility to do more with your career, particularly if you are interested in research and consulting.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

In addition to other topics, SLU's health care management faculty research:

- Chronic disease management
- Health disparities
- Minority men's health

SLU's M.P.H. program is designed to give students the practical skills needed for any public health career. More than 50% of M.P.H. students work on research projects with faculty outside of a class requirement.

Students complete an internship after their first year of study to gain practical experience in their chosen career. Students have interned in various settings, including local nonprofits, academic research centers, state and federal agencies and multilateral institutions. Students work

with the M.P.H. internship coordinator and their faculty advisor to identify an appropriate internship in St. Louis, nationally or globally.

Careers

With a Master of Public Health and a concentration in health management policy, you will be able to analyze and create effective strategies and policies for hospitals and health systems at the very highest levels of the organization.

You can become a senior health policy director or advisor for federal and state legislators and work in governmental agencies at all levels, such as the Department of Health and Human Services.

You can also work for various NGOs and advocacy organizations, such as AARP, and for prestigious think tanks and research organizations in academia, Washington, D.C., or throughout the nation and world.

SLU's public health graduates are employed at federal, state and local health agencies; consulting firms; consumer advocacy organizations; community-based organizations and health care centers; hospitals; research centers; and universities.

Within the first year of graduation, most M.P.H. graduates begin their careers, participate in fellowships or further their graduate education.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Graduate Tuition	\$1,310

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The College for Public Health and Social Justice offers several ways to help finance graduate education. Opportunities include a limited number of merit-based scholarships and graduate research assistantships.

Awards are made to applicants with the highest combinations of GPAs and test scores who complete their applications by the priority deadlines.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://finaid.slu.edu> (<http://finaid.slu.edu/>).

Accreditation

Saint Louis University's College for Public Health and Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). To see our most recent accreditation documentation, please visit the College for Public Health and Social Justice website (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>). (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/about/accreditation.php>)

Learning Outcomes

Evidence-based Approaches to Public Health

- Graduates will be able to apply epidemiological methods to the breadth of settings and situations in public health practice.
- Graduates will be able to select quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context.
- Graduates will be able to analyze quantitative and qualitative data using biostatistics, informatics, computer-based programming and software, as appropriate.
- Graduates will be able to interpret results of data analysis for public health research, policy or practice.

Public Health and Health Care Systems

- Graduates will be able to compare the organization, structure and function of health care, public health and regulatory systems across national and international settings.
- Graduates will be able to discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities and racism undermine health and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community and systemic levels.

Planning and Management to Promote Health

- Graduates will be able to assess population needs, assets and capacities that affect communities' health.
- Graduates will be able to apply awareness of cultural values and practices to the design, implementation, or critique of public health policies or programs.
- Graduates will be able to design a population-based policy, program, project or intervention.
- Graduates will be able to explain basic principles and tools of budget and resource management.
- Graduates will be able to select methods to evaluate public health programs.

Policy in Public Health

- Graduates will be able to discuss multiple dimensions of the policy-making process, including the roles of ethics and evidence.
- Graduates will be able to propose strategies to identify stakeholders and build coalitions and partnerships for influencing public health outcomes.
- Graduates will be able to advocate for political, social or economic policies and programs that will improve health in diverse populations.
- Graduates will be able to evaluate policies for their impact on public health and health equity.

Leadership

- Graduates will be able to apply leadership and/or management principles to address a relevant issue.
- Graduates will be able to apply negotiation and mediation skills to address organizational or community challenges.

Communication

- Graduates will be able to select communication strategies for different audiences and sectors.
- Graduates will be able to communicate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing and through oral presentation.
- Graduates will be able to describe the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content.

Interprofessional Practice

- Graduates will be able to integrate perspectives from other sectors and/or professions to promote and advance population health.

Systems Thinking

- Graduates will be able to apply a systems thinking tool to visually represent a public health issue in a format other than a standard narrative.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree, preferably with a 3.00 grade point average. Students are accepted into this program from a wide variety of backgrounds and majors.

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until classes are full. Apply using the centralized application service S (<https://sophas.org/>)OPHAS (<https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/deeplink/programSearch/organization/6425937835738032128>).

Review Process

All applicants are considered using a holistic application review process, including an in-person, phone or Zoom interview with the graduate admissions director.

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Résumé/curriculum vitae
- Professional goal statement

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Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Financial documents are required to complete an application for admission and be reviewed for admission and merit scholarships.
- Proof of financial support that must include:

- A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student’s time at Saint Louis University
- A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student’s study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include:
 - Courses taken and/or lectures attended
 - Practical laboratory work
 - The maximum and minimum grades attainable
 - The grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations
 - Any honors or degrees received.

WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses		
HMP 5000	Health Care Organization	3
HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
PUBH 5910	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
PUBH 5950	Special Study for Examinations	0
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
Concentrations		24-30
Select one of the following:		
Health Management & Policy (p. 3)		
Health Management & Policy / Epidemiology Joint (p. 3)		
Total Credits		48-54

Health Management & Policy Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required core courses listed above and the following:		
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3
HMP 5200	Health Economics	3
HMP 5210	Economic Evaluation	3
HMP 5725	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
Electives		9
Total Credits		24

Health Management & Policy / Epidemiology Joint Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required core courses listed above and the following:		
BST 5100	Introduction to General Linear Modeling	3
EPI 5020	Epidemiology Methods II	3
HMP 5200	Health Economics	3
HMP 5210	Economic Evaluation	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3
HMP 5725	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
Electives		9
Total Credits		30

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Health Management & Policy Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
HMP 5000	Health Care Organization	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HMP 5725	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	3
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
MPH Professional Development Series: Completion of 6 sessions required during Year 1 (prerequisite for PUBH 5910).		
Credits		15
Spring		
HMP 5200	Health Economics	3
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3

MPH Professional Development Series: Completion of 6 sessions required during Year 1 (prerequisite for PUBH 5910).

		Credits	12
Summer			
PUBH 5910	Practice Experience in Public Health	1	
		Credits	1
Year Two			
Fall			
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3	
HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	3	
HMP 5400	Legal Aspects of Health Services Management	3	
Elective: (Health Management & Policy or Applied Data Analysis Focus)		3	
		Credits	12
Spring			
HMP 5210	Economic Evaluation	3	
PUBH 5950	Special Study for Examinations	0	
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3	
Elective: (Health Management & Policy or Applied Data Analysis Focus)		3	
		Credits	9
		Total Credits	49

Health Management & Policy Concentration (part-time)

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
HMP 5000	Health Care Organization	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2
MPH Professional Development Series: Completion of 6 sessions required during Year 1 or 2 (prerequisite for PUBH 5910).		
		Credits
		8
Spring		
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
MPH Professional Development Series: Completion of 6 sessions required during Year 1 or 2 (prerequisite for PUBH 5910).		
		Credits
		6
Summer		
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
		Credits
		3

Year Two

Fall

HMP 5725	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
HMP 5400	Legal Aspects of Health Services Management	3
		Credits
		6

Spring

HMP 5200	Health Economics	3
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
		Credits
		6

Summer

PUBH 5910	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
		Credits
		1

Year Three

Fall

HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
Elective	HMP Elective chosen in consultation with mentor	3
		Credits
		9

Spring

HMP 5210	Economic Evaluation	3
PUBH 5950	Special Study for Examinations	0
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
Elective	HMP Elective chosen in consultation with mentor	3
		Credits
		9
		Total Credits
		48

Health Management & Policy/ Epidemiology Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
HMP 5000	Health Care Organization	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	3
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
MPH Professional Development Series: Completion of 6 sessions required during Year 1 (prerequisite for PUBH 5910).		
		Credits
		15
Spring		
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3
HMP 5200	Health Economics	3
BST 5100	Introduction to General Linear Modeling	3
EPI 5020	Epidemiology Methods II	3

PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
MPH Professional Development Series: Completion of 6 sessions required during Year 1 (prerequisite for PUBH 5910).		
Credits		15
Summer		
PUBH 5910	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
Elective	Elective in Epidemiology	3
Credits		4
Year Two		
Fall		
HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	3
HMP 5400	Legal Aspects of Health Services Management	3
HMP 5725	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
Elective	Elective (Epidemiology Focus)	3
Credits		12
Spring		
HMP 5210	Economic Evaluation	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
PUBH 5950	Special Study for Examinations	0
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
Elective	Elective (Epidemiology or HMP Focus)	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		58

Contact Us

Apply for Admission (<https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/deeplink/programSearch/organization/6425937835738032128>)

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