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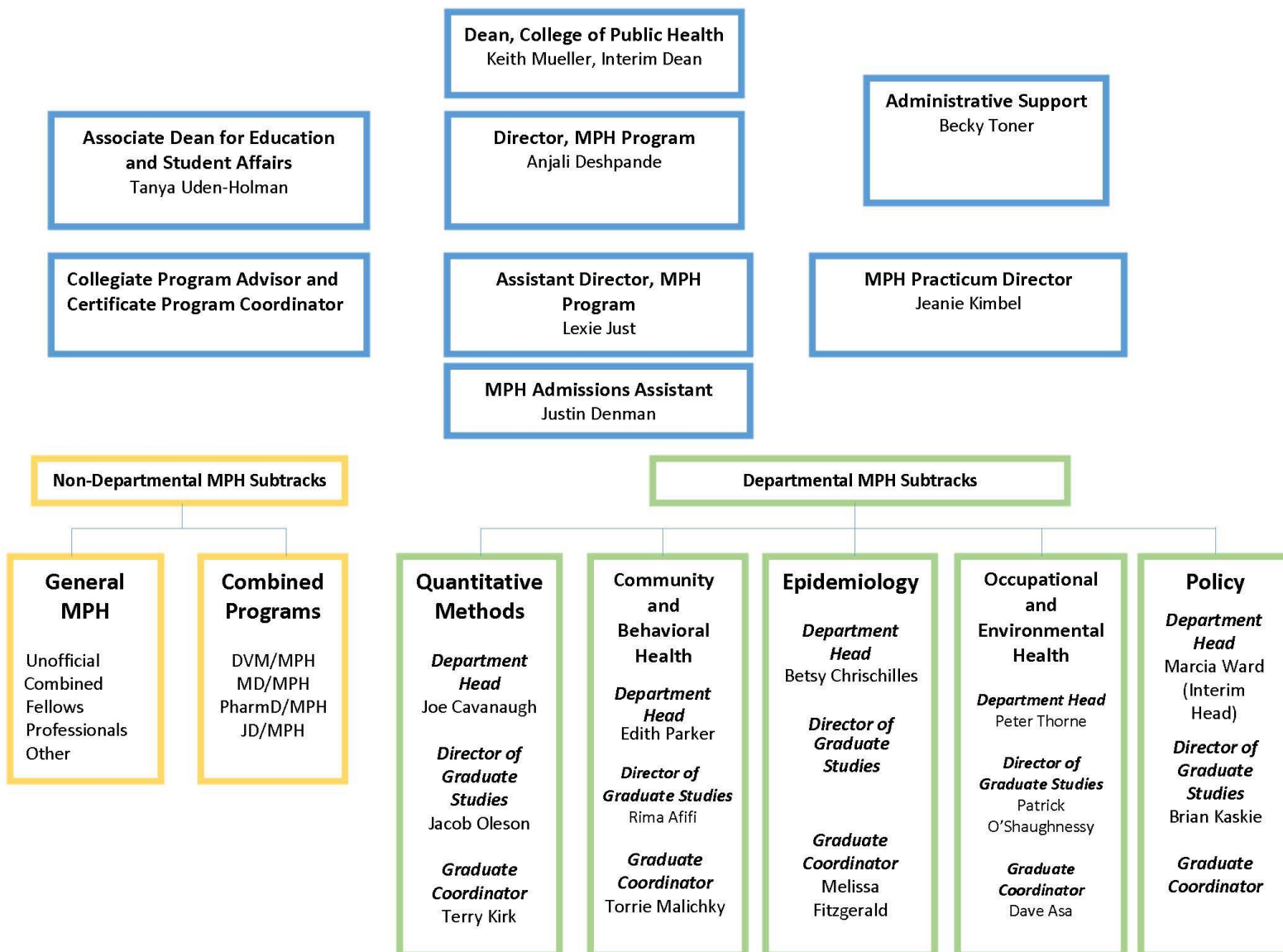
MPH Program
Student Handbook
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College of Public Health Master of Public Health Degree Program



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MPH Overview

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, begun in the fall of 1999, is a basic professional, practice-based degree. The MPH is required by statute for public health professionals working in certain classifications in many jurisdictions, and it is the oldest degree specifically identified with public health education.

The University of Iowa MPH Program builds on the idea that public health professionals should have a basic understanding of the breadth of public health, as well as training in a specified area of public health to enhance the educational experience. To achieve this goal, all students are required to enroll in a set of core courses and to identify a specific area of public health in which they would like to specialize.

MPH Core Competencies

The MPH program core competencies are based on the Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health (ASPPH) competencies for each of the five core areas of public health (biostatistics, environmental health sciences, epidemiology, health policy and management, and social and behavioral sciences). There are additional competencies from the cross-cutting areas of professionalism, program planning, and systems thinking that all MPH students also attain during their course of study.

<https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/MPH-Competencies-2018.pdf>

MPH Curriculum

The MPH curriculum consists of a minimum of 42 semester hours and is generally completed in two academic years - although part-time options do exist. All students take 18 semester hours of core courses and complete a 200 hour capstone practicum. The exact number of required credit hours and elective options are dependent on the area of study chosen by the student.

Departmental students pursue a degree with topical focus in one of the core disciplines of public health.

Departmental subtracks:

[Quantitative Methods](#)

[Community and Behavioral Health](#)

[Epidemiology](#)

[Occupational and Environmental Health](#)

[Policy](#)

Some students choose to pursue an MPH degree in tandem with another professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine) with additional course work and training in public health.

Non-Departmental, Combined Degree subtracks:

[DVM/MPH](#)

[MD/MPH](#)

[PharmD/MPH](#)

[JD/MPH](#)

In addition, individuals can complete the MPH following health-related professional training.:

Professional Subtracks:

[MPH for Practicing Veterinarians](#)

[MPH for Professionals](#)

Undergraduate to Graduate Programs:

Undergraduates at the University of Iowa, Grinnell College, Cornell College, and Coe College have the ability to complete their undergraduate degree and the Master of Public Health degree in 5 years.

[Undergrad to Grad](#)

College of Public Health (CPH) Building

The College of Public Health celebrated the dedication of its new building on April 20, 2012 and spring 2012 classes began meeting in the new location. The building features numerous classrooms and meeting rooms, study and gathering areas. The University of Iowa will earned Platinum certification within the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

Graduate College Rules and Regulations

The MPH Program is a part of the UI Graduate College, and therefore adheres to the Graduate College rules and regulations. Students in the MPH Program are expected to familiarize themselves with the Graduate College manual, available on the Graduate College website:

<https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-college-manual>

Master of Public Health Policies

Academic Standing

Students must earn \geq B- (2.67) on each of the six MPH core courses and must earn \geq 3.0 cumulative grade-point-average (GPA) on the six MPH core courses. When necessary, a student may repeat a course.

While pursuing a degree, collegiate students are expected to maintain a 3.00 or better GPA. A student will be placed on probation if after 8 semester hours of graduate work, the student's cumulative GPA on graduate work done at the University of Iowa falls below 3.0. If after completing at least 8 additional semester hours of graduate credit the student's GPA remains below 3.0, the student will be denied permission to re-register. If after completing the additional 8 hours of course work the GPA is at least 3.0, the student is returned to good standing. **A cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above is required to graduate.**

Reasonable Progress

Students must demonstrate reasonable progress in earning the MPH degree. Students having two or more grades of incomplete may be blocked from registering for the next semester. While students may take courses that are not required to complete the degree, students who wish to extend the time to degree completion by taking additional courses that are outside the degree requirements or who register for additional coursework after degree requirements are complete need to request permission from the graduate director. In addition, students need to file for graduation within one semester of completing MPH requirements.

Incomplete Grades

In addition to the Graduate College policy, found in the Graduate College manual (section VI, D), students having multiple incomplete grades will need permission from the Graduate Director to register for the next semester.

Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct

The faculty members of the College of Public Health expect the conduct of students registered or taking courses in the College to be consistent with that of a working professional. Courtesy, honesty, and respect should be shown by students toward faculty, guest lecturers, administrative support staff, and fellow students. Similarly, students should expect faculty to treat them fairly, showing respect for their ideas and opinions, and striving to help them maximize their experience in the program. Failure to act professionally could result in course failure or dismissal from the program. Student academic misconduct includes behavior involving plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, falsification of records or official documents, intentional misuse of equipment or materials, and aiding and abetting the perpetration of such acts. The preparation of reports, papers, and examinations assigned on an individual basis must represent each student's own effort. Reference sources and citations should be indicated clearly and adequate attribution given. The use of assistance from other students or aids of any kind during a written examination, except when the use of books or notes has been approved by an instructor, is a violation of the standard of academic conduct. The program abides by the Graduate College policy, which can be found at <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/manual-part-1-section-iv-academic-standing-probation-and-dismissal> Useful discussions on plagiarism, and how to avoid it, can be found at the following websites: <http://www.northwestern.edu/provost/policies/academic-integrity/index.html> <http://honorcouncil.georgetown.edu/system>

Procedure for Handling Alleged Violations of Standards of Academic Conduct or Professional Behavior

Questions of academic conduct or professional behavior arising within the College are treated on an individual basis. In the Graduate College, the questions are handled at the departmental or program level. If the departmental or program decision is appealed, the Associate Dean for Education and Student Affairs may appoint an appeals committee of faculty and students from a slate of nominees prepared by the Graduate Council and the Graduate Student Senate to recommend an appropriate course of action. Students in professional graduate colleges should inquire at the office of their respective dean for further information. If the student disagrees with the decision made by the dean, the student may request a review by the provost.

Advising

You will be assigned an academic advisor to guide you in selecting courses that will both satisfy the requirements to earn your degree and provide the foundation for your professional interests. The selection of the advisor is made on the basis of shared interests, workload, and knowledge of the academic program in which you are enrolled. You are responsible for contacting the advisor at the beginning of each semester to discuss your course selection and progress.

What your academic advisor can do for you: provide information about various fields of study related to your interests, provide information about research and service opportunities, help you identify appropriate courses for your Plan of Study, provide advice if you have academic difficulty, and write letters of reference for you if you have made an effort to develop a relationship with your advisor.

If you wish to change advisors, you must initiate the change by discussing the possibility with the newly selected faculty member. Upon approval by the new faculty member, you must then notify the prior advisor, the departmental academic program coordinator, and the MPH Assistant Director.

Changing Degree, Major, Subtrack, or Status

Students already accepted to the MPH program must request a status change and undergo review by the appropriate department and admissions committee when they wish to change:

1. Degree objective/major (e.g., MS to MPH)
2. Program of study within the MPH degree (e.g., CBH subtrack to Epidemiology subtrack)

The review follows the same procedures and processes as the initial application; minimally, a new Statement of Purpose is required. Students requesting a change in degree objective must also initiate a Request for Change of Graduate College Status (please see your academic program coordinator for a form).

MPH Practicum

All MPH students are required to complete a 200-hour minimum practice course (MPH:7000) that includes a paper and presentation. Specific information about the Practicum, including a syllabus, videotapes, and the necessary forms, is available on ICON. Students must complete all core courses and the majority of other coursework prior to beginning the Practicum. Human subjects approval might also be needed for practicums involving data collection.

Grading System

Generally, faculty in the College of Public Health use the letter grades A,B,C,D, and F, with some instructors opting to use plus/minus grading. Students may check with each course instructor at the beginning of each semester to determine if the option will be used.

S/U Grades

In registering for Special Topics courses, the MPH Practicum, or Independent Study, the S/U grade may be applied. Neither the S nor the U is used in computing G.P.A. Grades of S and U may be used for courses taken by a student outside the major department or interdepartmental degree program, if the instructor of the course and the student's departmental advisor approve the

registration. Arrangements for S/U grading in these courses are accomplished by filing a form with appropriate signatures in the Registrar's Office at the time of registration, or no later than the last day of the third week of a semester, or the third day of the second week of a summer session. No changes from letter grades to S/U grades (or vice versa) will be allowed after these dates.

Audit

Students who audit a course will receive either an "R" for registered (no credit), meaning you have met the expectations of the course instructor, or "W" for withdrawn, meaning the expectations of the course instructor have not been met. Students who audit courses pay for a minimum of two semester hours (2 s.h.) of tuition. If a course is offered for a set number of hours (for example, 3 s.h. with no options), tuition is assessed at the rate of the number of semester hours for which the course is offered. For example, if a course is listed for three semester hours (3 s.h.) and you register for zero semester hours (0 s.h.), assessment will be for 3 semester hours. A minimum of two semester hours (2 s.h.) will be charged for any audited course.

Incomplete (I)

The grade of Incomplete ("I") is to be used only when a student's work during a session cannot be completed because of illness, accident, or other circumstances beyond the student's control. Removal of an incomplete grade is accomplished only through the completion of the specific work for which the mark is given and submission of a replacement grade by the course instructor. Students who receive the mark of "I" must remove that mark within the first session of registration after the closing date of the session for which it is given; failure to do so results in a grade of "F." Specific deadlines for submission of student work to the faculty and for the faculty's report on the "I" grades to the Registrar's Office, will be set by the Graduate College Dean for each session and printed in the academic calendar.

MPH Plan of Study

You are responsible for submitting an electronic Plan of Study to your advisor for approval. **An approved MPH Plan of Study must be on file with the MPH Program for every student. The Plan is due within the first two months of beginning the MPH program.** If a Plan has not been submitted and approved, registration for the next semester will be delayed. Since space in core courses fills quickly, this might limit the ability to enroll in some classes during preferred semesters. The Plan of Study must be developed in consultation with your advisor. Failure to submit your Plan of Study may affect your ability to complete the practicum and/or graduate.

The Plan of Study specifically addresses each course required for degree conferral by:

- 1.) Listing the course in the semester in which it is offered
- 2.) Providing documentation of equivalency if transfer hours are requested (i.e., a course syllabus, or a final examination)
- 3.) Providing a rationale and the appropriate documentation for all waiver requests

When your academic advisor has approved your completed electronic Plan of Study, it is then submitted to the academic program coordinator, and subsequently to the MPH Assistant Director, for approval. If there are any problems with the Plan, the student will be notified via e-mail that revisions are necessary.

Access to the on-line MPH Electronic Plan of Study is available at: <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/mph-plan-of-study/>. You will need your hawk ID and password to access the database. This page will allow you to maintain your Plan of Study directly.

Change in Plan of Study

The successful completion of each course listed on your approved Plan of Study is required to graduate. If you drop or add classes, your Plan must be updated with a “Request for Change in Plan of Study” form. **Please update your Plan of Study using the “Request for Change in Plan of Study” link within 5 days of the start of the semester in which you revise your plan.** The Request for Change in Plan of Study form is available at: <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/mph-plan-of-study/>. You will need your hawk ID and password to access the database, and update your Plan. Failure to submit updates to your Plan of Study may affect your ability to complete the practicum and/or graduate.

Transfer Credits

Students may request that up to 18 semester hours be transferred. Criteria for approval of transfer courses are:

- Content is relevant to the degree program (either “core” or “elective” courses can be transferred)
- Content is comparable in quality to that offered by the College (if the content of the transferred course(s) is not known to Collegiate faculty, the burden of proof of comparability is on the student –i.e., to provide a full course syllabus, a copy of a final exam, or other similar evidence as requested)
- Course was taken when the student held graduate student status
- Student received a grade equivalent to a “C-” or better, or a “B-” or better in core curriculum requirements. Coursework graded “Pass” may be accepted if approved by advisor, the department, and the MPH Program Director.
- Courses may not be more than 10 years old **at the time of graduation** from the MPH program
- To inquire about transferring credits, contact Lexie Just (lexie-just@uiowa.edu) in the MPH Program

Transfer credits from other colleges and universities are also evaluated by the Graduate Admissions Office. Students seeking graduate transfer credit hours must furnish official transcripts to the **Office of Admissions, 107 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242**. The College of Public Health reviews and approves transfer credit hours from other institutions after they are certified for eligibility by the Office of Graduate Admissions. The general policy on the minimum number of hours needed to earn the MPH degree is that at least 24 hours of course work must be completed at the University of Iowa in the Graduate College **after** the student has been admitted to the MPH program.

Waiver of Course

Students may request that a required course be waived. A waiver means that the student is not required to enroll in the course, but the student also does not receive hours counted towards graduation for the course. Waivers will be based on course content and grade earned and acceptance is at the discretion of the faculty, the MPH Program and the Graduate College. To inquire about transferring credits, contact Lexie Just (lexie-just@uiowa.edu) in the MPH Program.

Registration

Eligibility

To be eligible to register you must:

- Be admitted to the University of Iowa
- Be in good academic standing
- Be free of “Not Permits” on your record. “Not Permits” may exist because of failure to meet academic, admission, student health, or student services requirements. A “Not Permit” from Student Services, Student Health, Registrar, Admissions, English as a Second Language, and Office of International Students and Scholars will prevent early registration. Graduate students with “Not Permits” from other offices will be allowed to register early, but the registration may be voided if the deficiency has not been cleared by the first day of classes in the semester to which it applies.
- Have a valid record of immunization on file with Student Health
- Be free of all debt to the University of Iowa

Maximum Course Load

UI Masters students are limited to enrolling for a maximum of 15 semester hours of course work each fall and spring session, and up to 8 hours in the summer session. However, with special permission from the student’s faculty advisor, MPH students may register for up to 18 graduate hours per semester in the fall and spring semesters, or 9 hours during the standard 8-week summer session, 6 hours during the standard 6-week summer session, or 3 hours during the standard 3-week summer session. MPH students enrolled during the off-cycle summer session may register for a maximum of 8 credit hours.

A student may register at any time during the semester or the 8-week session for not more than one (1) semester hour of credit for each of the remaining weeks of classes (not including the examination week) in the term. Total registration may not exceed the limits described above. This registration is intended only for individually arranged courses such as independent study, special topics, or research; it does not include the Practicum.

Full-time/Part-time Enrollment

Nine semester hours (9 s.h.) is considered full-time enrollment during the fall and spring semesters; five semester hours (5 s.h.) is considered part-time enrollment. During the summer session, five semester hours (5 s.h.) is considered full-time enrollment; three semester hours (3 s.h.) is considered part-time enrollment.

Auditing Courses

Upon the recommendation of the instructor and the advisor, the Dean of the Graduate College may grant a student permission to audit any course for zero credit.

Registration Procedure

To register for classes, you will need to obtain registration authorization from your faculty advisor each semester. You can register at or after the time assigned to you by the College. On-line computer registration information is provided on MyUI at <https://myui.uiowa.edu/my-ui/home.page>

Special Permission Required

Some courses have a special permission requirement. If you register for a course marked “Special Permission Required,” you must obtain special permission from the instructor or designated individual (typically the program coordinator or MPH educational advisor) in the department who is offering the course. The methods of granting special permission may vary between departments.

Changing Your Registration

Students must initiate changes in registration; it is the student’s responsibility to see that they are properly registered. Changes to a student’s registration may be initiated by individual departments and the Office of the Dean for justifiable reasons. A change in your registration becomes effective on the date information is entered into the registration system, either at the Registration Center or ITCs. For important dates related to registration, see “Significant Deadline Dates” on the Registrar’s website at <http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/Calendars/AcademicDeadlines/tabid/67/Default.aspx> Note that any deviation from an approved Plan of Study requires permission from your advisor, department, and the MPH program. To gain approval, you must submit your changes for approval at <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/mph-plan-of-study/> Choose the “Request for Change in Plan of Study” link.

Dropping/Adding Classes

Students can initiate a drop in [MyUI](#). You will get messages about possible implications, and will be told you what permissions you will need to drop. Since each course/department is different, please pay attention to these instructions. Alternatively, advisors and academic department administrators (ADA, you) can initiate the drop/grant permission (in one step) on behalf of a student- please reach out to your Graduate Coordinator for information. To gain approval, you must submit your changes for review at the [online plan of study](#), choose the “Request for Change in Plan of Study” link.

Withdrawal of Total Registration

The Registrar's web page (<http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/>) lists the final date at which registration may be dropped. Students withdrawing their entire registration are required to do so in person at the Registrar's Office, or via phone. In addition, students must communicate this to the MPH Educational Advisor. Students who have not been registered for one year or longer are required to complete a [Residency Review for Returning Student](#) form prior to being able to register.

Tuition Assessment

Information on the regulations governing the classification of residents and nonresidents for admissions and fee purposes, and copies of the administrative guidelines established to aid in the determination of resident classifications, is available at the Registrar's Office at 1 Jessup Hall, or on-line at <http://registrar.uiowa.edu/tuition-residency>

Enrolled graduate students who hold a research assistantship appointment of one quarter-time or above are assessed as residents for fee purposes for the terms during which they hold the appointment and for any adjacent summer session during which they are registered. Spouses of persons holding a graduate research or teaching assistant position also qualify for resident tuition. Information on the University's residency evaluation is available at <http://registrar.uiowa.edu/tuition-residency>.

Tuition for distance education classes (e.g. web-based) through the Center for Credit Programs Courses is not billed with on-campus courses. Consequently, the standard operating rule that tuition for course work in excess of 9 s.h. is free does not apply when students have mixed modes of course work in a semester. There are also different fees associated with distance courses that could result in variable tuition assessments.

Financial Support

Office of Graduate Student Financial Support: <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/funding-your-education>

Office for Student Financial Aid: <http://financialaid.uiowa.edu/>

Scholarships and Awards

MPH students can be nominated for a variety of scholarships:

- 1.) MPH scholarships – an annual tuition award; students are nominated by their department or
- 2.) the MPH Program. Students must have completed a minimum of 9 semester hours to be nominated for this award.
- 3.) Graduate College funding: <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/funding-your-education>

In addition, MPH students are eligible to apply for various campus-wide scholarships and awards: <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/grants-and-fellowships>

Professional Development

MPH students are encouraged to seek out professional development opportunities. Funding is available for students traveling to Public Health professional meetings, including APHA and IPHA conferences.

A request for Financial Support for Professional Development form must be filled out and turned in at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The form can be found at <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/prof-development-request.pdf>

Students are expected to attend the MPH Professional Development Seminar series offered in the fall and spring semesters. The schedule is provided by the MPH Assistant Director in the beginning of the semester. Seminars are typically held twice a month on Tuesday's from noon-1 p.m.

Practicum

MPH students who are doing out-of-state or international experiences may apply for funding through several sources:

1. Request for Financial Support from the MPH Program (completed form along with approved Practicum proposal must be turned in at least 30 days prior to departure). http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Practicum_Support_Request.pdf
2. International Programs Funding: <http://international.uiowa.edu/funding>
3. Departmental Funding – please check with your departmental program coordinator.

Travel policies for MPH students receiving funding will be emailed to students with their award letters. Students may contact the MPH Assistant Director to obtain a copy of the travel polies at any time.

Searching for a Job and Career Ready information

Students are urged to utilize the College of Public Health's [LinkedIn](#) page, as career announcements will be posted there. Additionally, MPH students are encouraged to search the [Career Ready](#) section of the MPH website for career assistance. Mass mailing of CVs to multiple faculty members is discouraged.

Criminal Background Check

Students who plan a clinical experience at the UIHC are subject to a criminal background check, which may require a fee. A “clinical experience” is defined as a clinical practicum, clerkship, clinical rotation, or other educational experience in which the student provides direct patient care that is supervised, but not always directly observed by a faculty member or staff member. Screening consists of self-disclosure and a formal background check at the start of the clinical experience.

Graduation

Students should become familiar with the requirements for graduation established by the Graduate College and the Registrar. Although assistance will be provided by academic program coordinators, you must inform your coordinator of your intent to graduate early in the semester. Failure to complete required forms or to observe deadlines will result in failure to graduate in the desired semester.

Application for Degree

Within the first month of the semester in which you plan to graduate, you must fill out a degree application in [MyUI](#). A degree application must be filed for the session during which you intend to graduate regardless of whether an application was filed for graduation in a previous semester.

Registration in Final Semester

The Graduate College requires you to be enrolled during the session in which your degree is to be conferred. To meet this requirement, Masters candidates who have completed all their course work may register for Masters final registration (000:001:000 for 0 hours), or for any course of interest regardless of its relationship to public health. Tuition will be assessed.

Commencement Ceremony

Information on the Graduate College ceremony is available at <http://registrar.uiowa.edu/commencement>

Finally, please remember to **inform your Academic Program Coordinator of your post-graduation contact information and plans**. The MPH program is required to keep this data for our collegiate accreditation, so your information is greatly appreciated. Keeping track of our graduates is also an important measure of the continuing growth of the College of Public Health.

University Policies and Regulations Affecting Students

For a complete listing of university policies and regulations, please visit: <http://dos.uiowa.edu/policies/> Topics include student bill of rights, student records policy, policy on student complaints, policy on human rights, and anti-retaliation policy.

Top Recommendations for Student Success

- 1.) Become familiar with pertinent information in the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College. You may view or download this manual from: <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-college-manual>.
- 2.) Contact and meet with your academic advisor prior to or within the first week of beginning the MPH program to be certain that course selection is appropriate. Students must submit a Plan of Study within two months of beginning the MPH program to be eligible to enroll during the early registration period for the following semester. Registration clearance for subsequent enrollment periods will not be released until an approved Plan of Study is on file. The electronic Plan of Study can be accessed at <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/mph-plan-of-study/>

- 3.) Attend the MPH Professional Development Seminar series. Seminars occur during the fall and spring semesters, bi-weekly, from noon to one. The schedule will be provided at the beginning of each semester. If you are not able to attend a seminar, contact the MPH Assistant Director in advance.
- 4.) Read and use the course description information that is available on the web to guide your course selection and completion of the Plan of Study. Course descriptions are available through searching for each specific course Department at <http://catalog.registrar.uiowa.edu/courses/> Information about courses is also available on MyUI at: <https://myui.uiowa.edu/my-ui/courses/dashboard.page> you can use this page to look up a specific course or to browse courses by college or department and other criteria.
- 5.) Be very careful to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. The advent of on-line resources offers a wide range of readily available material for students. Vigilance must be maintained to avoid plagiarism. Please view the Graduate College Policy on Plagiarism at <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/manual-part-1-section-iv-academic-standing-probation-and-dismissal>
- 6.) **Check e-mail daily. This is the primary method for distributing important information to you.** If you are not receiving e-mails from the MPH program, please contact the MPH Assistant Director.
- 7.) Inform your academic program coordinator of changes to your e-mail, address, or telephone information as there are times when it is necessary to contact students. Be sure to update MyUI as well.
- 8.) Visit with the staff at the Student Disabilities Service Office (3100 Burge Hall, 335-1462) if you have or suspect you have a disability that could interfere with the successful completion of your educational objectives. You should also visit their web page at <http://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu/> for more information. Additionally, contact your academic advisor, the course instructor(s), and the practicum mentor(s) to facilitate your learning process.
- 9.) Make an effort to know what is happening in public health practice, the College, and the University related to your specific field of interest. This will facilitate the transition to the workplace by increasing understanding of important public health issues and developing a network of professional colleagues.
- 10.) Visit departmental websites to explore the activities of faculty members. Visit with administrative assistants, administrators, advisors, and research staff to stay abreast of developments.
- 11.) Talk and network with peers. Attend professional developments events, seminars, student association meetings, and journal clubs (in some departments). Read bulletin boards and e-mails. **Stay involved!**
- 12.) Keep up to date with the current literature in public health and in your own specialty field of interest.
- 13.) Join and participate in professional organizations such as Iowa Public Health Association (IPHA) and the American Public Health Association (APHA). Activity in the field enhances the overall educational experience and helps students in their continuing professional development.
- 14.) Interact formally and informally with other collegiate students and faculty regarding professional and scientific matters. Begin to develop your networking capacity before you leave the program; you will rely on these contacts in the coming years.
- 15.) Utilize collegiate and departmental resources to maximize your educational experience

Student Life

Student Organizations

The [Office of Student Life](#) (OSL), located in the Iowa Memorial Union (IMU), provides diverse social, cultural, recreational, and educational programs and activities for the University of Iowa community. The OSL assists students and student organizations in designing, building, and maintaining an educational environment that enhances personal growth and fosters the purpose of their organization. Through its programs and services, the OSL is committed to assisting students in becoming a force for positive change within the University community and in society as a whole. The **College of Public Health Student Association** exists to promote a greater sense of community throughout the College and to enhance interdisciplinary professional development. Please view <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/student-organization-contacts/> for more information.

Other student associations within the College:

- College of Public Health Student Ambassador Program
- ECO Hawk (Easy Change Overall)
- Community and Behavioral Health Student Association (CBHSA)
- Biostatistics Student Organization
- Epidemiology Student Association
- Iowa-Illinois Industrial Hygiene Student Association (I3HSA)
- Iowa Student Association of Healthcare Leaders (ISAHL)

Information about all student associations available at: <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/student-organization-contacts/>

Committee Service

Each fall, the Dean invites selected students to participate on standing and special ad hoc committees as full voting members. In addition to serving as important sources of information for the CPH student body, these student representatives serve as guides for the faculty and administration regarding the needs of students. These appointments create a formal channel through which student concerns and opinions can be aired.

Telephone Equipment and Calls

To call within the University, use only the last five digits of the phone number.

Parking and Transportation

A limited number of metered parking spots are located at the CPH Building near the West Entrance. Additional parking is available in the Newton Road Parking Ramp located across the street from the Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF) at 375 Newton Road. A map of the University's parking lots can be found at <http://transportation.uiowa.edu/files/transportation.uiowa.edu/files/ParkingMap.pdf>

Cambus

The Cambus is a free campus transportation system. Iowa City and Coralville also operate a bus system that serves the College of Public Health. All three have stops at the Medical Education and Research Facility at 375 Newton Road. Pick-up times and routes for all three transportation systems can be found by using Bus on The Go (Bongo) at <http://www.ebongo.org/>

For more information on routes, pick-up locations, and schedules:

For Cambus: call (319) 335-8633 or visit <http://transportation.uiowa.edu/cambus>

Iowa City Transit: call (319) 356-5151 or visit <https://www.icgov.org/city-government/departments-and-divisions/transit>

Coralville: call (319) 248-1700 or visit <http://www.coralville.org/index.aspx?NID=166>

Food Service

The River Ridge Café is located on the first floor of the College of Public Health building. Nearby UI cafeterias are located in General Hospital (GH), the Eckstein Medical Research Building (EMRB), and at the Iowa Memorial Union (IMU). All allow charges on staff and student ID cards. Please note the River Ridge Café does not accept cash- they take cards only.

Vending

Beverage and snack machines can be found at the basement level of the College of Public Health Building. More vending areas can be found in MERF, EMRB and GH (staff cafeteria, Compass Café, Atrium).

Trash Collection

The College of Public Health achieved Platinum LEED Certification in part by our waste reduction and recycling practices. You will not find trash receptacles in student commons or other common areas. All trash and recycling should instead be taken to the centralized receptacles on each floor.

Student Commons / Computer Labs

- The student commons and computer labs are unlocked 7:30am – 7:00pm Mon.-Fri. and by University ID all other times.
- Please pick up after yourself; this is a shared facility so you need to be considerate of your colleagues. Leaving food or food wrappers on the table or floor creates an unpleasant environment.
- Please wipe up spills in the microwave and refrigerator. The custodians do not clean these appliances; it is up to those who use it to keep it clean. If it is not cleaned, it will be removed.
- Remember to remove food from the refrigerator by 2 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. All items left in the refrigerator will be discarded. This includes Rubbermaid containers, Tupperware containers, glass bowls, unopened items, and large multi-use containers.
- Please use the recycling and compost containers! The tub designated for paper recycling is in the hallway.
- If you post notices on the bulletin board, please remember to remove your notice in a timely manner.

- Use the bulletin board to your advantage! Find a ride, sell your books, locate a roommate, etc.

Lockers

The College has a limited number of lockers available for students, which are located in the basement level of the CPH Building. Students may use any locker that is available with a lock they have provided from home. Locks must be removed and lockers must be cleared by the end of the day.

Study Areas

Student Commons, additional shared spaces in the CPH Building, EMRB Atrium and Hardin Health Sciences Library. Numerous other UI libraries and the Iowa City Library are also good for studying.

Computers

Two computer labs can be found on the second floor of the CPH Building near Student Commons. Students are provided with a budget for printing. Please do not remove items intended for everyone (e.g., stapler) from the room. Students may access the building and these computer labs 24/7. Please contact your departmental coordinator if you are unable to access these rooms.

Policy on Computer Lab Usage: Guidelines for All Students and Staff

Also available at <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/computer-lab-usage-guidelines/>

- All users of the College of Public Health computer labs agree to abide by the University of Iowa Acceptable Use Policy: <https://opsmanual.uiowa.edu/community-policies/acceptable-use-information-technology-resources>
- Under this agreement, the lab facilities shall only be used for school-related activities.
- All materials viewed on these machines must be inoffensive to all people in the lab. Absolutely no viewing of pornographic materials is allowed at any time.
- Watching DVDs and other non-class related material is prohibited in any of the computer labs.
- Absolutely no food or drink is allowed in any of the labs. Any person caught violating this policy will be asked to leave the lab immediately. Repeated violations may result in all lab privileges being revoked regardless of class involvement.
- In addition to guidelines on computers, there are also [guidelines for printing](#) which prohibit the use of the printer for anything other than school work. Any materials found printed that are not school-related will be charged to your student account.

- The installation of software on lab machines is prohibited. If you need an application installed on a lab machine, please contact the IT Office at 384-9898, or by email at <mailto:cph-support@uiowa.edu>. Only software for academic use will be installed.
- Everyone at the College wants to make your educational experience a success, which is why we strive to offer the best in technology for our students and staff. Help keep the labs in working order by adhering to the policies outlined above.