

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

The U.S. health care system is changing rapidly as a result of public and private efforts to optimize performance and achieve the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) Triple Aim of improving quality and patient satisfaction, improving population health, and decreasing costs. With the passing of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010, the U.S. made great strides toward achieving universal access to care. However, comparing system efficiencies and health outcomes across several high-income countries demonstrates the need for continued efforts to derive greater value for the resources invested in the U.S. health care sector. Targeted initiatives incorporating alternative payment models, such as the patient-centered medical home and accountable care organizations, have demonstrated measurable impacts toward achieving the IHI's Triple Aim.

The **Health Management and Policy specialization** prepares students for the current health care environment. Program students gain skills needed to manage health care delivery systems effectively and efficiently, analyze health policies, and communicate successfully to affect improvements in the system. The curriculum for the specialization is offered in partnership with the UND College of Business and Public Administration, which adds depth to the faculty expertise and course offerings available to MPH students.

The MPH Program at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences welcomes applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds, including the social and behavioral sciences, the basic sciences, mathematics and computer science, and the humanities.

Applicants to the MPH Program must demonstrate adequate preparation to complete graduate study for the MPH degree. Evidence of preparation for graduate work is indicated by the grade point average (GPA) from all post-secondary schools attended, work experience and accomplishments, and professional references. Admission decisions are based upon full review of all information in the application in order to ensure fairness and to balance the limitations of any single indicator.

The faculty and staff at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences work to create an intellectually challenging and socially engaging experience that provides students with the motivation, skills, and knowledge to improve health in communities and populations, particularly in the Northern Plains. Students develop the foundation to serve the people of North Dakota and the region for years to come.



MPH Core (21 Credits)

- PH 504: Planning & Management to Promote Health
- PH 510: Public Health & Health Care Systems
- PH 520: Environmental Health
- PH 531: Biostatistics
- PH 541: Public Health Communication
- PH 545: Public Health Leadership & Interprofessional Practice
- PH 551: Epidemiology
- POLS 552: Health Policy

Required Courses for Health Management and Policy (12 Credits)

- PH 555: Health Law and Policy Analysis
- PH 572: Health Care Budgeting and Finance
- PH 583: American Indian Health Policy
- POLS 551: Health Administration and Organization

Elective (3 Credits)*

MPH Practice Experience (3 Credits)

- PH 594: Applied Practice Experience

MPH Culminating Experience (3 Credits)

- PH 590: MPH Seminar
- PH 995: Integrative Learning Experience

**For full course descriptions and to apply, visit med.UND.edu/ MPH.*

