



## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH INDIGENOUS HEALTH

The **Indigenous Health Specialization** is designed to provide students with a critical understanding of determinants of Indigenous health and solutions to health disparities. Students will examine Indigenous populations, histories, cultures, societies, traditional healing systems, food sources, patterns and impact of colonization, and health inequity. Students will also evaluate the impact of historical and ongoing traumas associated with colonization and colonialism, explore Indigenous concepts of health and healing, and will synthesize new approaches of moving toward health equity in a culturally relevant manner. Indigenous populations include American Indian/Alaska Native, Canadian First Nations, Inuit, Sami, Aboriginal Australian, Maori, Ainu, and Pacific Islanders, among others.

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 Indigenous Health (12 Credits)

- PH 581: Principles of Indigenous Health
- PH 582: Social & Ecological Determinants of Indigenous Health
- PH 583: American Indian Health Policy
- PH 584: Public Health Programming in Indigenous Populations

### 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](http://med.UND.edu/mph)

