

Master's in Public Health (MPH) Degrees Available Via Distance Education

The following is a list of ASPH member schools that offer a Master's in Public Health (MPH) via distance education. Please note that most programs require students to attend at least one day on campus per course. For information on a particular program's most recent developments, please visit its web site or contact the school's offices directly.

California

Loma Linda University School of Public Health

Beginning in the fall of 2004, the Loma Linda University School of Public Health will offer a blended Distance Learning Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice program. This MPH, with a major in Public Health Practice, is designed to meet the needs of practicing health professionals (such as nurses, dietitians, health educators, dentists, physicians and health administrators) who wish to augment their current careers with additional information and skills. It is not designed for students entering graduate school directly from undergraduate degree programs; nor will it serve as a foundation for a major career change. The three-year program will be made up of on-line courses and on-campus intensive courses for two weeks each August.

For more information on the program, visit www.llu.edu/llu/sph/index.html

Florida

University of South Florida College of Public Health

This MPH in Public Health Practice degree program is intended primarily for professionals working in public health practice settings, as well as other health-related professionals employed in hospitals, HMOs, clinics, schools, and other similar community based settings. The program is moving steadily towards being entirely internet-based, but currently still employs some one-way video, two-way audio (TVRO) satellite courses which deliver content to designated host sites.

For more information on the program, visit: <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/publichealth/dlp>

Georgia

Emory University Rollins School of Public Health

The Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University is offering a Career MPH Program (CMPH) for mid-career professionals with at least 5 years experience in public health or related fields. The program is designed to allow working professionals to complete an MPH degree in approximately two and a half years. Students in the CMPH program are required to attend on-campus sessions only **twice per semester** (Friday-Sunday). Between these sessions, students participate in courses via the web, receiving instruction and interacting with faculty and classmates.

For more information, visit www.sph.emory.edu/CMPH.

Illinois

University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health

An MPH in Public Health Informatics is offered through the University of Illinois at Chicago. The program is a cooperative effort between the School of Public Health and the School of Biomedical Health and Information Sciences and provides core competencies in the traditional disciplines of public health, information systems, and systems management. Four types of health professionals would benefit most from this program: State and Local Public Health Agency Personnel, Staff of Managed Care Organizations, International Health Agency Personnel, and Federal Health Officers.

For more information, visit www.uic.edu/sph/phi

Louisiana

Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

Distance learning programs at Tulane utilize a combination of distance learning technologies. The three masters programs (two MPH and an MSPH) are designed for mid-career practice professionals and include live (synchronous classes) via the Internet and asynchronous study using web sites and web site audio streaming. The program features a unique virtual classroom allowing live audio streaming and a synchronized web-browser for real-time visuals.

Tulane offers the following Masters in programs via distance learning:

MPH in Occupational Health and Safety Management

The Occupational Health and Safety Management (OHSM) program is now in its 7th year. The program is designed for mid-career professionals who already have a strong technical background in occupational health and safety or industrial hygiene who seek to augment their management abilities and increase their career options. The 36 hour curriculum provides study in four areas: health and safety principles and issues; data analysis for management decision making; behavioral aspects of the workplace; and health and safety management. The OHSM program is offered only in the distance learning format.

MPH in Occupational Health

The Occupational Health distance learning program is designed for physicians, nurses and other health professionals who work in occupational health programs or clinics. The curriculum is designed to provide the didactic elements for an MPH in Occupational Medicine and to meet the requirements of the academic year for board certification in preventive medicine/occupational medicine. The 36 hour curriculum includes study in biostatistics, epidemiology, health services management and administration, environmental health, toxicology, and occupational health. The program is offered via Interactive Internet.

MSPH in Industrial Hygiene

The overall goal of the industrial hygiene program is the education and practical training of degreed scientists and engineers as professional industrial hygienists. Graduates are prepared to enter careers in industry, government, academia, and other areas where the skills and competencies of an industrial hygienist are required. Although most of the program is delivered via Internet, an on-campus laboratory session of approximately one week is required.

For more information on these programs, visit <http://dl.caeph.tulane.edu>

Maryland

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Since 1999, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health has offered an Internet-based Master of Public Health program allowing students to earn 75 percent of the MPH online. This innovative program allows students from around the globe to interact with faculty at the leading school of public health in the United States--without having to relocate to Baltimore. Students can matriculate into the program by coming to two-weeks of coursework in Baltimore in January or June.

For more information, visit the school's web site at: <http://distance.jhsph.edu>

Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts School of Public Health and Health Sciences

The School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst offers a Master's Degree in Public Health (MPH). Through distance learning technologies, including online classes and teleconferencing, the MPH degree in Public Health Practice will allow you, as a health professional, to earn a fully accredited MPH while maximizing flexibility in scheduling your studies. This program is one of the few MPH degrees available completely at a distance.

For more information, visit www.umass.edu/sphhs/index.html

Michigan

University of Michigan School of Public Health

The University of Michigan School of Public Health offers a unique learning/educational format, which permits employed professionals to continue working while pursuing advanced study. This format is called On Job/On Campus (OJ/OC). As an OJ/OC student, you attend classes in Ann Arbor for an intensive 4-day weekend (Thursday through Sunday), once a month, for approximately two years.

The following MPH programs are offered in an OJ/OC format:

Executive Masters in Health Management and Policy (MPH or MHSA):

The curriculum in this program covers the planning, financing, administration, and evaluation of programs involved in the delivery of personal health services, and emphasizes a broad conceptual and analytical approach to the medical care system.

Occupational Medicine (MPH):

This program is designed to meet the academic year requirement of the American Board of Preventive Medicine in Occupational Medicine.

Note: Other programs offered in this format include MS degrees in:

- Industrial Hygiene
- Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis, and
- Environmental Health

For more information, visit http://www.sph.umich.edu/exec_ed/index.html

Minnesota

University of Minnesota School of Public Health

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health's Public Health Practice Major focuses on public health knowledge and skills to understand, assess, and manage population health in public health, health care, and human services settings. It is an excellent opportunity for working healthcare professionals to receive formal public health training. In addition to a number of certificate programs available at a distance, the Major offers an MPH through the Executive Program in Public Health Practice (EPHP), a flexible curriculum that students may tailor to their career and practice. This program is aimed at working public health and human service professionals with completed advanced degrees.

For more information visit:

<http://www.sph.umn.edu/students/student-services/applicants/majors/practice/exec>

North Carolina

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health

The distance learning degree programs are designed for health professionals currently employed, and unable to enroll in a degree program at the Chapel Hill campus. Each of the programs has a different format to meet the unique needs of the professional they serve, all of them provide for a flexible learning environment designed for adult learners. The UNC School of Public Health through its Distance Learning department offers three degree programs:

- Executive Masters Program in Health Administration, MPH or MHA
- Masters Program in Public Health Leadership
Note: This program includes an optional emphasis on Public Health Nursing.

For more information, visit www.sph.unc.edu/

South Carolina

University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health

The School of Public Health (SPH) at the University of South Carolina is committed to training public health professionals and serving the educational needs of the community through distance education. Currently, the SPH offers the following degree programs to professionals who desire a master's degree but are not able to access the more traditional on-site programs:

- General Master of Public Health (GMPH) with emphasis in Health Administration
- Master of Public Health in Health Administration

The GMPH and MPH in Health Administration are delivered through a combination of instructional television, the Internet and streaming video.

For more information, visit www.sph.sc.edu/

Washington

University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine

The Extended MPH Degree Program (EDP), in the University of Washington's School of Public Health and Community Medicine, is a partial distance learning MPH program that helps professionals expand their knowledge base in public health and health services while continuing their careers. The program seeks to help students develop the skills needed to effectively manage current and future health care in public health agencies and programs. EDP can be completed in two years and one quarter and is delivered through a combination of independent study and some required attendance on-campus. Students may choose from several pathway options: Community Practice, Health Education, Maternal and Child Health, or a Focused Electives option. Applicants should have at least three years of experience related to public health.

For more information, visit <http://depts.washington.edu/hsedp/>