

# MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

Saint Louis University's maternal and child health certificate program caters to two distinct audiences: working professionals who would benefit from developing maternal and child health competencies, and graduate students who seek additional training in the maternal and child health field.

Maternal and child health, as a specialty under the umbrella of public health, is a profession anchored in SLU's mission — focused on the pursuit of truth and service to humanity — and aligned with the social justice mission of the College for Public Health and Social Justice. Students who complete this certificate can enroll in SLU's Master of Public Health program, full or part time.

## Curriculum Overview

SLU's 12-credit maternal and child health certificate includes courses from the Master of Public Health ([https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/h/?\\_ga=2.75691095.397525369.1599588563-1292977971.1599588563](https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/h/?_ga=2.75691095.397525369.1599588563-1292977971.1599588563)) (M.P.H.) program. The certificate covers a breadth of skills across the core areas of maternal and child health.

## Careers

Students awarded SLU's maternal and child health certificate will be prepared to pursue or advance in positions such as a health educator, nonprofit program coordinator, maternal and child health program manager, community health worker or public health researcher. Completion of the certificate in maternal and child health will also serve as an important career tool and credential for professionals in other roles that intersect with public health, including social workers, nurse home visitors, urban planners, and clinicians such as physicians and nurses.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree, preferably with a 3.00 grade point average. Applications are reviewed on a holistic and rolling basis. To apply, applicants need to submit their transcripts, CV, personal statement and two letters of recommendation through SOPHAS Express (<https://sophasexpress.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/deeplink/programSearch/organization/5077527303125433344>), the common application system for public health schools and programs.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information about Saint Louis University scholarships and financial aid, please visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/>).

## Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Graduate Tuition	\$1,450

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

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-current/>)

## 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/about/accreditation.php>). (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/about/accreditation.php>)

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to describe the historical context and characteristics of MCH practice.
2. Graduates will be able to use equity or life-course frameworks, when appropriate, to analyze key MCH indicators that affect the well-being of women, children, fathers and families.
3. Graduates will be able to create strategies to inform policymakers or community stakeholders about the impacts of evidence-based programs and policies on the MCH-related population and health systems.

## Requirements

Students must earn a B- or better in all required courses. Elective courses may be passed with a C or better. Students may not take the same course more than two times.

Code	Title	Credits
MCH 5000	Foundations in Maternal Child Health	3
MCH 5010	Programs, Policy and Advocacy in Maternal and Child Health	3
MCH 5XXX or 6XXX	Electives	6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

## Continuation Standards

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

## Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

*Roadmap notes:*

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an “!” are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MCH 5000	Foundations in Maternal Child Health	3
MCH Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MCH 5010	Programs, Policy and Advocacy in Maternal and Child Health	3
MCH Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

## Program Notes

Certificate may be completed concurrently with any Master of Public Health degree.

## Contact Us

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

For questions about applying to one of our graduate programs, contact the College for Public Health and Social Justice admissions via [cphsjgrad@slu.edu](mailto:cphsjgrad@slu.edu).