

PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H.

Saint Louis University's College for Public Health and Social Justice (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/>) is committed to social justice and the Jesuit mission as the only accredited Catholic, Jesuit school of public health in the nation.

Program Highlights

Graduate-level public health classes are taught by faculty members who are internationally recognized as leaders with diverse public health research interests and practice. Students, faculty and staff spend more than 10,000 hours per year in public health settings partnering with agencies, health care settings, and community organizations to provide training and policy guidance to civic leaders.

In addition to traditional classroom-based learning, students gain experience through applied learning opportunities with community partners.

STEM OPT-Eligible Options

Behavioral science and health equity, biostatistics and epidemiology concentrations are designated as STEM OPT-3 eligible programs for international students.

Choose From Five Concentrations

- Behavioral science and health equity
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Health management and policy
- Public health practice

Choose From 12 Post-Baccalaureate Certificates

- Behavioral science and health equity
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Geospatial health
- Global health
- Health care leadership and workforce excellence
- Health care quality and performance excellence
- Health care strategy and industry solutions
- Health care technology and analytics
- Health management and policy
- Maternal and child health
- Public health

Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree in a biomedical or social science is preferred, but other majors will certainly be considered. Professional experience in a health-related field is highly valued.

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until classes are full. Apply using the centralized application service S (<https://sophas.org/OPHAS>) (<https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/deeplink/programSearch/organization/6425937835738032128>).

Review Process

All applicants are considered using a holistic application review process.

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Résumé/curriculum vitae
- Professional goal statement

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All Saint Louis University admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students applying to SLU must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English language proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Academic records must include an English translation. Unofficial copies may be accepted in some cases for initial admission review, however official copies must be received prior to enrollment. Course-by-course transcript evaluations are accepted and are required in some cases.

Students must submit financial documents to be issued an I-20 for their F-1 visa application. Proof of financial support must include:

- A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
- A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University

Tuition

Tuition	Total Program Cost
Master of Public Health	\$55,000

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/>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The College for Public Health and Social Justice offers several ways to help finance graduate education. Opportunities include a limited number of merit-based scholarships.

For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

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

Evidence-based Approaches to Public Health

1. Apply epidemiological methods to the breadth of settings and situations in public health practice.
2. Select quantitative and qualitative data collection methods appropriate for a given public health context.
3. Analyze quantitative and qualitative data using biostatistics, informatics, computer-based programming and software, as appropriate.
4. Interpret results of data analysis for public health research, policy or practice.

Public Health and Health Care Systems

1. Compare the organization, structure and function of health care, public health and regulatory systems across national and international settings.
2. Discuss the means by which structural bias, social inequities and racism undermine health and create challenges to achieving health equity at organizational, community and societal levels.

Planning and Management to Promote Health

1. Assess population needs, assets and capacities that affect communities' health.
2. Apply awareness of cultural values and practices to the design or implementation of public health policies or programs.
3. Design a population-based policy, program, project or intervention.
4. Explain basic principles and tools of budget and resource management.
5. Select methods to evaluate public health programs.

Policy in Public Health

1. Discuss multiple dimensions of the policy-making process, including the roles of ethics and evidence.
2. Propose strategies to identify stakeholders and build coalitions and partnerships for influencing public health outcomes.
3. Advocate for political, social or economic policies and programs that will improve health in diverse populations.
4. Evaluate policies for their impact on public health and health equity.

Leadership

1. Apply principles of leadership, governance and management, which include creating a vision, empowering others, fostering collaboration and guiding decision-making.
2. Apply negotiation and mediation skills to address organizations or the community.

Communication

1. Select communication strategies for different audiences and sectors.
2. Communicate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing and through oral presentation.
3. Describe the importance of cultural competence in communicating public health content.

Interprofessional Practice

1. Perform effectively on interprofessional teams.

Systems Thinking

1. Apply systems thinking tools to a public health issue.

Requirements

Students must earn a B- or better in all required courses. Elective courses may be passed with a C or better.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2
PUBH 5020	Ethical Issues in Public Health (Students with the HMP or PHP concentrations will take HMP 5390 instead)	3
or HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
PUBH 5050	Health Care Across the Life Course: From Policy to Practice	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
PUBH 5810	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
Concentration		18
<i>Choose one:</i>		
Behavioral Science and Health Equity (p. 2)		
Biostatistics (p. 3)		
Epidemiology (p. 3)		
Health Management and Policy (p. 3)		
Public Health Practice (p. 3)		
Total Credits		42

Continuation Standards

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

Behavioral Science and Health Equity Concentration

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses. 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
BSH 5000	Behavioral Science and Public Health	3
BSH 5310	Health Communication	3
BSH 5400	Assessment, Intervention Development, and Evaluation I	3
BSH 5410	Assessment, Intervention Development, and Evaluation II	3
Electives		6
Total Credits		18

Biostatistics Concentration

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses. 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
BST 5020	Theory of Biostatistics	3
BST 5100	Introduction to General Linear Modeling	3
BST 5400	Applied Data Management	3
BST 5450	Data Visualization	3
Electives		6
Total Credits		18

Epidemiology Concentration

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses. 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
BST 5100	Introduction to General Linear Modeling	3
EPI 5020	Epidemiology Methods II	3
EPI 5230	Applied Epidemiology	3
EPI 5XXX Elective		3
Electives		6
Total Credits		18

Health Management and Policy Concentration

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses. 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
HMP 5000	Health Care Organization	3
HMP 5200	Health Economics	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3

Electives	6
Total Credits	18

Public Health Practice Concentration

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses. 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
BSH 5320	Public Health Advocacy	3
BSH 5400	Assessment, Intervention Development, and Evaluation I	3
BST 5400	Applied Data Management	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
Courses with the "MPH Electives - Public Health Practice" attribute		6
Total Credits		18

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.

Behavioral Science and Health Equity Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
BSH 5000	Behavioral Science and Public Health	3
BSH 5400	Assessment, Intervention Development, and Evaluation I (AIDE I)	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
Credits		14
Spring		
PUBH 5020	Ethical Issues in Public Health	3
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
BSH 5410	Assessment, Intervention Development, and Evaluation II (AIDE II)	3
Credits		9

Summer		
PUBH 5810	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
Credits		1

Year Two

Fall		
BSH 5310	Health Communication	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
PUBH 5050	Health Care Across the Life Course: From Policy to Practice	3
BSHE Elective		3
Credits		12

Spring

PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
BSHE Elective		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		42

Biostatistics Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
BST 5020	Theory of Biostatistics	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2
PUBH 5020	Ethical Issues in Public Health	3
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
Credits		14

Spring

PUBH 5050	Health Care Across the Life Course: From Policy to Practice	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
BST 5100	Introduction to General Linear Modeling	3
Credits		12

Summer

PUBH 5810	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
Credits		1

Year Two

Fall		
BST 5450	Data Visualization	3
BST 5400	Applied Data Management	3
BST Elective		3
Credits		9

Spring

PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
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BST Elective	3	
Credits		6
Total Credits		42

Epidemiology Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
PUBH 5020	Ethical Issues in Public Health	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
Credits		14

Spring

PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
BST 5100	Introduction to General Linear Modeling	3
EPI 5020	Epidemiology Methods II	3
Credits		9

Summer

PUBH 5810	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
Credits		1

Year Two

Fall		
EPI 5230	Applied Epidemiology	3
PUBH 5050	Health Care Across the Life Course: From Policy to Practice	3
Epidemiology Elective		3
Credits		9

Spring

PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
Elective		3
Epidemiology Elective		3
Credits		9
Total Credits		42

Health Management and Policy Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
HMP 5000	Health Care Organization	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2

PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
Credits		11
Spring		
HMP 5200	Health Economics	3
HMP 5500	Health Policy	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5050	Health Care Across the Life Course: From Policy to Practice	3
Credits		12
Summer		
PUBH 5810	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
Credits		1
Year Two		
Fall		
HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	3
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
Electives		3
Credits		9
Spring		
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
Elective		3
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
Credits		9
Total Credits		42

Public Health Practice Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5010	Mission and Practice of Global Public Health	2
PUBH 5060	Environmental and Biological Determinants of Health	3
Credits		8
Spring		
PUBH 5050	Health Care Across the Life Course: From Policy to Practice	3
PUBH 5070	Translating Evidence and Theory for Community Practice	3
BSH 5320	Public Health Advocacy	3
BSH 5400	Assessment, Intervention Development, and Evaluation I	3
Credits		12
Summer		
PUBH 5810	Practice Experience in Public Health	1

PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
Credits		4
Year Two		
Fall		
BST 5400	Applied Data Management	3
HMP 5300	Management of Health Care Organizations	3
PHP Elective		3
Credits		9
Spring		
HMP 5390	Ethical Leadership in Health Management and Policy	3
PUBH 5960	Capstone in Public Health Practice	3
PHP Elective		3
Credits		9
Total Credits		42

Contact Us

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For questions about applying to one of our graduate programs, contact the College for Public Health and Social Justice admissions via cphsgrad@slu.edu.