



Master of Public Health

Fay W. Boozman

College of Public Health
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Master of Public Health (MPH)

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree requires a minimum of 42* semester credit hours and is designed to accommodate the student who wishes to obtain training in one of the following specialties:

Biostatistics

Epidemiology * (48 semester credit hours)

Environmental and Occupational Health

Each student who declares a specialty area must select an academic advisor from among the faculty of the department related to that particular area of public health.

Two capstone courses are required as part of the MPH curriculum. The first is a preceptorship, or field experience, requiring a minimum of 200 clock hours of work in a public health-related activity, under the joint supervision of a qualified specialist in public health practice and a COPH

Health Behavior and Health Education

Health Policy and Management

Rural Public Health Practice

faculty member. The second is a culminating experience project, requiring the student to synthesize and integrate knowledge and apply theory and principles learned in an area of public health practice. This will result in preparation of a manuscript for publication, a health policy proposal, a research proposal for submission, or equivalent, if approved by the Culminating Experience Project Advisory Committee (CEPAC) composed of COPH faculty members.

Course Curriculum

The MPH program requires a minimum of 42* semester credit hours that include:

- Core Courses: 18 semester credit hours
- Concentration/Specialty: 15-24 semester credit hours
- Elective coursework required by some concentrations/specialties
- Preceptorship in Public Health: three semester credit hours



- MPH Culminating Experience Project: two semester credit hours
- MPH Culminating Experience Seminar (or passing the Certified in Public Health (CPH) exam)): one semester credit hour

The six core courses listed below include an overview of public health as well as an introductory course in each of the five core public health disciplines. These courses comprise the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate curriculum and also serve as the required 18 semester credit hour core for all MPH students.

- PBHL 5003 Introduction to Public Health
- PBHL 5013 Biostatistics I
- PBHL 5113 Environmental and Occupational Health
- PBHL 5123 The Health Care System
- PBHL 5133 Introduction to Health Behavior and Health Education
- PBHL 5173 Epidemiology I

Successful Completion of Courses

Courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better to be considered successfully completed. Only successfully completed courses can be counted toward degree requirements. When a listed requirement for enrollment in a course includes completion of a prerequisite

course, the prerequisite course must also have been successfully completed.

Time Frame for Completion of Degree

All requirements for a master’s degree must be satisfied within six consecutive calendar years from the first registration (whether degree-seeking or non-degree seeking) with the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health. Students must begin classes within one calendar year after acceptance to the COPH.

How to Apply

To apply, applicants must submit the following items.

- Online application at www.sophas.org and a COPH supplemental application
- Official transcripts must be sent to SOPHAS for every institution attended
- U.S. baccalaureate degree or equivalent
- GRE test scores no older than five years
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of intent
- Current resume
- COPH supplemental application fee

For more information, download the application and eligibility requirements at

www.publichealth.uams.edu

International students must also submit a WES foreign transcript evaluation and score a minimum of 80 on the IBT TOEFL. International students with an undergraduate degree from a U.S.-accredited institution will be exempt from the TOEFL requirement.

For More Information

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About UAMS

UAMS is Arkansas' only academic health center and trains the majority of health care professionals in the state. Because UAMS Medical Center is a teaching hospital, the university stays at the forefront of knowledge and technology that benefit not only the citizens of Arkansas, but individuals from across the nation and world.

About Little Rock

Recently named by Kiplinger's Magazine as the most livable city with a population of 1 million or less, Little Rock is Arkansas' capital and a hub for commerce, health care and culture. Nestled between the Ouachita Mountains and the Arkansas River, the city has the amenities of a larger metro area, but with a relaxed pace. It offers many attractions including the Clinton Presidential Center and Central High (a landmark of the early Civil Rights Movement), as well as the 88-mile urban Arkansas River Trail System and nightlife in the vibrant River Market District.

Our Mission

The mission of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health is to improve the health and promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities in Arkansas through education, research and service.