

### **Certification in Public Health Exam Policy**

As of the Fall 2024 semester, all students beginning enrollment in the Master of Public Health degree program will be required to register for and must complete the Certification in Public Health (CPH) seminar (which requires taking the CPH exam) in the next regular semester after successfully completing the 6 MPH CORE courses. (Epidemiology I, Biostatistics I, Health Care Systems, Introduction to Public Health, Introduction to Health Behavior/Health Education, Introduction to Environmental Health Sciences).

*Example. Ms. Jones is in good academic standing after completing 3 MPH core courses in the Fall 2024 semester and the remaining 3 MPH core courses in the Spring 2025 semester. Ms. Jones must complete the CPH seminar (which requires taking the CPH exam) in the Fall 2025 semester.*

The COPH will cover the cost of the first CPH exam attempt by issuing a voucher. If a student does not pass the CPH exam, retaking the exam is optional, in which case the student will be responsible for any rescheduling arrangements or re-testing fees. If the student passes the CPH exam, then upon graduation they will possess both a degree and a professional certification and may sign their name using both MPH and CPH.

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