

Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
MPH Concentration in Epidemiology (EPI)

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Advisee's Name

Student ID Number

Faculty Advisor

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| QR REQUIREMENT | |
| QR Skills Assessment | |
| IPE CURRICULUM | |
| Exposure Workshop | |
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| Student Educator Activity | |

Plagiarism Training Requirement: All students in the COPH must adhere to the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct. Among these standards is the recognition that student written work must be original and appropriately cited. In order to facilitate understanding of this standard, all students must complete the on-line course “*How to Recognize Plagiarism: Tutorials*” at <https://plagiarism.iu.edu/tutorials/> and complete the Certification Test at <https://plagiarism.iu.edu/certificationTests/index.html>. Upon successful completion of the test, students must provide a copy of the Validation Certificate to the COPH Office of Student and Alumni Affairs at cophoffice@uams.edu. The requirement must be completed by the first day of classes. Requirement approval date: 09.02.2020.

Writing Milestone Requirement: All students who enter the College of Public Health are required to complete a Writing Skills Assessment at the beginning of their first semester. The Assessment will identify strengths and weaknesses and highlight opportunities for improvement. Students who do not meet a predetermined score will be required to complete an online COPH 5000 Public Health Writing Workshop course. This course will address the fundamentals of good writing, writing with scholarly sources, revision strategies, and other topics in the interest of improving student writing skills. This is a non-credit curriculum requirement. Requirement approval date: 09.02.2020.

Quantitative Reasoning (QR) Requirement: Effective Fall 2022, all MPH students who enter the College of Public Health are required to complete a QR Skills Assessment at the beginning of their first semester. The QR Assessment will identify strengths and weaknesses and highlight opportunities for improvement. Students who do not meet a predetermined score will be required to complete an online COPH 5001 Public Health QR Workshop course. This course will address the fundamentals of pre-algebra, algebra, and other topics in the interest of improving student QR skills. This is a non-credit curriculum requirement. Requirement approval date: 02.02.2022.

IPE Curriculum Requirement: All COPH degree-seeking students are required to complete the UAMS Quadruple Aim Interprofessional Education (IPE) Program prior to graduation. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), “*Interprofessional Education occurs when two or more professions learn with, from and about each other to improve collaboration and the quality of care.*” The IPE Program is noncredit hour earning and consists of several workshops and other activities. All aspects of the IPE Program must be completed prior to degree program completion as a condition of graduation. For more information on IPE, please consult the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs, the Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs or visit our website: <https://secure.uams.edu/cophstudent/student-handbook.aspx#ipe>. Requirement approval date: 2015.

| IPE CURRICULUM FOR THE MPH | | | |
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| <p>1. IPE IPEC 1101 (001) EXPOSURE WORKSHOP* Format/Event: LIVE Exposure Workshop in August. Timeline: 1st semester. Course Association: NA Notes: Enroll 1st semester and complete by the end of 12th credit hour. Your IPE Program Contact will determine what date you attend.</p> | <p>2. IPE IPEC 1201 (001) EXPOSURE BRIDGE TRANSITION* Format/Event: Any onsite Exposure Bridge Transition event posted on the IPE website. Timeline: 1st semester Course Association: NA Notes: Enroll 1st semester. Requirements include submitting a reflection and verification form into Blackboard within 7 days of activity. Complete by the end of 12th credit hour.</p> | <p>3. IPE IPEC 1301 (001) IMMERSION QUADRUPLE AIM PROJECT (QAP) WORKSHOP Format/Event: Any QAP Workshop event posted on the IPE website. Timeline: 12th—24th credit hour Course Association: NA Notes: Enroll the semester of your 12th credit hour.</p> | <p>4. IPE IPEC 1401 (001) IMMERSION SIMULATION Format/Event: Any onsite Immersion Simulation event posted on the IPE website. Timeline: 12th—36th credit hour Course Association: NA Notes: Enroll the semester of your 12th credit hour.</p> |
| <p>5. IPE IPEC 1501 (001) COMPETENCE WORKSHOP* Format/Event: Any onsite Competence Workshop event posted on the IPE website. Timeline: 24th credit hour and completion of degree Course Association: NA Notes: Enroll the semester of your 24th credit hour.</p> | <p>6. IPE IPEC 1601 (001) COMPETENCE PRACTICE ACTIVITY Format/Event: Onsite Competence Practice Activity — APE course Timeline: 24th credit hour and completion of degree Course Association: COPH 5989 “Applied Practice Experience” (APE). This IPE activity is an assignment for the course. Notes: Enroll the semester of your 24th credit hour. Requirements include submitting a reflection and verification form into Blackboard within 7 days of activity.</p> | <p>7. IPE IPEC 1701 (001) COMPETENCE STUDENT EDUCATOR ACTIVITY Format/Event: Onsite Student Educator Activity — ILE course Timeline: 24th credit hour and completion of degree Course Association: COPH 5992 “Integrative Learning Experience Project” (ILE). This IPE activity is an assignment for the course. Notes: Enroll the semester of your 24th credit hour. Requirements include submitting a reflection and verification form into Blackboard within 7 days of activity.</p> | <p>*You may be eligible to complete the activity as an online module if you are currently working in a clinical healthcare setting. Please contact ipe@uams.edu for more information.</p> <p>Note: For onsite versus online/distance options as approved events please verify with your program coordinator first. Then ensure you are registered in the correct GUS course for the delivery method (onsite v. online/distance). If you need to switch courses, you must process a course swap in GUS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">IPE CURRICULUM 07.01.2022</p> |

Biology Competence Requirement: Students are required to pass all 3 exams or successfully complete (3) 1 credit hour courses prior to or within the first semester of coursework. Courses do NOT count toward the minimum 42 credit hours for the MPH degree. For more information and waiver options visit our website: <http://publichealth.uams.edu/students/current-students/public-health-biology-competency-exam/>.

ALL EPI OPTIONS

| BIOLOGY (REQUIRED) | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
|----------------------------|---|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| ENVH 5011 | Biology for Public Health: Infectious Disease | 1 | | | |
| ENVH 5002 | Biology for Public Health: Chronic Disease | 1 | | | |
| ENVH 5003 | Biology for Public Health: Current Issues | 1 | | | |
| MPH CORE – 18 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
| COPH 5003 | Introduction to Public Health | 3 | | | |
| BIOS 5013 | Biostatistics I | 3 | | | |
| ENVH 5102 | Environmental and Occupational Health | 3 | | | |
| HPMT 5103 | The Health Care System | 3 | | | |
| HBHE 5104 | Health Behavior and Health Education | 3 | | | |
| EPID 5112 | Epidemiology I | 3 | | | |
| EPI CORE – 9 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
| EPID 5322 | Epidemiology II | 3 | | | |
| EPID 5334 | Epidemiology III | 3 | | | |
| EPID 5573 | Data Management and Programming for Epidemiologists | 3 | | | |

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| OTHER REQUIRED COURSE FOR MPH STUDENTS – 3 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
|---|---|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| BIOS 5212 | Biostatistics II: Advanced Linear Models | 3 | | | |
| SELECTIVES (GROUP 1) FOR MPH STUDENTS (with approval of MPH advisor) – 3 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
| EPID 5325 | Epidemiology of Chronic Diseases | 3 | | | |
| EPID 5326 | Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases | 3 | | | |
| EPID 6121 | Principles and Practice of Public Health Surveillance | 3 | | | |
| EPID 5332 | Cancer Epidemiology | 3 | | | |
| SELECTIVES (GROUP 2) FOR MPH STUDENTS (with approval of MPH advisor) – 3 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
| COPH 5346 | Social Determinants of Health | 3 | | | |
| EPID 5335 | Molecular Epidemiology | 3 | | | |
| EPID 6324 | Genomics/Genetic Epidemiology | 3 | | | |

MD/MPH in EPI

| COURSES FOR MD/MPH STUDENTS – 9 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| MODU 8101 | Brain and Behavior | 8 | | | |
| FMED 8301 | Family Medicine | 4 | | | |
| MODU 8206 | Medicine Across Generations | 4 | | | |
| MODU 8105 A & B | Practice of Medicine 1 – Parts 1 & 2 | 6 | | | |
| MODU 8105 A & B | Practice of Medicine 2 – Parts 1 & 2 | 9 | | | |
| PEDI 8301 | Pediatrics | 8 | | | |
| PSYC 8301 | Psychiatry | 6 | | | |

PharmD/MPH in EPI

| SELECTIVES FOR PharmD/MPH STUDENTS (with approval of PharmD/MPH advisor) – 9 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
|---|--|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| PHPR 7102 | US Health Care System for Pharmacists | 2 | | | |
| PHSC 7303 | Evidence-Based Medicine, Biostatistics & Pharmacoeconomics | 3 | | | |
| PHPR 7151 | Death and Dying | 2 | | | |
| PHPR 7367 | Landmark Studies | 2 | | | |
| PHPR 7371 | Leadership | 2 | | | |
| PHPR 7372 | Toxicology | 2 | | | |

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| PHSC 7358 | Pediatric Antimicrobial Stewardship | 2 | | | |
| PHPR 7157 | Entrepreneurship | 2 | | | |
| PHPR 7150 | Culinary Medicine | 2 | | | |
| PHPR 7366 | Infectious Diseases | 2 | | | |

JD/MPH in EPI

| REQUIRED COURSE – 3 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
|---|---|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| LAW 6350 | Administrative Law (taken at Bowen School of Law) | 3 | | | |
| SELECTIVES (with approval of JD/MPH advisor) – 6 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
| ENVH 5221 | Regulations in Environmental Health | 3 | | | |
| LAW 6292 | Effective Advocacy for Policy Makers | 3 | | | |
| LAW 6337 | Remedies | 3 | | | |
| LAW 6362 | Environmental Law | 3 | | | |
| COPH 5346 | Social Determinants of Health | 3 | | | |
| LAW 6393 | Civil Liberties | 3 | | | |
| LAW 6246 | Critical Race Theory Seminar | 3 | | | |
| COPH 5146 | Rural and Global Public Health Practice | 3 | | | |
| LAW 6155 | Introduction to International Law | 1 | | | |
| LAW 6292 | Effective Advocacy for Policy Makers | 2 | | | |
| LAW 6405 | Delta Clinic (only count three hours) | 4 | | | |

AUD/MPH in EHS

| REQUIRED COURSES – 9 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------|------|----------|
| AUDI 5212 | Hearing Conservation | 2 | | | |
| AUDI 5283 | Gerontology in Audiology | 2 | | | |
| AUDI 5222 | Professional Issues & Ethics | 2 | | | |
| AUDI 5243 | Audiologic (Re)habilitation | 3 | | | |

ALL EPI OPTIONS

| PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE (REQUIRED) – 6 Credit Hours | | Credit Hours | Grade | Year | Semester |
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| ² COPH 5989 | Applied Practice Experience | 3 | | | |
| | TITLE: | | | | |
| COPH 5991 | Integrative Learning Experience Seminar | 1 | | | |
| ^{1,3} COPH 5992 | Integrative Learning Experience Project | 2 | | | |
| | TITLE: | | | | |

MINIMUM TOTAL HOURS = 42

¹May not be taken concurrently with COPH 5989 Applied Practice Experience

²Students in the JD/MPH program may be able to count the same project for COPH 5989 Applied Practice Experience and Experiential Learning requirement if the project adheres to the requirements of both programs and is approved by their program advisor at each college.

³Students in the JD/MPH program may be able to count the same project for COPH 5992 and the Upper Level Writing and/or Policy and Perspectives requirement if the project adheres to the requirements of both programs and is approved by their program advisor at each college.

| MPH Concentration: Epidemiology | | |
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| Competency | Course | Assessment |
| 1. Evaluate the appropriateness of epidemiologic study designs. | EPID 5322 Epidemiology II | Paper critiques. Students evaluate the appropriateness of epidemiologic study designs for the stated/proposed research question. They must discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the design and alternative approaches to answering the research question. Assignments are graded using the rubric in the syllabus. |
| 2. Critically examine and synthesize epidemiologic, and scientific literature then properly interpret results. | EPID 5322 Epidemiology II | Paper critiques. Students critically examine epidemiologic and scientific literature in paper critiques. They synthesize the epidemiologic literature and display an integrated understanding of how to interpret study results. For their critiques, students write brief reports demonstrating their understanding of important features of a sound epidemiology study design and the significance of the study results to the population studied and public health. Assignments are graded using the rubric in the syllabus. |
| 3. Analyze and apply the principles of validity, reliability, confounding and biases in epidemiology. | EPID 5322 Epidemiology II | Final project. Students will have a final project where they analyze and apply the principles of validity, reliability, confounding and biases in epidemiology. Assignments are graded using the grading rubrics in the syllabus. |
| 4. Engage in appropriate epidemiological analytical approaches and properly interpret results. | EPID 5334 Epidemiology III | Reports. Students will use datasets and statistical software packages such as SAS. They need to formulate appropriate analytical approaches for diverse types of exposures and outcomes. Reports will be written to reflect sound interpretation of results and conclusions. Assignments are graded using a rubric in the syllabus. |
| 5. Illustrate required skill needed to access, manage and analyze epidemiological data. | EPID 5573 Data Management & Programming for Epidemiologists | Exams. Students perform data analyses, using SAS software and programming. Students are expected to be able to access, format manage epidemiological data. They are required to analyze epidemiological data using specific statistical tests. Assignments are graded using a rubric in the syllabus. |