

MPH Context Certificate:

Maternal and Child Health (MCH)

For students matriculating in Fall 2022 or later

MPH Integrated Core Courses (16 credits)

Online Course (0 credit) to be taken before classes begin

- **PH 700** Foundations of Public Health

Develop a strong base in public health through the integrated core curriculum:

- **PH 717** Quantitative Methods for Public Health
- **PH 718** Leadership and Management in Public Health
- **PH 719** Health Systems, Law, and Policy
- **PH 720** Individual, Community, and Population Health

Additional 16 credits

Students are required to complete one functional certificate (16 credits):

- Community Assessment, Program Design, Implementation, & Evaluation (CAPDIE)*
- Health Communication and Promotion (HCP)*
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, & Evaluation
- Health Policy and Law
- Healthcare Management
- Program Management

* Housed within the Community Health Sciences department

MCH Certificate Contacts

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MCH Certificate Coursework (12 credits)

Choose one required course:

- MC 725** Women, Children, and Adolescents: A Public Health Approach (4)
- GH 881** Global Reproductive and Perinatal Health (4)

Note: Whichever option is not chosen can count as an elective

Choose 8 credits of electives:

- MC 705** Safer Sex in the City: From Science to Policy (4)
- MC 730** Leading to Face Challenges and Achieve Results in Public Health (2)*
- MC 750** Disability Justice Through the Life Course: Programs, Policies, and Turning Advocacy to Action (4)
- MC 759** Perinatal and Child Health Epidemiology (4)
- MC 763** MCH Policymaking (2)
- MC 775** Social Justice and the Health of Populations: Racism and Other Systems of Oppression in America (4)**
- MC 776** Advanced Practice and Research Methods for Public Health Equity (4)**
- MC 783** Substance Use Among Diverse Populations (4)
- MC 785** Sexual and Reproductive Health Advocacy: From Rights to Justice (2)
- MC 786** Immigrant and Refugee Health (4)
- MC 795** The Health of Adolescents and Emerging Adults (4)
- MC 800** Preventing Mental Health Disorders among Women, Children, and Adolescents: A Life Course Perspective (2)
- MC 802** Implementing Community Health Initiatives: A Field-Based Course in Leadership and Consultation (4)*
- MC 840** Women and Health Policy (4)
- EP 759** Reproductive Epidemiology (4)
- SB 753** Preventing Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence: A Public Health Perspective (4)
- GH 766** Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disaster Settings (4)
- GH 887** Managing Maternal and Child Health Programs in Developing Countries (4)

*Students may only receive MCH Certificate credit for MC 802 (4) **or** MC 730 (2)

**Students cannot receive credit for both MC 775 and MC 776

One-time offerings of Special Topics courses may count toward the MCH Certificate at the discretion of the Certificate Director

Students must complete 48 credits to graduate

MPH Practicum PH976 (240 hours; 0 credits)

Can begin after completing core courses

- Direct application of skills, education, and knowledge by working at a local, state, national, or international field site with organization that is tied to public health work
- All students must register for the PH976 after given approval
- Students must be enrolled/completed practicum to be eligible to enroll in ILE

Career Prep PH746 (0 credits)

Best taken in 2nd semester of study

- **Sessions include:** “marketing yourself,” “interview strategies,” and “evaluating and negotiating opportunities”
- **Deliverables include:** resume, cover letter, and elevator pitch

Integrative Learning Experience PH845 (0 credits)

Completed in final semester

- Tied to functional area certificate
- Give students opportunity to practice all of the functional certificate skills in individual, final project
- Student initiated, faculty guided
- Students will integrate and apply knowledge and skills obtained throughout the degree program and may choose to focus on an organization/project and communication objective
- Registrar will enroll students in PH845 after graduation application processed
- 1 ILE required per student