

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/health-studies/graduate-programs/master-of-public-health/>

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is designed to prepare high-quality public health professionals to integrate knowledge and skills, critique research, and appraise leadership and advocacy to effect positive and sustainable change in improving population health in rural environments. Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Appropriately integrate knowledge and skills to appraise evidence-based approaches to public health.
2. Effectively critique research for assessment, planning, and management of policy and programs to promote health.
3. Appropriately appraise principles of leadership, governance, and management to foster collaborations, coalitions, and partnerships to advocate for health improvement of diverse populations.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/thecb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Integrate knowledge and skills from the profession and science of public health to improve rural health.
2. Explain how behavioral, biological, environmental, genetic, and psychological factors affect a population's health.
3. Apply evidence-based approaches and methods to improve rural health in Texas.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

42 semester credit hours (SCH).

Code	Title	SCHs
Public Health Core		
PUBH 5123	Biostatistics	3
PUBH 5163	Social and Behavioral Health	3
PUBH 5173	Environmental Health	3
PUBH 5213	Applied Research Methods	3
PUBH 6163	Epidemiology	3

PUBH 6223	Health Advocacy and Leadership	3
Health Promotion and Behavior in Rural Communities Concentration		
PUBH 5113	Racial and Ethnic Disparities	3
PUBH 6133	Theoretical Foundations of Public Health	3
PUBH 6143	Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation I	3
PUBH 6153	Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation II	3
PUBH 6183	Health Communication	3
HSC 6803	Grant Writing	3
Practicum/Field Experience		
PUBH 6973	Public Health Practicum	3
Elective		
Select one of the following		3
HS 5063	Aging and Health	
HS 5563	Consumer Health	
HS 6053	Qualitative Research Methods in Health Promotion	
HS 6353	Social Epidemiology	
HS 6423	Global Health	
KINS 5603	Growth and Perceptual Motor Development for Individuals with Low Incidence Disabilities	
KINS 5683	Exercise Evaluation and Prescription	
KINS 5963	APA I: Disability Sport and Fitness	
Total SCHs		42