ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Did you know careers in public health are projected to grow 16% nationally, adding 50,000 jobs by 2024? (EMSI).

In western Pennsylvania alone, public health jobs are projected to grow 14% compared to the regional average of 5.4% for all other jobs. The MPH program focuses on health promotion and wellness and environmental and occupational health to address workforce needs. The program is a practitioner-based approach and requires a capstone experience to allow students to further develop relevant experience in an applied setting. The knowledge and skills learned enables graduates to address public health problems at the community, institutional, and societal levels.

In addition, students develop interdisciplinary competencies: health communication, diversity and ethics, leadership, professionalism, program planning, systems thinking, and interprofessional education. Graduates are well-prepared to take the Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) examination, or the National Board of Public Health Examiner’s Certified Public Health (CPH) examination.

PROGRAM GOALS

SRU’s Master of Public Health Program goals:
1. Prepare graduates to become leaders in applying public health evaluation and behavior change strategies to improve population health and wellness
2. Employ evidence-based practical experiences and interdisciplinary approaches in public health.
3. Provide quality education, research, service, and leadership to improve public health and eliminate health disparities
4. Cultivate and identify strategies for marketing innovative, interdisciplinary health promotion programs.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SRU’s Master of Public Health offers:
• 100% online courses
• A 42-credit program that can be completed in 21-months
• Practitioner-based focus on health promotion and wellness and environmental and occupational health
• Skills and knowledge to take the MCHES and CPH examinations

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The MPH program offers two academic tracks, enabling you to choose the track that best aligns with your career goals.

Upon graduation, students within the health promotion and wellness concentration will be able to:
• Explain how wellness is multidimensional and holistic, encompassing lifestyle, mental well-being, spiritual well-being, and the environment.
• Identify effective population health strategies for communicating with clients to enhance health and wellness
• Use written formats and media technology to increase the likelihood of engaging priority populations in health promotion programs.
• Recognize barriers to culturally competent provider-consumer relationships and identify strategies to overcome barriers.
• Analyze ways that a person contributes to their environment and community, and identify how to build better living spaces and social networks that promote wellness.
PROGRAM OPTIONS (CONT)

Upon graduation, a student within the environmental and occupational health concentration will be able to:

- Describe the role of risk assessment paradigms in creating safe environments, including target populations exposed to hazardous agents.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the regulatory framework and policy at the local, state and federal levels for controlling exposure to or release of environmental contaminants.
- Articulate many of the sources of biological, chemical and physical agents found in environmental matrices of water, air, soil, and food.
- Communicate approaches to the prevention and control of the major diseases caused by environmental hazards.
- Adhere to ethical guidelines regarding environmental and occupational health.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or better, prior to submission of application.
2. Official undergraduate transcripts from the applicant’s baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable).
3. A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA in an undergraduate major.
4. Previous completion of a statistics course and a social or natural science course.
5. A written statement indicating career goals and personal philosophy related to interest in Public Health.
6. One letter of recommendation that addresses the applicant’s capacity for graduate level work and suitability for the intended program area.
7. GRE not required

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

All candidates completing this program are eligible to sit for the Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES) examination or National Board of Public Health Examiners’ Certified Public Health (CPH) examination.

CURRICULUM (42 CREDITS)

Core Courses (30 credits)

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TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid).

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