

# PUBLIC HEALTH

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Are you about to graduate or currently working and thinking of a graduate degree in Public Health? The MPH program at SRU is the place for you. Our program is seeking full accreditation by the "Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)".

We offer **100% online** Master of Public Health program. The SRU MPH program is practitioner-based and we prepare our students for leadership positions in Public Health.

In the United States, between 2020 and 2030, the MPH-occupations are projected to add about **118,449** jobs to the economy. (EMSI)

Within a 150-mile region around Slippery Rock University, between 2020 and 2030, MPH-related occupations are projected to grow by a total of **10%**. (EMSI)

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, healthcare occupations and those related to healthcare are projected to account for 18 of the 30 fastest growing occupations.

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 practicum experience to allow students to further develop relevant experience in an applied setting. The knowledge and skills learned enables graduates to address public health issues 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 inter-professional education.

## PROGRAM GOALS

SRU's Master of Public Health Program goals:

- To involve students in interdisciplinary, culturally competent, community-based program opportunities to improve health and environmental equity for individuals and communities
- To provide quality education, research, and service through an innovative online course structure to improve the health and well-being of all community members and eliminate health disparities
- To initiate faculty and student service-learning opportunities to promote innovative population health programs

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The application for CEPH accreditation has been accepted
- No GRE required
- 100% online - get your degree without relocating to Pennsylvania
- Focus on your area of interest: Health Promotion and Wellness or Environmental and Occupational Health
- Network with fellow students through group activities
- Complete the 42-credit program in 21 months for full-time students
- Exposed to the field by dedicated and experienced faculty members
- Skills and knowledge to take the MCHES and CPH examinations

## ACCREDITATION

Slippery Rock University, Masters of Public Health Program is an applicant for accreditation by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The accreditation review will address the MPH degree with concentrations in Health Promotion and Wellness (HPW) and Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) included in the accreditation unit, as defined in the Council's letter accepting the application. Other degrees and areas of study offered by this institution will not be included in the unit of accreditation review.

## PROGRAM OPTIONS

The MPH program offers to academic concentrations, enabling you to choose the one that best aligns with your career goals. Upon graduation, students with the "**Health Promotion and Wellness**" concentration will be able to:

- Demonstrate how wellness is multi-dimensional and holistic, encompassing lifestyle, mental well-being, spiritual well-being and the environment
- Develop effective population health strategies for communicating with clients to enhance health and wellness
- Incorporate 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 living spaces and social networks that promote wellness

### DELIVERY METHOD

100% online

### START TERM

Fall only

### COMPLETION TIME

21 months (full-time)

### NUMBER OF CREDITS

42 credits

### CHOICE OF CONCENTRATION

Health Promotion and Wellness or  
Environment and Occupational Health



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University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System  
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**PROGRAM OPTIONS (CONT)**

Upon graduation, a student within the "Environment and Occupational Health" concentration will be able to:

- Examine 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 grade of C or better, prior to submission of application.
2. Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts.
3. A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA in an undergraduate major.
4. Previous completion of a statistics course and either one social science or one 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.

**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).

**CURRICULUM (42 CREDITS)**

Students complete all core required courses (27 credits) in Year 1:

FALL YEAR 1	WINTER-YEAR 1	SPRING YEAR 1	SUMMER YEAR 1
HLTH 631: Foundations of Public Health	HLTH 605: Health Services Administration	HLTH 606: Principles of Epidemiology	HLTH 609*: Practicum in Public Health
HLTH 628: Biostatistics for Public Health		HLTH 607: Designing and Conducting Health Surveys	HLTH 608: Planning and Implementation of Public Health Strategies
HLTH 604: Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health and Wellness		HLTH 610: Occupational and Environmental Health Science	

\*HLTH 609: Practicum in Public Health course has additional offerings in Fall and Spring terms, students must complete 21 core credits to register for this class.

Students will complete HLTH 627 (core required course) and choose an academic concentration Health Promotion/Wellness or Environmental and Occupational Health in Fall year 2:

**HEALTH PROMOTION/WELLNESS CONCENTRATION (12 credits)**

FALL YEAR 2	SPRING YEAR 2
HLTH 611: Infectious and Chronic Disease Control	HLTH 618: Program Evaluation
HLTH 616: Health and Wellness Coaching	HLTH 627: Public Health Culminating Experience (Required Core Course)
HLTH 617: Health Marketing and Communication	

OR

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONCENTRATION (12 credits)**

FALL YEAR 2	SPRING YEAR 2
HLTH 623: Foundations of Environmental and Occupational Toxicology	HLTH 625: Occupational and Environmental Health Management and Leadership
HLTH 630: Environmental and Occupational Exposure Monitoring Analysis and Control	HLTH 626: Assessment and Communication of Occupational and Environmental Health Risk
	HLTH 627: Public Health Culminating Experience (Required Core Course)

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:**

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