

Program:	Public Health	Dept:	Kinesiology & Health Studies
Major:	Public Health - Community Engagement	College:	Education and Professional Studies
Degree:	Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)	Major Code:	3800

Public Health - Community Engagement, M.P.H.

The M.P.H. in Community Engagement is rooted in the institution mission: "The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) exists to help students learn by providing transformative education experiences to students so that they may become productive, creative, ethical and engaged citizens and leaders serving our global community. UCO contributes to the intellectual, cultural, economic, and social advancement of the communities and individuals it serves." As students address health promotion for the metro and state through community engagement, they actively incorporate ethics, creativity, and civic engagement in their work, allowing for transformational experiences for both themselves and the community in which they work. This program intentionally partners with community organizations in order to fill gaps and advance the health of all.

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Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show a minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.*
- A current resume and a one or two page career goals statement that includes a research area of interest in public health is required with the application.
- Students must submit three letters of recommendation. At least one letter must be from a prior faculty member who can speak to the student's academic performance. Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application portal.
- Students without an undergraduate degree in Public Health or a related field will be required to successfully complete a no charge, non-credit online foundational module during their first semester in the program. Module content will be developed by program faculty and completed materials will be reviewed by a faculty committee.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

**Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor's and master's degree programs (see Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with their graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
 - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
 - No more than six hours of "C".
 - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Capstone. The successful completion of an oral comprehensive exam is required in the final semester in order to graduate. A committee comprised of two faculty and one public health professional in the field will provide questions and feedback on the oral comprehensive exam, and faculty will score the exam against an established rubric.
- Thesis. If applicable, complete an acceptable thesis and successfully defend it publicly, submit two paper copies of the thesis to the library and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest, and submit the thesis' title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

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Graduation Requirements

Required Courses.....36 Hours

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
HLTH	5113	Foundations of Public Health - Block Course
^HLTH	5223	Contemporary Issues in Public Health - Block Course
HLTH	5900	Practicum: Community Engagement (3 hours)
^HLTH	5333	Health Equity & Determinants of Health - Block Course
HLTH	5433	Quantitative Methods - Block Course
^HLTH	5443	Resource Management in Public Health-Block Course
HLTH	5463	Epidemiological Methods - Block Course
HLTH	5313	Program Planning & Evaluation in Public Health - Block Course
HLTH	5533	Public Health Policy & Ethics - Block Course
HLTH	5153	Community Health Theory & Practice
HLTH	5633	Qualitative Methods - Block Course
+ HLTH	5833	Community Engagement

^ Accelerated Option Credits apply to BS and MPH degree

+ Capstone: students will work in interprofessional teams while applying systems thinking tools to a public health issue

Electives6 Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 42 HOURS

Accelerated BS to MPH

UCO's MPH (Master of Public Health) in Community Engagement has partnered with the B.S. in Public Health so that approved students may take up to nine credit hours of 5000-level MPH courses during their senior year of the B.S. program. These courses will count toward the B.S. and M.P.H. degrees. A formal application to the M.P.H. Community Engagement program and an approval from the Department of Kinesiology & Health Studies are required. Requirements for the MPH program are located in the UCO *Graduate Catalog* under Public Health - Community Engagement (MPH). Up to nine (9) hours of the following courses can be used to satisfy both the B.S. and M.P.H. degrees: HLTH 5223 Contemporary Issues in Public Health, HLTH 5333 Health Equity, and HLTH 5443 Leadership and Management in Public Health.