



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH & MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING CONCURRENT DEGREES

THE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) AND MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING (MUP) CONCURRENT DEGREE TRAINS PROFESSIONALS IN HEALTHY AND EQUITABLE URBAN COMMUNITIES, PREPARING GRADUATES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN EITHER PUBLIC HEALTH OR PLANNING, IDEALLY IN POSITIONS THAT UTILIZE BOTH SETS OF SKILLS.

Why a MPH/MUP?

The built environment, and the policies and design that define our urban landscapes, are crucial determinants of population health. Many issues such as walkability, public transportation, housing, access to healthy food, injury prevention, air and water quality, sanitation, social connectedness, health disparities, and environmental justice are influenced by decisions of planners and affect the health of the public, especially people living in metropolitan areas.

By 2050, it is estimated that 70% of the world's population will live in urban areas. This rapid pace of global urbanization and need for sustainable community development calls for individuals with cross-disciplinary training in the fields of urban planning and public health.

Both disciplines are committed to the betterment of human life and the environment through systematic change.

Requirements

Students complete requirements in each degree and write a shared thesis during three years of full-time study.

Prerequisites and degree requirements for the MPH and MUP are listed on the websites of the departments offering those degrees. Students may begin in either the MPH or MUP course of study. Students generally spend the first year on requirements for one degree and the second year on requirements for the other degree. They use the third year to complete remaining requirements for both degrees and to write a shared thesis that includes intellectual components from each degree.

In addition to the requirements of each degree, students take cross-disciplinary courses on (a) public health and built environment, (b) health impact assessment, and (c) geographic information systems.

For additional information, please visit:

http://urbdp.be.washington.edu/documents/mup/mup_mph_overview_2015.pdf

Admissions

Prospective students not currently enrolled at the University of Washington must submit a separate application and be accepted by each degree. UW students who are currently enrolled in either the MPH or MUP degree must submit an application for the second degree, indicating their intent to complete both degrees concurrently.

Students enroll in one of the following three departmentally-based MPH degree options:

- Environmental and Occupational Health
- Health Services: General Program
- Health Services: Community-Oriented Public Health Practice



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