PUBLIC HEALTH AMP

All students must meet the Requirements for the Accelerated Master's Degree Programs

OVERVIEW

Qualified undergraduate students who plan to earn a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree may enroll in the Accelerated Master’s Program (AMP), which enables students to begin working on the MPH while still an undergraduate. This online program is designed for highly motivated UVM undergraduate students wishing to complete both their undergraduate degree and MPH degree in five years.

Students apply to the program in the second semester of their junior year and no later than June 1 before the start of their senior year. Following acceptance by the Graduate College, students enrolled in the program apply six public health graduate credits during their senior year toward both the undergraduate degree and the MPH. In addition, students can apply an additional three public health graduate credits taken during their senior year toward the MPH degree. These credits must be earned after the student has been accepted into the Graduate College, and are subject to approval of the student’s academic advisor.

Students typically take the additional credits required to complete the MPH during a fifth year of study, including the Summer session.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDIES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE FOR ACCELERATED STUDENTS

Student applications must take place during the Spring of their junior year, no later than June 1 before the start of their senior year. Requirements for admission to the program include:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0
- One semester of college biology or other science course
- One semester of algebra, statistics, or a more advanced math course
- Completion of the Graduate College Application form that must include at least one letter of recommendation from a UVM faculty member

MINIMUM DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

The MPH degree requires 42 total credits and includes 18 credits of core courses (6 courses), 9 required advanced course credits (3 courses), 9 elective credits (3 courses), and a required culminating (capstone) project experience of 6 credits. Students will need to maintain a 3.00 grade point average in order to complete the program.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>18 Credits in National Competency Core Courses (6 Courses):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PH 301</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 302</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 303</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 304</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 317/PA 312</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or PH 305</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 306</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>9 credits in required advanced core courses (3 courses):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PH 307</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 308</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 310</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>6 credits of required culminating project experience:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PH 392</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>9 elective course credits (3 courses) from the approved list, including but not limited to:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PH 309</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 311</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 312</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 314</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 315</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 318</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 319</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 324</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 325</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 326</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH 395</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

The program requires a comprehensive assessment of students’ understanding of public health and ability to synthesize and apply knowledge learned throughout their program of study. This requirement is fulfilled through the completion of the MPH Culminating Project Experience. This experience includes both practical skills (experiential learning) and a culminating Applied Public Health project experience. The culminating experience requires analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of knowledge and skills learned throughout the MPH program.

The 6-credit experience (PH 392) is further divided into three components with specific objectives measured by faculty assessment.
Practical skills (experiential learning) will be assessed by the mentor at the agency or organization that is the site of the culminating project experience. The culminating project experience will be supervised by a faculty member, who may also be the student’s advisor.

A faculty committee comprised of faculty from the program will review proposals, recommending approval or modification prior to approval. This same faculty committee that approves projects will also review and determine whether a students’ culminating project experiences meet objectives and requirements, and achieve a passing grade. It is expected that some project mentors will also be on the committee.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF Public Health**

Successful completion of any prerequisite courses, and at least 15 graded graduate credits with a 3.00 GPA or better, including all core courses.