

Online MPH in Social and Behavioral Sciences

Kent State University's [online Master of Public Health in Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) program is designed for working professionals who want to design and implement policies for improving population health. With a holistic focus on people, their behaviors and their environment, the online MPH in Social and Behavioral Sciences prepares students to strategize effective interventions from a position of cultural competence, monitor their progress and evaluate their success.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- 100% online program designed for full-time working professionals
- The only fully online MPH program in Ohio accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
- Learn from an expert [faculty](#) renowned for their cutting-edge public health research
- Engage with a robust curriculum featuring [award-winning courses](#)

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Completed [online application](#) form
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation from professors or employers
- Application fee: \$50*
- Official transcripts from all prior institutions attended
- Resume/CV

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 46 credits total
- 14 [courses](#)
- 7 core courses, 5 discipline-specific courses and 2 electives
- 3 credits per course
- Courses last 7 weeks each
- Graduate in as few as 27 months (or 24 months if you take two courses concurrently in your last two terms)
- 3 annual start dates: January, May, August

* International application fee is \$70

THE CURRICULUM

Core Courses (25 Credits):

- BST 52019 Biostatistics in Public Health
- EHS 52018 Environmental Health Concepts in Public Health
- EPI 52017 Fundamentals of Public Health Epidemiology
- HPM 52016 Public Health Administration
- HPM 60192 Applied Practice Experience
- HPM 53010 Community Health Needs Assessment
- SBS 54634 Social Determinants of Health Behaviors

Discipline-Specific Courses (15 Credits):

- SBS 50002 Quantitative Methods in Social and Behavioral Sciences
- SBS 50030 Seminar in Social and Behavioral Sciences
- SBS 53008 Grant Writing in Social and Behavioral Sciences
- HPM 53007 Public Health Programs: Planning, Implementation and Evaluation
- SBS 50020 Social and Behavioral Science Theory

Electives (6 Credits):

- Biostatistics Courses (BST 50000 or 60000 level)
- Environmental Health Sciences Courses (EHS 50000 or 60000 level)
- Epidemiology Courses (EPI 50000 or 60000 level)
- Health Policy and Management Courses (HPM 50000 or 60000 level)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Courses (SBS 50000 or 60000 level)

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

The online MPH in Social and Behavioral Sciences prepares students to effectively design and implement population health initiatives with an interdisciplinary, theoretical focus on health behavior. Students master a variety of key skills and attributes necessary for well-rounded public health professionals, including the analysis of social determinants in the onset of public health problems and the ethical social-justice-focused sensibility necessary to engage with diverse populations.

Graduates of this program are prepared to manage public health interventions in a variety of settings, from clinical and nonprofit settings to schools, workplaces and professional organizations.