An Award Winning Curriculum Tailored to Your Needs

With greater flexibility and the same level of rigor as our on-ground program, the online Master of Public Health (MPH) at Kent State University features an award-winning curriculum delivered by professors who are specialists in their fields.1

Choose from two areas of focus, Health Policy and Management or Social and Behavioral Sciences, and hone in on the content and career path that best suits you.

This is Where Change Begins

Our online MPH in Health Policy and Management (HPM) program provides essential skills and advanced expertise to help you make a difference in your community. Faculty who teach in the HPM specialization actively research pinpointing service gaps, building evidence-based practices and implementing solid public health policies. Students graduate skilled at health services planning and management, health policy analysis, and providing strategic models for service financing and improving population health.

See the Bigger Picture

The online MPH in Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) program gives students a broader view of health, helping them to understand the person, the behavior and the environment, and teaching them how these aspects converge in public health. SBS faculty strive to prepare students to establish programs that prevent disease, promote health and health equity, and manage chronic illnesses. This specialization is designed to teach students how to assess and intervene in myriad health issues, both domestic and international, while incorporating social factors that enhance the quality of life for those in all communities.

Prove Yourself With a Practicum

Prepare for the real world and gain practical experience with our 150-hour practicum. This real-world experience allows you to apply knowledge and skills that you’ve gained throughout your program. This unique opportunity helps you become more than just a student — you’ll become a professional with your own career expertise in assessing public health programs and organizational elements.

Make the most of your practicum

Your practicum is required. This is an invaluable, work-related assignment that allows you to transfer your newly acquired knowledge and skills into a real work environment.

Explore the Online Experience

I don’t only recommend this MPH program, I believe it should be a requirement of all future public health professionals and leaders.

- Tony Eljallad MPH ‘17

I would recommend this program to people who want to pursue their master’s, but need the flexibility to do it on their own time.

- Jann Knappage, MPH ‘18

Seize the Kent State Advantage

Excellence in online education is a hallmark of Kent State University’s online Master of Public Health (MPH) program, which provides a level of flexibility that allows you to advance your career without putting your life on hold. With the same level of rigor and the same award-winning faculty, our online MPH program provides you with the expertise to become a change agent in your own community.

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View the Curriculum
Your Time is Valuable. Make the most of it. Set yourself apart in a field that is expected to see unprecedented growth in the coming decade and cultivate your professional network in a cooperative online learning environment with a close-knit cohort of diverse professionals. With peers from a variety of professional backgrounds helping to broaden your knowledge and challenge your understanding of how public health functions across different sectors, you’ll build the confidence to make strong and informed decisions as you further your own career. Almost 95 percent of our alumni rated the program as high or very high.

Diverse backgrounds. Familiar Aspirations. Study alongside classmates from a broad range of industries, from healthcare to finance, and from nonprofits to biotechnology. You’ll find common ground in your desire to change lives for the better, whether that means your immediate community or the world at large.

Gain a Global Perspective. Choose an experience that challenges you. With residences in Geneva, Switzerland and Florence, Italy as well as many global partnerships in China, India, Turkey and beyond, Kent State’s international opportunities will enrich your classroom learning in global scenarios, and give exposure to other cultures and parts of the world. To fully explore the impact of government policy and private interventions on global healthcare needs, online MPH students are encouraged to study in Geneva, Switzerland to take advantage of several unique opportunities:

- Tour the European United Nations Headquarters and the World Health Organization, and participate in the World Health Assembly
- Dialogue with worldwide government and non-governmental organization (NGO) leaders in global health initiatives
- Visit and attend briefings at the following agencies: World Health Organization, Global Fund, Diplomatic Mission of the United States of America, International Committee of the Red Cross and others
- Visit the International Red Crescent (Red Cross) Museum

The Ability to Help Others Is Priceless. So We Keep Our Program Affordable. With asynchronous classes with manageable workloads, our program enables students to set themselves up for future success without taking a costly break from their current careers. Earning a degree that can help you improve the world may not be easy, but it shouldn’t be a burden; here are some ways we help our online MPH candidates on their journey:

- One of the most affordable online MPH programs in Ohio
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Working in the field, you learn to master your role in public health. The MPH program opens your mind up to the entire public health system, so you understand why your role exists and understand many of the required policies associated with your profession.

- Jann Knappage, MPH '18

MPH Outcomes by the Numbers: View Top Employment Sectors

Average salaries for key MPH post-graduation careers:

- Medical Writer: $72K
- Epidemiologist: $84K
- Health Center Administrator: $90K-$150K
- Management Policy Advisor: $64K-$100K
- NGO Director: $42K-$98K

Any questions? Contact An Admissions Advisor.
Lead the Charge for Change With a Degree That Meets Your Needs

- 3 start dates: January, May, August
- Graduate in as few as 2 years
- Dedicated Student Success Coordinator
- 24/7 tech support
- Faculty advisor for practicum course
- Access to on-campus resources such as Career and Library Services

Step Forward and Make a Difference

Basic admissions requirements for our online MPH program include:

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Students who do not meet the GPA requirement may be conditionally admitted
- Completed online application form
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation from professors or employers
- Official transcripts from all prior institutions attended
- Resume/CV

If you’ve never wavered in your desire to improve others’ lives, consider how Kent State’s online Master of Public Health could help you initiate vital conversations and implement meaningful change in the public health sector.

For questions related to admissions requirements, tuition or financial aid, schedule a call with an admissions advisor or if you’re ready, apply today.

Contact An Advisor Start an Application

The reason I chose to pursue my MPH online was because I wanted the flexibility to live where I wanted and to have the ability to continue to work simultaneously.

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