

<b>USC SCHOOL</b>	Keck School of Medicine
<b>ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT</b>	Department of Population and Public Health Sciences
<b>GRADUATE PROGRAM</b>	Master of Public Health (MPH) Program
<b>POST CODE</b>	1036
<b>TERM EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	Spring 2025

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree provides professional training in the field of public health, which is the science of protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. The MPH Program addresses public health foundational knowledge and builds student competencies in evidence-based public health, health care systems, planning and management of health promotion, public health policy, leadership, communication, interprofessional practice, and systems thinking. Students will graduate with wide array of practical skills (e.g., healthy lifestyle promotion; disease and injury prevention; and detection, prevention, and responses to infectious diseases, domestically and globally). The MPH degree requires a minimum of 42 semester units of required and elective graduate courses. Students fulfill core required courses, including four foundational courses, a practical experience (practicum) and a capstone course. In addition, students select from one of four concentrations: Biostatistics/Epidemiology, Community Health Promotion, Global Health and Health Services and Policy.

**COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS**

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

All majors are eligible.	
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**PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
Math 114X	Foundations of Statistics	Recommended	4
OR			
Math 125	Calculus I	Recommended	4

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS**

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	None- all students are required to complete 42.0 units in our program requirements.	

**CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)**

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

*If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk (\*) and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
<b>MPH CORE COURSES (required for all students)</b>		
PM 502	Foundations of Public Health	4
PM 503	Practice of Public Health	4
PM 510	Principles of Biostatistics	4
PM 512	Principles of Epidemiology	4
PM 596	Practicum in Public Health	1
PM 597	Capstone in Public Health	1
<b>BIOSTATISTICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY CONCENTRATION CORE COURSES</b>		
PM 511a	Data Analysis	4
PM 511b	Data Analysis	4
AND CHOOSE TWO COURSES:		
PM 527	Infectious Disease Epidemiology	4
PM 529	Environmental Health: An Epidemiological Approach	4
PM 536	Program Evaluation and Research	4
PM 537	Chronic Disease Epidemiology	4
AND CHOOSE TWO COURSES:		
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4
<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION CONCENTRATION CORE COURSES</b>		
PM 501	Foundations of Health Education	4
PM 528	Program Design and Evaluation	4
PM 563	Organizing and Mobilizing Communities for Public Health	4
AND CHOOSE ONE COURSE:		
PM 526	Communications in Public Health	4
PM 536	Program Evaluation and Research	4
PM 562	Intervention Approaches for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	4
AND CHOOSE TWO COURSES:		
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4

<b>GLOBAL HEALTH CONCENTRATION CORE COURSES</b>		
PM 565	Introduction to Global Health	4
PM 576	Global Health Research and Programs	4
AND CHOOSE TWO COURSES:		
PM 506	Overcoming Real World Challenges in Global Health	4
PM 525	Culture and Health: Global Perspectives	4
PM 577	Global Health, Law and Human Rights	4
AND CHOOSE TWO COURSES:		
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4
<b>HEALTH SERVICES AND POLICY CONCENTRATION CORE COURSES</b>		
PM 508	Health Service Delivery in the U.S.	4
PPD 503	Economics for Public Policy	4
AND CHOOSE TWO COURSES:		
PM 504	Quality in Health Care	4
PM 507	Public Health Services Research Methods	4
PM 547	Public Health Policy and Politics	4
PPD 560	Methods for Policy Analysis	4
AND CHOOSE TWO COURSES:		
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4
PM	Graduate Degree Elective	4

**PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK**

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

2	<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>
8	<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>

**TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS**

42	<b>TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>
0	<b>TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)</b>
42	<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE</b>

**NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT**

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

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**Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean****Date Approved**

Associate Dean for Health and Population Science Programs, Keck School of Medicine

**Authorizing Dean's Title**