

Learning Objectives for Advanced Professional M.P.H. Program:
Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology Track

Core Curriculum

Upon completing the core curriculum of the M.P.H. program, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a knowledge base in the disciplines of biostatistics, chronic and infectious disease epidemiology, health systems, public policy, social and behavioral sciences, and environmental health.
- Apply basic research skills to specific public health problems in both group and individual settings, including the ability to define problems; construct, articulate and test hypotheses; draw conclusions; and communicate findings to a variety of audiences.
- Explain the interrelationships between a multitude of factors that can impact on a public health problem, including scientific, medical, environmental, cultural, social, behavioral, economic, political, and ethical factors.
- Review, critique, and evaluate public health reports and research articles.
- Apply public health concepts, principles, and methodologies obtained through formal course work to actual problems experienced in the community or work environment.
- Critically evaluate programs, interventions, and outcomes that relate to public health practice.
- Apply ethical standards and professional values as they relate to the practice of public health.
- Demonstrate sensitivity to the social context within which public health professionals practice.

Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology Track

Upon receiving an M.P.H. degree in the Advanced Professional M.P.H. Program, with a concentration in Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology, the student will be able to:

- Describe intermediate to advanced concepts of random variation and commonly used statistical probability distributions.
- Develop an efficient design for collecting, recording, and storing data collected in the conduct of public health and medical research.
- Design efficient computer programs for study management, statistical analysis, as well as presentation using SAS and other programming languages.
- Produce edited data sets suitable for statistical analyses.
- Produce working tables and statistical summaries describing research in health science.
- Evaluate the scientific merit and feasibility of epidemiologic study designs.
- Describe the epidemiology of common chronic diseases.
- Synthesize information from a variety of epidemiologic and related studies.
- Design and carry out epidemiologic studies, with minimal supervision.
- Analyze data and draw appropriate inferences from epidemiologic studies at an intermediate to advanced level, using a variety of analytical tools.
- Write an NIH-type epidemiologic research proposal.
- Identify, interpret, and use routinely collected data on disease occurrence.
- Review, critique and evaluate epidemiologic reports and research articles, as well as the broader health sciences literature, at an intermediate level, using principles of epidemiology and biostatistics.
- Develop written presentations based on intermediate to advanced statistical and epidemiologic analyses for both public health professionals and educated lay audiences.