



What is the MPH Program?

The AUA School of Public Health (SPH) offers a two-year graduate program in Public Health – Master of Public Health (MPH). The MPH program engages experienced professionals from health care and other related fields in transformational education and training in population-based approaches to health and health services research, delivery, and evaluation. Our graduates are then prepared to lead in improving health and health services in Armenia, the Caucasus, Europe, and the World.

The overall objective of the MPH Program is to prepare public health professionals to draw on the knowledge and skills from a variety of disciplines to define, critically assess the health needs of people, and translate that knowledge into improved health by designing, implementing, and evaluating programs to meet those needs. Thus, the intensive, modular curriculum emphasizes basic public health sciences and essential managerial and analytic skills including project planning and evaluation, epidemiologic investigation and data analysis, understanding complex determinants of health, effective communication to professional and lay audiences, and leadership.

Affiliations

The School of Public Health is affiliated with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The School of Public Health is a member of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region. Membership is a testament to the quality of the program, graduates, and increasing international recognition.

Faculty

Most of the faculty at AUA's School of Public Health have either earned their doctoral degree from or currently hold faculty positions at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. The SPH also attracts faculty from other well-known U.S. institutions including University of Michigan; University of Pennsylvania; University of California, Los Angeles; University of Illinois, Chicago; Columbia University; and University of North Carolina, Charlotte.



Center for Health Services Research and Development

Students in the MPH program are provided with opportunities for hands-on training. In 1995, the Center for Health Services Research and Development (CHSR) was established within the SPH to respond to research and development needs in the multidisciplinary field of Public Health. One of CHSR's principle objectives is to provide supervised field training including health status assessments, hospital quality assurance projects, patient and provider satisfaction surveys, development of health education materials, and various training programs. For more information about CHSR, please check the CHSR website at <http://chsr.aua.am/>.

MPH Curriculum

The two-year curriculum is organized around a guiding framework (Public Health Problem Solving Paradigm) which provides students with a conceptual overview of the diverse profession of public health and a team-oriented approach to professional practice. The courses are taught in intensive, sequential blocks, which build upon and integrate with each other. The first year curriculum provides exposure to the breadth of public health disciplines. The second year curriculum provides advanced training in key methodological disciplines and concludes with a student-directed MPH project.

FIRST YEAR CURRICULUM

The first year curriculum is divided into two modules:

MODULE I: Public Health Problem Solving & Techniques of Problem Investigation

- 1.1 General Principles of PH Problem Solving
- 1.2 Social & Behavioral Sciences in PH
- 1.3 Problem Investigation in Environmental Health
- 1.4 Inferential Biostatistics
- 1.5 Epidemiology
- 1.6 Data Management Systems

MODULE II: Program Planning, Implementation & Evaluation

- 2.1 Health Economics & Finance
- 2.2 Comparative Health Systems
- 2.3 Program Planning & Implementation
- 2.4 Health Services Management
- 2.5 Project Development & Evaluation
- 2.6 MPH Thesis Project Planning

SECOND YEAR CURRICULUM

Second year coursework concentrates on advanced methods and preparation of the MPH integrating experience project.

MODULE III: Advanced Methodology

- 3.1 Qualitative Research Methods
- 3.2 Survey Research Methods
- 3.3 Intermediate Epidemiology
- 3.4 Biostatistics: Modeling & Sampling
- 3.5 Master's Project Implementation I

MODULE IV: Synthesis

- 4.1 Training of Trainers
- 4.2 Graduate Research Seminar
- 4.3 Public Health Internship
- 4.4 Master's Project Implementation II

The Master's Project is an integrating experience, an opportunity for students to pursue a public health issue of professional relevance in a supervised, supportive setting, which integrates the core tools of public health in the solution of a 'real-world' problem.

MPH Alumni

MPH alumni live and work in more than 20 countries across Europe, North America, and Asia. Over 85% of MPH alumni are employed in international organizations and donor agencies, in governmental agencies including the Ministry of Health and National Assembly, in international and local non-governmental organizations, universities in Armenia and abroad, and about 10% have continued their studies in doctoral programs at such well-known universities as Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, University of Pennsylvania, University of Toronto, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and others.



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