



Master of Public Health

Degree Offered: Master of Public Health

Daemen's Master of Public Health (MPH) program prepares students for exciting and rewarding career opportunities in the public health field.

Public health professionals work to protect and improve the health and wellbeing of people and communities through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, development of health policies and research for disease and injury prevention.

Daemen's MPH offers an interdisciplinary student-centered approach to understanding public health that prepares students to work side-by-side with community health care teams for promoting public health education, service and research at local, national, and global levels, and that respect and understand cultural, socioeconomic and policy issues to make a difference in public health.

Why Public Health at Daemen?

Flexible Schedule

- Daemen's unique curricular design allows for interdisciplinary collaboration. A later afternoon/evening design and portion of the curriculum in a hybrid format is geared toward the working student.
- This 45 credit program can be completed in a full-time format in approximately 16-21 months, or a part-time format is also possible.

Student Centered Learning

- Daemen's private College learning environment provides for an individualized and personal approach to learning, with an exceptionally favorable student-to-instructor ratio.

Career Focused

- Students completing a MPH degree will be prepared for important and rewarding career opportunities in areas that include health departments, managed care, community based organizations, consulting firms, hospitals, academic institutions, global health organizations, and research teams.

MPH Curriculum

Daemen's MPH degree is comprised of competencies across six key public health areas: (1) biostatistics, (2) epidemiology, (3) health services administration, (4) health education/behavioral science (5) environmental health, and (6) Health Equity.

Students also complete a practicum, which provides for real-world applications of their training and builds experience working directly with public health professionals. A final capstone project provides students with the opportunity to investigate a public health problem in their area of interest.

The Daemen College MPH program offers three specialty tracks of study, including Epidemiology, Community Health Education, and a Generalist Track. Regardless of which area of study students pursue, graduates from Daemen's MPH program will be well prepared to serve their communities in promoting public health and wellbeing, and preventing disease and injury.

Required Core Courses (23 credits)

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| PH 500 | Epidemiology (3 credits) | PH 540 | Public Health Biostatistics (3 credits) |
| PH 510 | Psychosocial and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health (3 credits) | PH 541 | Public Health Biostatistics Lab (2 credits) |
| PH 520 | Research Methods in Health Promotion (3 credits) | PH 550 | Public Health Policy, Administration, and Management (3 credits) |
| PH 530 | Environmental Health (3 credits) | PH 595 | Cultural Competency & Health Disparities in Public Health (3 credits) |

Required Specialty Track Courses; Choose One Track (12 credits):

Community Health Education

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| PH 560 | Community Health Education (3 credits) |
| PH 562 | Assessment and Planning in Community Health Education (3 credits) |
| PH 564 | Implementation and Evaluation in Community Health Education (3 credits) |
| PH 566 | Communication, Advocacy and Consultation in Community Health Education (3 credits) |

Epidemiology

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| PH 568 | Advanced Epidemiology (3 credits) |
| PH 570 | Advanced Biostatistics (3 credits) |
| PH 572 | Chronic Diseases, A Lifecourse Approach (3 credit seminar) |
| PH 574 | Infectious Disease Epidemiology (3 credit) |

Generalist

Choose any four courses (12 credits) from the other tracks or electives

Electives – (3 credits)

Choose from electives that include topics on global health, grant writing, nutrition, and reproductive and prenatal health and community-based participatory research.

Practicum (3 credits)

Under the direction of a faculty advisor the student completes a practicum in their area of specialty track in order to apply and to further develop their academic skills. Each practicum requires a minimum of 240 hours of work at the practicum site.

Capstone Seminar and Project (4 credits)

The capstone project is a culminating experience that provides students the opportunity to synthesize, integrate, and apply their curricular knowledge to a significant public health problem in the student's area of specialty track. The capstone project is comprised of both written and oral components. Students will work with a primary faculty advisor, a community partner, and up to two other faculty capstone committee members to develop an individual capstone project. Capstone projects may include but are not limited to community health education or epidemiological- based research, quality assessment/ improvement of health programs, program planning/implementation/ evaluation of a health program, and a service related project.

Application Process

Students interested in applying to the MPH program should submit an application to the graduate admissions office which will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Evidence of a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.00
- Scores on a Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Personal letter of application stating the candidate's reasons for seeking a Master of Public Health degree, discussion of experience relevant to public health, and leadership strengths
- Two letters of recommendation from a major professor or professional colleague which evaluate the applicant's leadership potential and capacity to complete a Master of Public Health degree. *Character references will be accepted if the student wishes to submit additional recommendation letters.
- Official transcript(s) from all accredited colleges or universities attended indicating the award of an undergraduate degree. International applicants with undergraduate and graduate courses taken in a non-English language must have their transcripts evaluated by a credentialed evaluation service such as World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for an official course-by-course credential evaluation.
- Official TOEFL score by each international applicant who has graduated from a foreign college or university and whose native language is not English.
- Paid or volunteer public health-related experience is recommended.
- Qualified candidates may also be scheduled for an interview with the MPH faculty as part of the admissions process.

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