

MPH Program at UIC College of Medicine at Peoria

For students entering Fall 2007

The MPH program based at the UIC College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOM-Peoria) offers a professional enhancement MPH degree. The program is offered through the UIC School of Public Health Division of Community Health Sciences (CHS) in coordination with UICOM-Peoria and the UIC College of Nursing, Peoria Regional Program, and complements the UICOM-Peoria Program in Population and Community Health. Students will complete the program using a combination of on-line distance learning and Peoria-based instruction. Students will also have the option of taking courses at the School of Public Health in Chicago. Student admission and performance standards are the same as those for students at the Chicago campus.

The MPH Professional Enhancement Program (PEP) is a 42 semester hour program for medical, nursing, and public health professionals working in public health organizations or in community settings. The admission criteria require the applicant to have a Bachelor's or advanced degree in a health or related profession plus 3 years of paid public health or community health experience. Physicians in training, including medical students and physicians in residency training programs, must also complete a field experience (5 semester hours) in addition to the 34 semester hours. Nurses seeking an advanced nursing degree and a graduate public health degree may apply to the joint MS/MPH (Master of Science in Nursing and the Master of Public Health) degree program described more fully in the relevant section of this handbook.

Peoria MPH Regional Curriculum

SPH Core Requirements (20 semester hour credits):

- BSTT 400: Biostatistics I (4)
- EPID 400: Introduction to Epidemiology: Principles and Methods (3)
- HPA 400: Basic Principles of Management in Public Health (3)
- CHSC 401: Behavioral Sciences in Public Health (was HPA 401) (3)
- CHSC 400: Public Health Concepts and Practice (3)
- EOHS 400: Principles of Environmental Health Sciences (3)
- IPHS 698: Capstone Experience (Master's Paper) (1)

CHS Core Requirements (15 semester hour credits):

- CHSC 433: Public Health Planning and Evaluation (3)
- CHSC 446: Research Methods in Community Health (3)
- CHSC 480: Health Education and Health Promotion (3)
- NUPH 509: Population-Focused Assessment (3) (alternate course for CHSC 431)
- CHSC 543: MCH Policy and Advocacy (3) (alternate course for CHSC 527 and HPA 430)

Field Experience (5 semester hour credits for physicians in training):

- IPHS 650: Field Experience in Public Health

Electives

Course electives as necessary to bring the total program hours to 42 semester hours.

Students are encouraged to take additional elective courses.

For further information, contact the Regional Program Directors at 309-671-3447:

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