

Why choose to pursue an MPH degree?

Healthcare as Population Health

Improving lives through better health is the goal of all healthcare professionals. Public health improves the health of entire populations by applying the tools of science to our communities. Students who earn a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Texas at Arlington will be able to demonstrate knowledge of and apply skills to solve problems in the core public health competencies:

- **Epidemiology:** Apply principles of epidemiology to research design, program assessment, disease surveillance and prevention within specified populations.
- **Social and Behavioral Population Health:** Design interventions to improve the health of a population.
- **Health Communication:** Effectively communicate with your community or other target population to contain a health crisis, improve health, or prevent disease.
- **Community Health Assessment:** Conduct surveillance and design sound survey methods to assess the health of your community or target population.
- **Program Evaluation:** Evaluate effectiveness and show funders return on investment of your health program using quantitative and qualitative methods.
- **Health Policy and Administration:** Understand relationships and apply key frameworks in health care cost, quality and access to improve health policy and organization management.
- **Biostatistics:** Use fundamental biostatistics skills to accurately analyze data.

The MPH degree prepares graduates for work in a variety of high-energy, in-demand careers.

The UTA MPH degree will prepare you for, or advance your current career in, non-profit and government health settings, including work in advocacy, evaluation, research, health policy, health education, health communication, health administration, and other careers. MPH graduates work in many settings, including hospitals, non-profit agencies, non-governmental global health organizations, county and state health departments, policy and advocacy organizations, and many more.

What are my job and earning prospects?

Public health graduates with an MPH degree earn, on average, a 30% higher starting salary than those with only a bachelor's degree, and will earn 50% to 75% more during their career.

Demand for public health workforce exists nationally and in Texas. The CDC reports, "Throughout the country states and communities report a need for more public health nurses, epidemiologists, laboratory workers, informaticians, and environmental health professionals."

Currently, the public health workforce across the nation is disproportionately close to retirement age, losing 38% of public health workers by 2020. Accordingly, public health employment in Texas is projected to grow 29% from 2014 to 2024. *Indeed.com* currently reports approximately 7,500 public health jobs available in Texas. For example, jobs for community health workers are expected to increase by 26% between 2014 and 2024, and health educator jobs are projected to increase by 28% during the same time. This information supports an ongoing and growing statewide need for workforce trained in public health.

About the UTA Master in Public Health Degree

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree is a 42 credit hour, professional master degree program designed to prepare graduates to work in public health career fields. Public health training in the core public health competencies offer foundational public health knowledge necessary to assess, implement interventions, and evaluate the health of a population with an organization or community. Additional core courses build on the foundation to cultivate practice-based skill sets readily applied to the public health setting. The MPH degree may complement students' current job skills, or provide students with new public health knowledge and career opportunities. Coursework will emphasize prevention, interdisciplinary approaches, applied skills, and social justice.

Urban Health Concentration

The Urban Health concentration trains students to meet the demand of multi-faceted public health issues facing urban communities, and address health inequities arising from racial, ethnic and socioeconomic health disparities. Concentration coursework represents a variety of disciplines and technical skillsets integral in promoting health in urban settings, including courses focused on advocacy, policy and social justice. Graduates will be equipped to advocate for policies to address health needs in urban communities, as well as apply skills to conduct health needs assessments, program implementation, and program evaluation.

Urban Health Concentration Competencies

Graduates in the Master of Public Health in the Urban Health concentration will be able to:

- Develop public health interventions that address urban health disparities using culturally appropriate approaches.
- Plan and evaluate a public health program aimed at improving the health of an underserved population.
- Use assessment skills to determine the need for an health intervention in an urban community.
- Apply social justice to propose and consider health policy to address a health concern in an underserved population.

We offer the only MPH [concentration in Urban Health](#) in Texas. UTA is also one of the few MPH programs in the U.S. to offer the Urban Health concentration.

All questions about coursework, program requirements, and registration issues should be directed via email to [Dr. Erin Carlson](#).

UT Arlington Dual Degree Plan
Direct Practice Health Services
Masters in Social Work / Master of Public Health
MSW / MPH

Foundation Coursework

MSW Core Courses (SOCW prefix)		MPH Core Courses (KINE prefix)
5301 – Human Behavior in the Social Environment		5372 - Introduction to Epidemiology
5303 – Foundations of Policy	OR	5377 - Health Systems and Policy
5304 – Generalist Micro Practice		5376 - Introduction to Biostatistics
5306 – Generalist Macro Practice		5375 - Community Health
5307 – Diverse Populations OR KINE 5374- Race, Ethnicity, and Health		5378- Foundations of Public Health
5308 – Research and Evaluation I		5385 - Communication and Health
5681 (SPLIT)/ 5685 and 5285 (BLOCK) Foundation Field		5383 - Community-Based Internship (Practice Experience)
5281 (SPLIT) Foundation Field		5384 - Capstone Experience

Advanced Coursework

MSW Courses		MPH Concentration Courses for Urban Health Concentration
SOCW 5311 – Advanced Micro Practice		KINE 5380 - Urban Community Health Assessment
SOCW 5342 – Direct Practice Health Services		KINE 5374 - Race, Ethnicity and Health in the U.S. or SOCW 5307 - Diverse Populations
SOCW 53XX – Integrated Theory and Practice		KINE 5371 - Introduction to Program Planning and Evaluation OR SOCW 5323 Program Evaluation
SOCW 53XX – Integrated Theory and Practice	OR	5375 - Community Health
SOCW 5313 – Research & Evaluation II	OR	PAPP 5345 Evaluation Research (MPH elective)
SOCW 5343 - Health Policy and Social Justice		SOCW 5343 - Health Policy and Social Justice
SOCW 5344 and 5345 – Elective (two required non-thesis option, one required thesis option)	OR	KINE 53XX – Elective (two required electives from Prescribed Electives Course List) The following courses are accepted electives in the MPH: SOCW 5345 – Critical Issues in Health Equity KINE 5370 – Global Health KINE 5373 – Environmental and Occupational Health KINE 5381 – Social Epidemiology KINE 5383 – Chronic Disease Epidemiology
SOCW 5482 (SPLIT)/SOCW 5485 & 5486 (BLOCK) Advanced Field		
SOCW 5483 – Advanced Field		
SOCW 5395 – Integrative Seminar		
SOCW 5396, 5398 – Thesis Option		The MPH degree does not have a thesis option.

MPH Core Courses: KINE 5372, 5376, 5377, 5375, 5378, 5383, 5384, and 5385

Note: A maximum of 18 credits can be shared between both programs.

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MSW Courses		MPH Courses
SOCW 5312 – Community & Administrative Practice		
SOCW 53XX – CAP Practice Option	OR	PAPP 5367 - Strategic Public and Non-Profit Human Resource Management (MPH elective)
SOCW 53XX – CAP Practice Option		
SOCW 5343 – Health Policy and Social Justice		SOCW 5343 Required for MPH Urban Health concentration
SOCW 5313 – Research & Evaluation II	OR	PAPP 5345 Evaluation Research (MPH elective)
SOCW 5327 – Human Behavior in Marco Environments		
SOCW 53XX – Elective (two required non-thesis option, one required thesis option) SOCW 5344, 5320, 5321, 5324, 5325, 5326, 5345	OR	PAPP 5329- Financial Management in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors KINE 5370 – Global Health KINE 5373 – Environmental and Occupational Health KINE 5381 – Social Epidemiology KINE 5383 – Chronic Disease Epidemiology
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KINE 5377 - Health Systems and Policy
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KINE 5375 - Community Health
KINE 5378- Foundations of Public Health
KINE 5385 - Communication and Health
KINE 5383 - Community-Based Internship (Practice Experience)
KINE 5384 - Capstone Experience

MSW Courses		MPH Courses
SOCW 5311 – Advanced Micro Practice		
SOCW 5342 – Direct Practice Health Services		
SOCW 53XX – Integrated Theory and Practice	OR	KINE 5375 Community Health
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SOCW 5313 – Research & Evaluation II	OR	PAPP 5345 – Evaluation Research (MPH Elective)
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