

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
FORM C
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Proposed effective term

Semester **Fall** Year **2019**

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program **Graduate Degree Program**
Name of New or Existing Program **MPH Public Health concentration: Community Health (HSC)**
Select Category **Concentration** Degree Type **MPH**
Select Action **Revision**

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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☐ **Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Streamline concentration courses after CEPH accreditation site visit.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

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☐ **Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.**

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Current Requirements:

Community Health Concentration

The mission of the Community Health Concentration is to prepare students for leadership roles in population-based disease prevention and health promotion in public and private settings. The philosophical foundation of the concentration relies on a community capacity building, empowerment approach to promote social justice and equity in health. The concentration is designed for students with prior experience, education, or interest in community-focused public health practice or research that values diversity, self-reflection and critical analysis of evidence-based practice and practice-based public health approaches. The purpose of this concentration is to provide students with the multi-disciplinary knowledge and skills necessary to plan, implement, and evaluate public health programs at multiple levels of the social-ecologic framework.

Requirements:

- Completion of 19 credit hours of M.P.H. core courses and at least 18 credit hours in graduate-level course in public and community health as outlined below.
- Completion of 2 credit hours of a practical field experience (PH 598 - Public Health Practicum) in a community public health setting.
- Completion of at least 3 credit hours demonstrating competencies in integrating community health perspectives through one of the culminating experience options (Professional Paper, Integrative Experience, Thesis, or Master's Oral Examination).
- The chair of the culminating experience committee must be a core faculty member of the concentration.

	Required Core Courses	
PH 501	Principles of Public Health	3
PH 502	Epidemiologic Methods I	3
PH 506	Environmental-Occupational Health	3
PH 508	Theory and Practice (Mandatory in second semester)	2
PH 511	Writing for Public Health Professionals (CR/NC)	1
PH 513	Public Health Seminar (CR/NC)	1
PH 538	Public Health Biostatistical Methods I	3
PH 552	Public Health Program Planning	3
	Subtotal	19
	Required Practicum Experience	
PH 598	Public Health Practicum (CR/NC)	2
	Subtotal	2
	Required Culminating Experience chosen from the following options:	
PH 595	Introduction to Public Health Integrative Experience	1
-and-		

PH 597	Public Health Integrative Experience	2
-or-		
PH 596	Professional Paper	3
-or-		
PH 599	Master's Thesis	6
	Subtotal	3-6
	Required Concentration Courses	
PH 510	Public Health and Health Care Management	3
PH 555	Public Health Evaluation Methods	3
	Subtotal	6
	Electives	
	Two of the following Community Health Concentration electives:	
PH 507	Health Care Systems	3
PH 533	Public Health Research Methods	3
PH 554	Health Policy, Politics and Social Equity	3
PH 556	Community-based Participatory Research	2-3
PH 558	Intervention Research with Marginalized Populations	3
PH 564	Public Health and Healthcare Communication	3
PH 575	Public Health Leadership and Facilitation	2
	Subtotal	5-6
	Two or more electives from other courses offered by the Public Health Program and/or UNM colleges or departments. Electives are subject to approval of the academic advisor	
	Subtotal	5-6

Proposed Requirements:

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Requirements:

- Completion of 17 credit hours of M.P.H. core courses and at least 20 credit hours in graduate-level course in public and community health as outlined below.
- Completion of 2 credit hours of a practical field experience (PH 598 - Public Health Practicum) in a community public health setting.
- Completion of at least 3 credit hours demonstrating competencies in integrating community health perspectives through one of the culminating experience options (Professional Paper, Integrative Experience or Master's Oral Examination).
- The chair of the culminating experience committee must be a core faculty member of the concentration.

	Required Core Courses	
PH 501	Principles of Public Health	3
PH 502	Epidemiologic Methods I	3
PH 506	Environmental-Occupational Health	3
PH 511	Writing for Public Health Professionals (CR/NC) (Mandatory in first semester)	1
PH 513	Public Health Seminar (CR/NC)	1
PH 538	Public Health Biostatistical Methods I	3
PH 552	Public Health Program Planning	3
	Subtotal	17
	Required Practicum Experience	
PH 598	Public Health Practicum (CR/NC)	2
	Subtotal	2
	Required Culminating Experience chosen from the following options:	
PH 595	Introduction to Public Health Integrative Experience	1
-and-		
PH 597	Public Health Integrative Experience	2

-or-		
PH 596	Professional Paper	3
	Subtotal	3
	Required Concentration Courses	
PH 510	Public Health and Health Care Management	3
PH 555	Public Health Evaluation Methods	3
PH 556	Community-based Participatory Research	3
	Complete one of the following two CHC Research Courses:	
PH 533	Public Health Research Methods	3
PH 558	Intervention Research with Marginalized Populations	3
	Subtotal	12
	Electives: Choose from the following or other courses offered by the MPH Program or other UNM college or departments. Your academic advisor must approve these electives.	
PH 507	Health Care Systems	3
PH 520	Epidemiologic Methods II	3
PH 534	Epidemiology Data Analysis	2
PH 539	Biostatistical Methods II	3
PH 554	Health Policy, Politics and Social Equity	3
PH 560	Special Topics in Public Health	3
PH 564	Public Health and Healthcare Communication	3
PH 575	Public Health Leadership and Facilitation	2
PH 577	Public Health Leadership in Policy and Advocacy	2
PH 579	New Mexico Border Health: US – Mexico Border Migration and Latino Health	3
C&J 550	Health Communications	3
	Subtotal	8
	Total	42

Community Health (CH) Concentration in Public Health

Impact

The proposed change is to delete the PH 508 Theory and Practice course from the required electives and add PH 556 (Community Based Participatory Research) as a required concentration course. The following courses were added as selections in the CHC Research Courses: PH 533 (Public Health Research Methods) or PH 558 (Intervention Research with Marginalized Populations). There were several electives that were added PH 534 (Epidemiology Data Analysis), PH 539 (Biostatistical Methods II), PH 560 (Special Topics in Public Health), PH 577 (Public Health Leadership in Policy and Advocacy), PH 579 (New Mexico Border Health: US – Mexico Border Migration and Latino Health), and C&J 550 (Health Communications). The Master's Thesis option was removed from the culminating experience section since students do not select this option. This streamlines the CH Concentration to meet all CEPH accreditation requirements and focuses the concentration courses for the students.

The changes would not require any additional resources from the UNM Libraries or IT since students completing the concentration are already enrolled in our graduate program.

There will be no changes in faculty workload since the MPH faculty are currently teaching the courses.