

Code Public Health Clinician

Under Review | Fall 2023

Proposal Information

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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College

College of Population Health

Department

Population Health

Campus

Health Sciences Center
(Albuquerque)

Effective Term and Year

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2023

Justification

Concentration Justification

The COVID pandemic has highlighted the need for a competent clinician workforce in public health. The demands of the pandemic reached into all levels of healthcare and public health, emphasizing the urgency of having a public health workforce that included clinicians trained to address health issues on a population level. Clinicians must be trained to use a public health lens to intervene using population-based models to address health policies, community-level programs and health education. They also must be provided with effective skills and knowledge to address our extremely complex public health and health issues.

Our current MPH concentrations (Community Health, Epidemiology and Health Systems, Services and Policy) do not focus on the more specific skills and knowledge that public health clinicians need. They must integrate clinical skills learned as a trained provider with public health concepts such as health equity, social determinants of health, health policy, epidemiology and community health needs and assessments. Our new concentration will provide them with this training needed to better serve their communities

This new concentration will also align with the Health Sciences Center's goal of building a workforce that can improve health and health care to New Mexico population using community-wide solutions. It will also create a broader and more diverse workforce for New Mexico.

We currently have between 4 – 12 residents and fellows who are enrolled in our MPH degree each year. They must complete their residency and fellowship requirements in addition to the MPH curriculum. This is often difficult with the current three concentration requirements. We propose a new concentration that is more tailored to the clinician's needs. It has an increased focus on health policy and advocacy, practical experience in the public health arena, and health promotion and disease prevention.

Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

PH 577 - Public Health and Advocacy in Theory and Practice
for Public health Clinicians (2 - 3)
PH 561 - Welcome to the Frontline: essential Public Health
Roles for MD's (3)

Select any associated program forms that exist

MPH Pub Hlth

Program Information

Degree Name

MPH Pub Hlth - Master of Public Health

Degree Type

Master of Public Health

Program Type

Graduate

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Degree Hours

Minimum Major Hours

42

Degree Requirements

- Complete all of the following

Core Courses

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - PH501 - Determinants and Equity in Public Health (4)
 - PH502 - Epidemiology and Biostatistics I (4)
 - PH506 - Environmental-Occupational Health (2)
 - PH538 - Epidemiology and Biostatistics Lab (2)
 - PH552 - Interventions for Health Equity (3)
 - PH554 - Health Policy, Politics and Social Equity (3)
 - Earn at least 2 credits from the following:
 - PH560 - Special Topics in Public Health (1 - 6)
 - When taken as part of Core Requirements, students must take 2 credits of PH 560 as Topics: Global Health.
 - Complete 1 of the following
 - Earn at least 2 credits from the following:
 - PH560 - Special Topics in Public Health (1 - 6)
 - Students who choose to take PH 560 a second time must take the course as Topics: Public Health Management and Leadership.
 - Complete the following:
 - PH510 - Public Health and Health Care Management (3)
 - Earn at least 2 credits from the following:
 - PH598 - Public Health Practicum (1 - 6)

Culminating Experience

- Complete 1 of the following
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - PH596 - Professional Paper (1 - 3)
 - Complete the following:
 - PH595 - Introduction to Public Health Integrative Experience (1)
 - PH597 - Public Health Integrative Experience (2)

Concentration

- Earn at least 9 credits from the following types of courses:
Concentration courses. See Concentrations below for course lists.

Electives

- Completed between 5 and 6 credits from the following types of courses:
Electives. Students should earn enough additional elective credits to earn at least 42 hours total as required for the degree.

Grand Total Credits: 41 - 43

Concentration Information

Concentration Title

Public Health Clinician

Program Level

Graduate

Concentration Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - PH501 - Determinants and Equity in Public Health (4)
 - PH502 - Epidemiology and Biostatistics I (4)
 - PH538 - Epidemiology and Biostatistics Lab (2)
 - PH506 - Environmental-Occupational Health (2)
 - PH510 - Public Health and Health Care Management (3)
 - PH554 - Health Policy, Politics and Social Equity (3)
 - PH552 - Interventions for Health Equity (3)
 - PH598 - Public Health Practicum (1 - 6)
 - PH508 - Global Health (2 - 3)
 - PH594 - Master of Public Health Culminating Experience (3)
 - PH596 - Professional Paper (1 - 3)
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - HED511 - Management of Health Promotion Programs (3)
 - PADM564 - Healthcare Policy and Program Evaluation (3)
 - Complete the following:
 - PH577 - Public Health and Advocacy in Theory and Practice for Public health Clinicians (2 - 3)
 - PH561 - Welcome to the Frontline: essential Public Health Roles for MD's (3)
 - Earn at least 5 credits from the following:
 - PH513 - Public Health Seminar (1)
 - PH598 - Public Health Practicum (1 - 6)
 - PH533 - Public Health Research Methods (3)
 - PH555 - Public Health Evaluation Methods (3)
 - PH520 - Epidemiology and Biostatistics II (4)
 - PH521 - Introduction to Epidemiology (1 - 3)
 - PH556 - Community Participatory-Based Research (2 - 3)
 - PH564 - Public Health and Health Care Communication (3)
 - PADM561 - Health Policy and Management (3)

Grand Total Credits: 41 - 50**Concentration Description**

The Public Health Clinician Concentration provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver public health care services at the individual and population health level. The concentration prepares students for employment as a public health clinician in a healthcare delivery system or local, state, tribal, national or global organizations addressing population health issues.