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The demand for public health professionals is increasing due to emerging and reemerging diseases, environmental health concerns, health care reform, proliferation of agents and weapons of mass destruction, sociopolitical factors affecting the nation’s health and health care systems, and the expansion of health issues that are global in scope.

Professionals with the master of public health (M.P.H.) degree can hold positions of responsibility in a variety of settings. These include health care facilities, county and state health departments, social service agencies, health policy and planning organizations, colleges and universities, community-based health education and health agencies, and the corporate world.

Those who hold the M.P.H. degree may actively participate in the planning, development, implementation, evaluation, and administration of health-related programs and services.
The M.P.H. online option provides a comprehensive, graduate-level program designed to prepare students to define, critically assess, and resolve public health problems. It emphasizes the acquisition of knowledge and skills for promoting health, preventing disease, developing and evaluating programs, enhancing clinical practice, conducting research, and providing community service.

The M.P.H. online option is designed to be completed as a distance-learning format, but requires all students to participate in a weekend orientation and an exit seminar at the conclusion of the program. The program is offered via Nova Southeastern University's state-of-the-art, Web-based, distance-learning technology. Students have the opportunity to complete their coursework online while maintaining their career, family, and community obligations on a full-time and part-time basis.
sample full-time schedule*

FIRST YEAR

fall
Epidemiology ........................................ 3 credits
Health Policy, Planning, and Management ............. 3 credits
Social and Behavioral Sciences
Applied to Health .................................... 3 credits

winter
Biostatistics ........................................... 3 credits
Environmental and Occupational Health ............... 3 credits
Legal and Ethical Issues in Public Health ............. 3 credits

summer
Elective(s) ............................................ 6 credits

SECOND YEAR

fall
Research Methods in Public Health ..................... 3 credits
Elective(s) ............................................ 6 credits

winter
Elective(s) ............................................ 3 credits
Public Health Field Experience ......................... 6 credits

*Students enrolled part time have up to five years to complete the program.
admissions requirements

The M.P.H. Program evaluates the overall quality of its applicants, including academic achievement, personal motivation, knowledge about the public health profession, health care and life experience, and recommendations. Criteria for admission are as follows:

- The applicant must hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and above, on a four-point scale, is preferred.
- Public health or health care-related experience is preferred.
- Applicants enrolled in another area of study within Nova Southeastern University must be in good academic standing, provide a letter of recommendation from the dean or program director of the other college or program, and meet the M.P.H. admission requirements.

application procedures overview

To be considered for this program, applicants must supply the following:

- A completed online application at http://www.nova.edu/cwis/com/ph/application.html, along with a $50, nonrefundable application fee
- Official transcripts of all coursework attempted by the applicant at all colleges and universities
- Evidence of having taken the GRE, PCAT, OAT, AHPAT, MCAT, DAT, GMAT, or LSAT if applicant does not hold a health-related graduate or professional degree
- Three letters of evaluation
- Copies of any professional certificates or other relevant credentials earned by the applicant

Please visit our Web site at http://medicine.nova.edu/ph/ for detailed application procedures.