

ACADEMIC LEARNING PLAN

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

Mission Statement

The mission of the UWF Master of Public Health program is to empower a generation of public health professionals with skills, knowledge and competencies to contribute creatively and ethically to education, research and service to promote public health and disease prevention. The MPH in General Practice Specialization is ideal for public health professionals working in or interested in a career in broad public health practice settings requiring cross-training in the discipline main domains, epidemiology, disease prevention and disaster preparedness.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates General MPH degree should be able to:

Content

Assess community health needs and capacity, and public health issues utilizing appropriate epidemiologic methods, data collection, data analysis, results interpretation, and systems thinking tools.

Critical Thinking

Analyze, present, and defend results of epidemiological analysis, conduct disease surveillance, integrate biological and scientific basis of public health in developing interventions for population health in diverse setting.

Communication

Compose and deliver culturally competent communication strategies that incorporate audience-appropriate public health content, both in writing and through oral presentation.

Integrity/Values

Apply leadership principles in collaboration with other stakeholders in inter-professional teams to develop policies and/or programs to positively influence health outcomes and equity.

Systems Thinking

Develop population-based public health policies, programs, projects or interventions utilizing budgetary tools and resource management while incorporating knowledge of public health organizations and systems.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Graduate students in the Master of Public Health program will acquire advanced skills and knowledge that enable them to enter the public health profession or pursue additional graduate studies at the

doctoral level. Direct assessment in this program is conducted using examinations, short essays that incorporate public health principles, theories and concepts to problem solving, semester projects, an objective comprehensive exam, and evaluation of student performance in the Practicum in Public Health courses which are the required culminating experiences at the end of a student's program of study.

Job Prospects

Job prospects for Master of Public Health – General Practice Graduates

- Public Health Analyst/Health Professions
- Health Scientist (county, state, national, and international opportunities)
- City Health Officer
- County Health Department
- Community Health promotion
- Medical Research
- Research Laboratories
- Health professions teacher
- Pollution Control Mangers
- Occupational Safety Specialist
- Industrial Hygienist
- Environmental Health
- Program Planner and monitoring specialist