

# PUBLIC HEALTH

## Graduate Degree Program

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**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE (CSUN)**

CSUN is one of 23 campuses within the California State University system, and is one of the largest universities in California. The university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and many of its degree programs are accredited by professional associations. The Master of Public Health Program in Community Health Education and Applied Epidemiology is nationally accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. The MPH Program is located within the Department of Health Sciences.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Mission of the CSUN Public Health Program is to prepare professionals to:

- Identify and assess needs and assets of diverse communities
- Plan, implement, and evaluate programs
- Apply analytic and research methodologies to public health practice
- Serve as leaders and advocates in their community and profession
- Provide solutions for current and future public health challenges
- Collaborate across interdisciplinary and community sectors

The purpose of the MPH Program in Community Health Education is to prepare professional community health educators to enhance the health and wellbeing of diverse human populations and communities.

The purpose of the MPH Program in Applied Epidemiology is to prepare professional public health epidemiologists with the necessary problem-solving, critical-thinking and technological skills that will allow them to assess health needs and implement and evaluate programs in diverse human populations and communities.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications to the MPH Program are accepted for the Fall semester only. The application can be found online through the Department website. All materials are to be submitted online - we do not accept paper applications. Please pay special attention to the checklist and submission instructions on the application. The following criteria are used for evaluating prospective applicants to the MPH Program:

- Overall grade point average
- Graduate Record Examination (for GPA<3.0)
- Bachelor's Degree
- Work experience in health education or public health related area.
- Three (3) Letters of recommendation. While not required, it is recommended that at least one letter come from an instructor who can attest to the applicant's academic performance.
- TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language\*\*
- Personal Statement

The MPH application period opens each year in early October. Please check the MPH website for more details.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The University makes a full range of financial assistance available to students. For information, contact the Financial Aid Office, (818) 677 - 4085.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

Prospective students applying from outside the United States will need to contact International Admissions at <http://www.csun.edu/admissions-records/international> or call (818) 677-3760

\*\*Applicants who do not possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited university where English is the language of instruction must submit a passing English Language exam (TOEFL) result.

## REQUIRED COURSEWORK

The MPH Degree in Community Health Education and Applied Epidemiology requires a minimum of 42 semester units of course work beyond a bachelor's degree.

### 1. Required Public Health Core Courses (21 units)

- EOH 554 Environmental and Occupational Health (3)
- HSCI 533 Advanced Concepts of Health Behavior (3)
- HSCI 541 Health Administration (3)
- HSCI 587 Epidemiology(3)
- HSCI 592 Advanced Biostatistics (3)
- HSCI 693A/C Supervised Field Training (2/1)
- HSCI 694 Research Design (3)

### Community Health Education

#### 2. Required Community Health Education Core Courses (9 units)

- HSCI 531 Program Planning and Evaluation (3)
- HSCI 535 Curriculum Development in Health Education (3)
- HSCI 538 Community Health Action (3)

#### 3. Electives (9 units minimum)

With approval of the graduate advisor, students may take 500- and 600-level courses in such areas of study as Communications, Health Administration, Environmental and Occupational Health, or related areas of interest.

#### 4. HSCI 698E Graduate Project OR Thesis 698C (3 units)

### Applied Epidemiology

#### 2. Required Applied Epidemiology Core Courses (12 units)

- HSCI 591 Quantitative Demography for Health Science (3)
- HSCI 592A Advanced Biostatistics II (3)
- HSCI 695 Public Health Program Evaluation (3)
- HSCI 696 Advanced Epidemiologic Research Methods (3)

#### 3. Epidemiology Elective (3 units minimum)

Choose one of the following:

- HSCI 588 Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases (3)
- HSCI 589 Epidemiology of Common Chronic Diseases (3)

#### 4. Additional Electives (3 units minimum)

With approval of the graduate advisor, students may take 500- and 600-level courses in areas of study such as Health Administration, Environmental and Occupational Health (e.g., EOH 560: Environmental and Occupational Health Epidemiology) or related areas of interest.

#### 5. HSCI 698E Graduate Project OR Thesis 698C (3 units)

