

Master of Public Health, Minor in Health Ministry

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including minor)



Program Description

The Master of Public Health (MPH) with a Minor in Health Ministry is designed for individuals who want to integrate public health expertise with faith-based community outreach and health advocacy. This program prepares students to address health disparities, promote wellness in religious communities, and implement faith-driven public health initiatives.

Students will explore topics such as epidemiology, community health education, health policy, and disease prevention while also developing skills in faith-based health outreach, spiritual care in healthcare, and nonprofit health program management. The program is ideal for those working in healthcare, faith-based organizations, nonprofit health programs, or pastoral care ministries focused on health and wellness.

Graduates will be equipped to develop and lead faith-based health initiatives, promote disease prevention in diverse communities, and advocate for ethical health policies aligned with spiritual principles.

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in public health, healthcare administration, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Two letters of recommendation from healthcare or faith-based leaders
- Statement of purpose outlining interest in public health and health ministry
- Interview with faculty admissions committee

Practicum Requirement

Students must complete a 300-hour supervised practicum in a faith-based health ministry, public health organization, or nonprofit health outreach program. This hands-on experience provides direct involvement in health education, disease prevention, and faith-driven health initiatives.

Master's Thesis

A master's thesis is required, focusing on public health interventions, health ministry outreach strategies, or the impact of faith-based health programs.

The thesis should be between 60-100 pages, follow APA formatting, and present research-backed solutions for public health and ministry-based healthcare initiatives.

Program Outcomes

- Develop skills in community health education and disease prevention.
- Apply faith-based principles to public health outreach and wellness promotion.
- Analyze public health policies and their impact on faith-based organizations.
- Lead health initiatives within religious communities and nonprofit health programs.
- Prepare for roles in healthcare advocacy, faith-based public health administration, and wellness ministry.

Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
MPH 6001	Foundations of Public Health and Epidemiology	3
MPH 6002	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
MPH 6003	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
MPH 6004	Environmental and Occupational Health	3
MPH 6005	Healthcare Policy and Public Health Ethics	3
MPH 6006	Community-Based Public Health Strategies	3
MPH 6007	Nutrition and Holistic Health	3
MPH 6008	Health Disparities and Social Determinants of Health	3
MPH 6009	Global Health Issues and Faith-Based Responses	3
MPH 6010	Research Methods in Public Health	3

Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
MPH 6101	Health Program Planning and Evaluation	3
MPH 6102	Leadership in Public Health and Faith-Based Communities	3

MPH 6103	Mental Health and Spiritual Care in Public Health	3
MPH 6104	Health Advocacy and Policy Development	3
MPH 6105	Integrating Faith and Health in Community Outreach	3
MPH 6106	Nonprofit Health Program Administration	3
MPH 6107	Supervised Practicum in Public Health Ministry	3
MPH 6108	Capstone Project in Public Health and Ministry	3

Health Ministry Minor (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
HMM 6201	Faith-Based Health Education and Wellness Programs	3
HMM 6202	Spiritual Approaches to Mental and Emotional Health	3
HMM 6203	Healthcare Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care	3
HMM 6204	Church-Based Health Clinics and Outreach Programs	3
HMM 6205	Crisis Intervention and Disaster Relief in Faith-Based Settings	3

Career Outcomes and Potential Salary

- Public Health Program Director (Faith-Based Organizations) – \$70,000-\$130,000
- Community Health Educator for Faith-Based Initiatives – \$60,000-\$110,000
- Nonprofit Health Outreach Coordinator – \$55,000-\$105,000
- Faith-Based Wellness Coach or Consultant – \$50,000-\$100,000

Advocacy and Professional Development

Students are encouraged to engage with public health and ministry networks such as the Faith-Based Health Alliance (FBHA) and the American Public Health Association (APHA) for continued professional development and networking opportunities.

Additional Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
ELE 901	Community Health and Faith-Based Interventions	3
ELE 902	Public Health Ethics and Policy	3
ELE 903	Global Health and Religious Organizations	3
ELE 904	Disease Prevention in Faith Communities	3
ELE 905	Mental Health and Wellness in Ministry	3