

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- » *Are all students in the program full-time?*
No, many of our students are already out working in health-related fields. Tufts' MPH program is designed to meet not only the needs of full-time students, but also of people with jobs. Many classes are offered in late afternoons or evenings.
- » *How long will it take to complete the program?*
Students can take up to five years to complete their degrees. Full-time students can finish in as little as three semesters.
- » *How do I decide which combined-degree path to choose?*
Advisors get to know and work closely with students, helping them map out individual paths for the future.
- » *Can I start the program as a non-matriculated student?*
Students may take up to two courses without applying to the program. These courses can later be applied toward a degree program upon admission.
- » *Can I transfer graduate course credits earned at another institution to Tufts?*
Up to two credits of relevant public health graduate work that has not been applied to a previously earned degree may be transferred. Special rules apply for transfers of credits related to core MPH courses.
- » *Is a final thesis required for the MPH degree?*
No. An Applied Learning Experience (described in this brochure) is required for graduation in lieu of a formal thesis.

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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND COMBINED DEGREE
PROGRAMS

*Working Across Disciplines
and Global Boundaries*

Improving lives, building social justice

A master's in public health offers broad knowledge applicable to a wide range of careers- from working with people in communities, conducting research, and administering hospitals, to lobbying for policy change and advocating for human rights. Our program is designed to meet the career goals of each student.

THE TUFTS ADVANTAGE

The Tufts MPH program is Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH) accredited and addresses public health through a multidisciplinary, humanitarian lens. Small classes encourage discussion among students and faculty, who are deeply engaged in current public health issues.

Our students gain a broad, deep understanding of how the connections among individuals, institutions, communities, and the world are essential for reducing poverty, improving health care infrastructures, and mitigating health inequities.

The MPH program takes full advantage of the resources available on Boston's Health Sciences Campus, throughout Tufts University, and in the greater Boston community.

CURRICULUM

Thirteen credits are required for completion of the MPH degree. All MPH candidates are required to take seven credits of core and required courses. Core courses are offered every semester, with at least one evening section of each core course offered annually.

CORE COURSES:

- » Epidemiology
- » Biostatistics
- » Health Services Administration
- » Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences
- » Social and Behavioral Sciences

REQUIRED COURSES:

- » Health Care Organization: Budgeting & Management
- » Public Health Methods of Inquiry

Additional degree requirements depend on the pathway and concentration. Students with no background in biology must take a half-credit biology course.

APPLIED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

A self-designed field study completed in the student's last term, the ALE is a vital and exciting component of the MPH degree. The ALE helps students apply the knowledge they have gained in the classroom to real public health problems. The ALE is often a bridge to a student's first job.

CONCENTRATIONS

- » EPIDEMIOLOGY/BIOSTATISTICS
Prepares students for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data- critical components of many public health careers.
- » HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND POLICY
Designed for students interested in planning, regulating, financing, organizing, or delivering health services.
- » BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH COMMUNICATION
Provides students with a solid foundation in the science, theory, and practice of effective health communication in a population-based environment.
- » NUTRITION
Introduces students to the methods needed in nutrition assessment, program design, and the evaluation of nutrition interventions.
- » GENERALIST TRACK
Available for students in combined-degree programs and/or students with significant practice experience.

Several combined-degree pathways allow a student to pursue an MPH while also earning another degree.

- » MD/MPH
- » DVM/MPH
- » JD/MPH
- » DMD/MPH
- » MS-Nutrition/MPH
- » MS-Biomedical Sciences/MPH
- » MA-Urban & Environmental Planning/MPH

