

PUBLIC HEALTH (DPH)

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Program Description

The DrPH is the highest professional degree in public health. The goal of our DrPH program is to develop transformative leaders in public health practice who can collaborate with diverse partners across settings and sectors, synthesize knowledge, and generate practice-based evidence. Our program focuses on training innovative leaders who will develop, implement, and disseminate evidence-based programs and policies to address global public health issues, framed by a health equity lens. Students are trained by an interdisciplinary faculty with expertise in research and practice, and they benefit from NYU's location in New York City and an expansive global network.

GPH uses an interdisciplinary approach in its DrPH curriculum, with training in the areas of data and analysis; leadership, management, and governance; policy and programs; and education and workforce development. The GPH program has a specialized focus on communication, collaboration, leadership, implementation science, and ethics.

A total of 42 credit hours is required for the DrPH, including 15 credits of electives. Students are expected to complete the degree within four to seven years, depending on previous academic coursework in public health, and whether the student is registered on a full-time or part-time basis.

GPH strongly believes in the importance of faculty mentoring. Early in the first semester, each DrPH student will be assigned a faculty mentor, based on areas of common interest. The faculty mentor will help the student with selecting relevant electives and developing a plan with recommendations regarding an advanced applied practice experience, qualifying exam preparation, dissertation focus, and other academic issues. Faculty mentors will also help students network with other NYU faculty and with health professionals working in the field.

In addition to faculty mentors, the program will provide coaching to every candidate, helping students develop hands-on leadership and professional skills under the guidance of experienced public health professionals.

Admissions

We welcome applications from candidates with an MPH (<https://publichealth.nyu.edu/programs/master-public-health/>) or other relevant graduate degree (e.g., in epidemiology, medicine, nursing, social work, or public administration).

Students entering the program with a graduate degree other than an MPH are required to complete the five pre-requisite courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, health policy and management, environmental health, and social and behavioral science, before matriculating into the program.

The GRE is not required nor considered as part of your application.

All applicants are required to submit the following:

- SOPHAS application form, select DrPH in Global Health from the list of active NYU GPH programs

- Official transcripts from each institution attended (or an evaluation of your credentials if you graduated from a foreign institution)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Resume/CV
- English language proficiency exam (TOEFL iBT or IELTS Academic) results for all applicants whose native language is not English and who did not receive the equivalent of a US bachelor's degree at an institution where English is the primary language of instruction.
 - International students requiring a visa to attend NYU must complete the IELTS exam in person at an authorized test center. If you are required to take the exam but will not need it for visa purposes you may choose to take it online or at a test center.
- Personal interview

Program Requirements

Prerequisites

Students admitted with a graduate degree other than an MPH must complete some or all of the six (6) public health pre-requisite courses over the summer prior to starting the required DrPH coursework. It is strongly suggested that students complete these pre-requisite courses prior to matriculation in the fall. If the student cannot complete these courses in the summer, the student may be required to take a heavier course load in Year One. The pre-requisite courses are as follows:

Course	Title	Credits
GPH-GU 2106	Epidemiology	3
GPH-GU 2110	Health Care Policy	2
GPH-GU 2112	Public Health Management and Leadership	2
GPH-GU 2140	Global Issues in Social & Behavioral Health	3
GPH-GU 2153	Global Environmental Health	3
GPH-GU 2995	Biostatistics for Public Health	3

Degree Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
GPH-GU 1230	Advanced Introduction to Public Health Ethics	3
GPH-GU 5320	Data Utilization in Public Health Practice	3
GPH-GU 3215	DrPH Dissertation Preparation	1
GPH-GU 3030	DrPH Leadership Seminar I	1.5
GPH-GU 3035	DrPH Leadership Seminar II	1.5
GPH-GU 3045	DrPH Leadership Seminar III	3
GPH-GU 3185	Health Services and Policy Research	3
or GPH-GU 3110	Advanced Public Health Policy & Management	
GPH-GU 3031	Introduction to Global Health	2
GPH-GU 3050	Methods in Community Health Research	3
GPH-GU 3234	Designing Innovative Behavioral Interventions for Public Health Impact	3
GPH-GU 3347	Tackling Global Health Disparities through Implementation	3
or GPH-GU 2135	Dissemination and Implementation Science in Health Care and Public Health	
GPH-GU 3240	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Health Care	3
GPH-GU 5170	Introduction to Public Health	0

Electives

Select 12 elective credits in consultation with a faculty mentor	12
Total Credits	42

Public Health (DrPH) Electives

While not exhaustive, the list below represents a number of courses applicable to the program. All elective courses are subject to consultation with a faculty mentor.

Code	Title	Credits
BMSC-GA 4510	Healthcare Delivery Science	3
BMSC-GA 4518	Translating Epidemiologic Research for Population Health Impact	2
BMSC-GA 4526	Health Disparities and Health Equity in Community Health	3
BSPA-GB 2304	Social Entrepreneurship & Sustainable Development	3
CE-GY 6053	Monitoring Cities	3
ECON-GB 2110	Health and Medical Care Business	1.5
GPH-GU 2160	Qualitative & Field Methods	3
GPH-GU 2217	Food Policy for Public Health	3
GPH-GU 2218	Assessing Community Health Needs	3
GPH-GU 2265	Climate Change and Global Public Health	3
GPH-GU 2270	Translating Research to Practice: Adapting and Implementing Evidence-Based Public	3
GPH-GU 2276	Public Health Financial Management	3
GPH-GU 2280	Environmental Health Assessments and Interventions	3
GPH-GU 2285	Global Women's Health Programs - Analyzing/ Evidence to Improve Women's Lives	3
GPH-GU 2292	Public Health Law	3
GPH-GU 2319	Grant Writing to Fund Public Health Research	3
GPH-GU 2338	Machine Learning in Public Health	3
GPH-GU 2342	Global Issues in Public Health Nutrition	3
GPH-GU 2349	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
GPH-GU 2361	Research Methods in Public Health	3
GPH-GU 2387	Survey Design, Analysis, and Reporting	3
GPH-GU 2415	Community-Based Health Interventions	3
GPH-GU 3210	Qualitative Analysis: Interviewing and Mixed Methods Approaches	3
GPH-GU 3260	Complex Systems, Disasters, and the Social Ecology of Health	3
GPH-GU 5150	Emergency Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations	3
GPH-GU 5210	Global Health Disaster Preparedness & Response	3
GPH-GU 5218	Assessing Community Health Needs & Resources	3
GPH-GU 5270	Management of Public Health Disasters	3
GPH-GU 5288	Perspectives in Migrant Health & Human Rights	3
GPH-GU 5312	Global Perspectives in Reproductive Health & Human Rights	3
GPH-GU 5342	Global Issues in Public Health Nutrition	3
GPH-GU 5415	Community-Based Health Interventions	3
GPH-GU 9130	Global Health Diplomacy	3
HPAM-GP 1830	Introduction to Health Policy and Management	3
HPAM-GP 2852	Comparative Health Systems	3

HPAM-GP 4830	Health Economics: Principles	1.5
HPAM-GP 4831	Health Economics: Topics in Domestic Health Policy	1.5
INTER-MD 6046	Qualitative Research Methods for Population Health	2
JOUR-GA 60	Writing for a Wide Audience	4
MCC-GE 2140	Studies in Organizational Communication	4
MCC-GE 2165	Migration, Media, and The Global City	4
MCC-GE 2215	Consumer Culture and Media Consumption	4
MCOM-GB 2100	Management Communication	1.5
MGMT-GB 2113	The Strategist	1.5
MGMT-GB 2159	Collaboration, Conflict, and Negotiation	1.5
MGMT-GB 2353	Managing Change	3
MGMT-GB 2363	Leadership Models	3
MGMT-GB 3151	Managerial Decision Making	1.5
MGMT-GB 3321	Developing Managerial Skills	3
MGMT-GB 3333	Business Start-Up Practicum	3
MGMT-GB 3335	Foundations of Entrepreneurship	3
PADM-GP 2106	Community Organizing	3
PADM-GP 2165	Policy Implementation: How Plans, Policies and Projects are Put into Action in the Government	3
PADM-GP 2171	Evaluating Programs and Policies	3
PADM-GP 2173	Operations Management	3
PADM-GP 2174	The Intersection of Operations, Policy, and Leadership	3
PADM-GP 2204	Development Assistance Accountability and Effectiveness	3
PADM-GP 2211	International Program Development and Management	3
PADM-GP 2430	Cross-Sector Collaborations	3
PADM-GP 4101	Conflict Management and Negotiation	1.5
PADM-GP 4110	Project Management	1.5
PADM-GP 4116	Participatory Policymaking	1.5
PADM-GP 4119	Data Visualization and Storytelling	1.5
PADM-GP 4126	Leading Values-Based Culture in Nonprofit Organizations	1.5
PADM-GP 4131	Fundamentals of Fundraising	1.5
PADM-GP 4137	Communications and Branding for Nonprofits	1.5
PSYCH-GA 2074	Organizational Developmnt	3
PSYCH-GA 2076	Leadership & Strategic Change	3
PSYCH-GA 2083	Group Dynamics	3
SOC-GA 2463	Urban Sociology	4
SOC-UA 131	Social Networks	4
URPL-GP 1620	Data Analysis, Mapping, and Storytelling	3
URPL-GP 4634	Equitable Community Engagement	1.5

Additional Program Requirements

- Instructional design workshops (online)
- Instructional design project
- CDC Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Training (online)
- 200 hours of an Applied Practice Experience, developed in consultation with the faculty mentor

- Qualifying examination (AAPE Defense)
- Dissertation

Sample Plan of Study

Prerequisites

Note: Students without an MPH must complete the following prerequisites courses before beginning Year 1 of the program in consultation with their faculty advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
GPH-GU 2106	Epidemiology	3
GPH-GU 2110	Health Care Policy	2
GPH-GU 2112	Public Health Management and Leadership	2
GPH-GU 2140	Global Issues in Social & Behavioral Health	3
GPH-GU 2153	Global Environmental Health	3
GPH-GU 2995	Biostatistics for Public Health	3

Full-Time Sequence

Full-time students choose between two sequences:

Full-time Sequence A

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3030	DrPH Leadership Seminar I	1.5
GPH-GU 3347	Tackling Global Health Disparities through Implementation	3
GPH-GU 5320	Data Utilization in Public Health Practice	3
GPH-GU 3031	Introduction to Global Health	2
Credits		9.5
2nd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3035	DrPH Leadership Seminar II	1.5
GPH-GU 3110	Advanced Public Health Policy & Management	3
GPH-GU 3050	Methods in Community Health Research	3
GPH-GU 5170	Introduction to Public Health ¹	0
Elective		3
Credits		10.5
3rd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 1230	Advanced Introduction to Public Health Ethics	3
Elective		3
Credits		6
4th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3234	Designing Innovative Behavioral Interventions for Public Health Impact	3
GPH-GU 3240	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Health Care	3
Elective		3
Credits		9
5th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3215	DrPH Dissertation Preparation	1
GPH-GU 3045	DrPH Leadership Seminar III	3
Elective		3
Credits		7
6th Semester/Term		
Advanced Applied Practice Experience planning and approval (non-course requirement)		0
Credits		0
7th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation ²	0
Complete qualifying exam, dissertation proposal preparation, dissertation research		0
Credits		0
6th Semester/Term		
Advanced Applied Practice Experience planning and approval (non-course requirement)		0
Credits		0
7th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation ²	0
Complete qualifying exam, dissertation proposal preparation, dissertation research		0
Credits		0

8th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation ²	0
Dissertation defense		
	Credits	0
	Total Credits	42

¹ Required for students without a CEPH-accredited MPH

² Students maintain matriculation while working on non-course requirements.

Full-time Sequence B

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3030	DrPH Leadership Seminar I	1.5
GPH-GU 5320	Data Utilization in Public Health Practice	3
GPH-GU 3185	Health Services and Policy Research	3
GPH-GU 3031	Introduction to Global Health	2
	Credits	9.5
2nd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3035	DrPH Leadership Seminar II	1.5
GPH-GU 2135	Dissemination and Implementation Science in Health Care and Public Health	3
GPH-GU 3050	Methods in Community Health Research	3
GPH-GU 5170	Introduction to Public Health ¹	0
Elective		3
	Credits	10.5
3rd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 1230	Advanced Introduction to Public Health Ethics	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
4th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3234	Designing Innovative Behavioral Interventions for Public Health Impact	3
GPH-GU 3240	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Health Care	3
Elective		3
	Credits	9
5th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3215	DrPH Dissertation Preparation	1
GPH-GU 3045	DrPH Leadership Seminar III	3
Elective		3
	Credits	7
6th Semester/Term		
Advanced Applied Practice Experience planning and approval (non-course requirement)		0
	Credits	0
7th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation ²	0
Complete qualifying exam, dissertation proposal preparation, dissertation research		0
	Credits	0
8th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation ²	0
Dissertation defense		
	Credits	0
	Total Credits	42

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Part-Time Sequence

Part-time students choose between two sequences:

Part-time Sequence A

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3030	DrPH Leadership Seminar I	1.5
GPH-GU 5320	Data Utilization in Public Health Practice	3
GPH-GU 3347	Tackling Global Health Disparities through Implementation	3
	Credits	7.5
2nd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3035	DrPH Leadership Seminar II	1.5
GPH-GU 3110	Advanced Public Health Policy & Management	3
GPH-GU 5170	Introduction to Public Health ¹	0
	Credits	4.5
3rd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 1230	Advanced Introduction to Public Health Ethics	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
4th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3240	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Health Care	3
GPH-GU 3031	Introduction to Global Health	2
	Credits	5
5th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3050	Methods in Community Health Research	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
6th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3234	Designing Innovative Behavioral Interventions for Public Health Impact	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
7th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3045	DrPH Leadership Seminar III	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
8th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation ²	0
Advanced Applied Practice Experience planning and approval (non-course requirement)		0
	Credits	0
9th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3215	DrPH Dissertation Preparation (Complete qualifying exam)	1
	Credits	1
10th Semester/Term		
Dissertation proposal preparation		0
	Credits	0
11th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation proposal defense) ²	0
	Credits	0
12th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation research continued) ²	0
	Credits	0
13th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation research continued) ²	0
	Credits	0

14th Semester/Term

MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation defense) ²	0
	Credits	0
Total Credits		42

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Part-time Sequence B

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3030	DrPH Leadership Seminar I	1.5
GPH-GU 5320	Data Utilization in Public Health Practice	3
GPH-GU 3185	Health Services and Policy Research	3
	Credits	7.5
2nd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3035	DrPH Leadership Seminar II	1.5
GPH-GU 2135	Dissemination and Implementation Science in Health Care and Public Health	3
GPH-GU 5170	Introduction to Public Health ¹	0
	Credits	4.5
3rd Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 1230	Advanced Introduction to Public Health Ethics	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
4th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3240	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Health Care	3
GPH-GU 3031	Introduction to Global Health	2
	Credits	5
5th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3050	Methods in Community Health Research	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
6th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3234	Designing Innovative Behavioral Interventions for Public Health Impact	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
7th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3045	DrPH Leadership Seminar III	3
Elective		3
	Credits	6
8th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation ²	0
Advanced Applied Practice Experience planning and approval (non-course requirement)		0
	Credits	0
9th Semester/Term		
GPH-GU 3215	DrPH Dissertation Preparation (Complete qualifying exam)	1
	Credits	1
10th Semester/Term		
Dissertation proposal preparation		0
	Credits	0
11th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation proposal defense) ²	0
	Credits	0

12th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation research continued) ²	0
	Credits	0
13th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation research continued) ²	0
	Credits	0
14th Semester/Term		
MAINT-GU 4747	Maintain Matriculation (Dissertation defense) ²	0
	Credits	0
	Total Credits	42

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Foundational Competencies

All graduates develop the following 20 foundational competencies in the areas of data and analysis; leadership, management, and governance; policy and programs; and education and workforce development:

Data and Analysis

1. Explain qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods and policy analysis research and evaluation methods to address health issues at multiple (individual, group, organization, community and population) levels.
2. Design a qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, policy analysis or evaluation project to address a public health issue.
3. Explain the use and limitations of surveillance systems and national surveys in assessing, monitoring and evaluating policies and programs to address a population's health.

Leadership, Management and Governance

1. Propose strategies for health improvement and elimination of health inequities by organizing stakeholders including researchers, practitioners, community leaders and other partners.
2. Communicate public health science to diverse stakeholders, including individuals at all levels of health literacy, for purposes of influencing behavior and policies.
3. Integrate knowledge, approaches, methods, values and potential contributions from multiple professions and systems in addressing public health problems.
4. Create a strategic plan.
5. Facilitate shared decision-making through negotiation and consensus-building methods.
6. Create organizational change strategies.
7. Propose strategies to promote inclusion and equity within public health programs, policies and systems.
8. Assess one's own strengths and weaknesses in leadership capacities, including cultural proficiency.
9. Propose human, fiscal and other resources to achieve a strategic goal.
10. Cultivate new resources and revenue streams to achieve a strategic goal.

Policy and Programs

1. Design a system-level intervention to address a public health issue.
2. Integrate knowledge of cultural values and practices in the design of public health policies and programs.

3. Integrate scientific information, legal and regulatory approaches, ethical frameworks and varied stakeholder interests in policy development and analysis.
4. Propose interprofessional team approaches to improving public health.

Education and Workforce Development

1. Assess an audience's knowledge and learning needs.
2. Deliver training or educational experiences that promote learning in academic, organizational or community settings.
3. Use best practice modalities in pedagogical practices.

Program-Specific Competencies

In addition, graduates develop the following program-specific specialized competencies:

1. Design health communication campaigns and interventions for public health organizations, NGOs, community-based organizations, or other stakeholders.
2. Design and implement a personal leadership development plan.
3. Apply public health concepts in the framing of a research question and outline a proposal to address a public health problem in the student's discipline.
4. Identify implementation science frameworks and methods to assess the design, implementation and evaluation of public health programs, policies, and interventions.
5. Apply ethical principles to the promotion of social justice in public health research and practice.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

School of Global Public Health Policies

A list of related academic policies can be found on the School of Global Public Health academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/global-public-health/academic-policies/>).