The Public Health Vision: Healthy People in Healthy Communities
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UC Davis MPH Program

- An accelerated*, 56-unit program in the essentials of public health
  - 40 units of core courses
  - 16 units of electives

- Two areas of concentration:
  - General Public Health
  - Epidemiology

- Includes Practicum experience in public health

*Program can be completed in 10-12 months
# MPH Required Courses & Schedule -1

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0-3 units of electives

6-8 units of electives

10-12 units of electives

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Present Practicum Project

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UC Davis MPH Program
Example Elective Courses

- GIS for Public Health
- Critical Assessment in Health Policy & Economics
- Environmental Epidemiology & Policy
- Leadership in Healthcare
- Vector-borne Infectious Diseases
- Obesity Prevention in Community Settings
- Global Health & Medicine
- Community Nutrition
- International Health
- Persuasive Tech Health
- Health Disparities in the US
Practicum Experience

- Practical public health project in a local public health agency or other organization

- ~ 300 hours
  - Includes class time
  - Assignments (report)
  - Two products/deliverables for site

- Public Symposium
  - 15 minute presentation
  - Poster
# Program Costs

## Master of Public Health

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Information based on 2021-2022 costs

Information from: https://financeandbusiness.ucdavis.edu/student-resources/tuition-fees/professional/mph
Why UC Davis?

- Graduate within 10-12 months
- Emphasis on public health practice with strong ties to the practice world:
  - California Department of Public Health
  - Local health departments
  - Community clinics
  - State legislature and advocacy groups
- Research university with expertise in:
  - Environmental health
  - Toxicology
  - Communications
  - Epidemiology and Biostatistics
  - Nutrition
- Small class size with personal attention
- Engaged Alumni
- General degree in public health can be tailored
Admission Requirements

I. Coursework: one introductory course from the following areas:
   - Mathematics (equivalent Math 12 or Statistics 13);
   - Biological Sciences (equivalent to UC Davis' Biology 2A);
   - Social Sciences (e.g., PSC 1, ANT 2, ECN 001A, or SOC 1)
   - Introduction to Public Health (equivalent to UC Davis’ SPH 101)

II. Grades: Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher

III. Exams
   - GRE/MCAT
   - TOEFL (104 or higher) or IELTS (8.0 or higher) for International Students

IV. Two Essays: Statement of Purpose & Personal History/Diversity Statement

V. Three Letters of Recommendation

VI. Unofficial Transcripts

VII. Demonstrated interest in public health: e.g., work or volunteer experience, undergraduate research paper, AmeriCorps, or other experience.
Admissions Data, Cycle 2021

Admissions by numbers:
- 223 applications submitted
- 76 students were offered admission
- 32 students accepted admission

Admitted Student’s Profile:

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* GRE Scores are from 2020
Application Process

1. **Start your application:** apply.grad.ucdavis.edu
   - The 2022-2023 application is expected to open in September 2021

2. **Submit your application by one our program deadlines:**
   - January 15th – General (supplemental materials due February 14th)
   - June 1st – Space available (supplemental materials due June 13th)

3. **Supplemental materials include:**
   - Official Exam Scores – TOEFL or IELTS
   - 3 Letters of Recommendation
   - Uploaded unofficial Transcripts
Application Review

- Review can take several months

- If you apply by January 15th and have a completed application by February 14th, the Admission’s Committee guarantees an admission decision
  - Admit
  - Waitlist
  - Deny

- Your Admission’s portal will send you weekly reminders of outstanding admission documents
Helpful Admissions Tips

- Read the directions
- Start early
- Refer to the UCD Graduate Group in Public Health Sciences website for tips (personal statement, statement of purpose, etc.)
- Tell us why public health is important to you
- Letters should support your commitment to public health
- Explain any issues in the personal statement
Sample Alumni Profiles- Where Are They Now

- **Tooka Zokaie** (2018), Manager, Fluoridation & Preventative Health Activities, American Dental Association
- **Sean Ezenwugo** (2021), Cal-EIS Fellow with the Solano County Public Health Department
- **Cassandra Fecho** (2020), Staff Research Associate, UCSF Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Department
- **Nicole Finney** (2020), UC Irvine School of Medicine, Student
- **Navpreet Kaur Gill** (2021), UC Davis School of Medicine, Student
- **Andrea Guggenbickler** (2021), UC Davis, PhD in Public Health Student
- **Awais Khan** (2021), Clinical Educator at Dignity Health, Sacramento
- **Esmerelda Mandujano** (2020), Community Health Program Manager, California AgrAbility Program
- **Amrinder Sandhu** (2021), Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
- **Priyanka Saxena** (2021), Continuing Preventive Medicine Program with CDPH
- **Michaela Simoncini** (2021), Resident Physician at UC Davis Medical Center
- **Amal Syed** (2021), Cal-EIS Fellow at the Mariposa County Health and Human Services Department
Alumni- Where are

- **Hannah Dumas (2018), Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Student:** “The MPH program has given me a breadth of knowledge that has helped enormously in medical school interviews.”

- **Matthew Ponzini (2015), UCLA Biostatistics Doctoral Student:** “The UCD MPH Program introduced me to the world of biostatistics and inspired me to pursue further biostatistics training to analyze public health research.”

- **Zoila Reyna (2011), Senior Consultant, Community Health, Kaiser Permanente:** “The UCD MPH program exposed me to a wide range of public health experts and even though my practicum project wasn’t focused on tobacco, I was recruited that same day by the CDPH Tobacco Control Unit and landed my first job after graduation without even trying!”
Alumni Testimonials - 2

- **Rachel Aumann (2012), Assistant Dean of Students at Stanford University:**
  “Although I do not work in public health, per se, my time in the program at UC Davis allowed for reflection, more experience with assessment, statistical software and networking. I also spent considerable time interacting with other programs and resources across campus and in the community that opened a number of doors for me to have more impact in my current position, in particular my experience with Health Promotion and Education. I was able to secure a position with HEP because of the connection the MPH program has with that campus resource. Part of what I learned while in the program was how important it was for me to do a million different things in my job and many government positions do not allow for as much flexibility. Graduate school is an excellent time to explore and reflect and it is those two elements that I appreciated most about the program and its flexibility.”

- **Jenny Wagner (2017), Evaluation Specialist, UC Davis Health:** “Having an MPH degree has been extremely valuable to me. I am a lot more competitive as a job applicant, and I have been able to move up in my career very quickly since graduating.”
Alumni Testimonials - 3

- **Karen Truong (2016), Emergency Response Coordinator, Sutter County Health & Human Serviced Agency – Public Health Branch:** “The UCD MPH program led me to great opportunities for my career. I didn't land a job right after graduation but I did obtain a position as an Americorp VISTA and that was an amazing and pivotal step towards my current position as the Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator for Sutter County. My advice for current and prospective students is to be open minded to opportunities even if it's not paid. Sometimes it takes that extra step to strengthen your skills and become a more competitive applicant in your respective field.”

- **Catherine Dizon (2012), Project Director, UC Davis:** “I enjoyed my time at the UCD MPH Program so much that I stayed for two years! With that extra time, was able to dive deeper into my practicum project, take more classes from other departments like nutrition, health informatics, and communications. Support one another and lean on one another as resources during your time in school and as you launch your new careers.”
Alumni Testimonials - 4

- Dan Woo (2014), Health Program & Policy Specialist, California Department of Public Health: “The MPH program provided me an entry point to learning about and interacting with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). UC Davis' close relationship and collaboration with CDPH is unlike any other MPH program out there. Through the MPH program, I was able to network with CDPH program staff, which ultimately enabled me to get a job with CDPH in the exact program I wanted to work for (climate change and health equity program). I chose UCD's MPH program in large part because of the opportunities I saw with its ties to the state department of public health (along with being able to feasibly complete the program in a year--I didn't want to be in school for too many more years as I was eager to make the transition into the field of public health).

- Danielle Fujino (2017), Data Analyst, American Academy of Ophthalmology: “The MPH program allowed me to meet many wonderful mentors and sparked my interested in health analytics, biostatistics, and programming. It allowed me to determine a career trajectory and I was able to get my dream analytics job in a field of interest almost immediately after graduating.”
Questions?

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