

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

Admissions Requirements

- MPH or MSPH from a CEPH accredited institution. Additional foundational coursework will be required for individuals who do not meet this requirement.
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- Official Transcripts - Official transcripts are required from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended.
- Letters of Recommendation - Applicants must submit 3 letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to academic, practice and/or research abilities.
- Personal Statement - The personal statement should be no more than 1500 words in length and answer the following questions:
 - Why are you interested in pursuing a DrPH degree?
 - What are your specific areas of interest related to the concentration area you are applying?
 - How has your public health practice experience prepared you for the DrPH concentration to which you are applying?
 - How will obtaining a DrPH in the selected concentration area will help you meet your career objectives?
 - What are your personal skills and general preparation that will help you succeed in this DrPH program?
- Resume or CV - An updated resume/CV that includes: Employment history, relevant public health practice experience, volunteer/service experience
- TOEFL or IELTS Scores - Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or IELTS scores are required of all applicants whose primary language is not English or whose undergraduate degree is from a college or university outside of the United States.
- Advocacy and Leadership Concentration Prerequisites: A minimum of 5 years of relevant public health management or leadership experience. Examples of such experience include but are not limited to:
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 - Designing and implementing programs
 - Leading strategic program planning
 - Gathering community stakeholders
 - Analyzing, creating, and adapting public health messaging
 - Advocacy and Lobbying
 - Political and community organizing
 - Sustainable development
 - Managing employees
 - Designing and conducting workshops
 - Driving public health policy
 - Health systems policy and management
 - Community work for social justice
 - Budgeting and financial management
 - Grant writing for research
 - Conflict resolution in various public health domains

Detailed application and admissions criteria is located on the DrPH Admissions website: <https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/admissions/doctorofpublichealth.html>

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PREREQUISITE COURSES		
CPH 500	FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH (*)	3
CPH 506	BIostatISTICS (**)	3
CORE COURSES		18

CPH 700	HEALTH EQUITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	3
CPH 704	ADVOCACY AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT	3
CPH 705	PUBLIC HEALTH TEACHING AND TRAINING	3
CPH 707	ADVANCED PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT	3
CPH 711	COMMUNICATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS	3
CPH 712	SYSTEMS AND STRATEGIC THINKING	3
CONCENTRATION COURSES		12
CPH 718	LEADERSHIP THEORY AND PRACTICE	3
CPH 730	ADVANCED EVALUATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT	3
CPH 731	COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND ADVOCACY	3
CPH 757	SURVEY RESEARCH METHODS	3
ELECTIVE COURSES (At least 3 of the 12 credit hours must be 700 level)		12
PRACTICUM AND ILE COURSES		12
CPH 798	DRPH PRACTICUM	6
CPH 799	DRPH INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE	1-6
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		54-60

*Only required if student does not have an MPH from an accredited program or institution

**Only required if student has not taken a similar graduate-level course

Students must also complete a zero-credit hour Digital Portfolio.

Concentration Competencies

DRPHAL1	Engage internal and external stakeholders to create, implement, and evaluate public health programs and policies
DRPHAL2	Examine approaches to the administration of public health interventions, policies, and programs and prioritize opportunities for improvement
DRPHAL3	Analyze and evaluate public health systems for gaps and design improvements to ethical decision-making, diversity, and advocacy into leadership and practice
DRPHAL4	Analyze, evaluate, and translate research into public health practice and advocacy
DRPHAL5	Build partnerships and organize stakeholders to advocate for communities to improve health equity.