DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CONCENTRATION

Admissions Requirements
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- MPH or MSPH from a CEPH accredited institution. Additional foundational coursework will be required for individuals who do not meet this requirement.

- A minimum of 3 years of relevant public health practice. See concentration prerequisites below for additional detail.

- 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:
  - Clearly state your specific areas of interest related to maternal and child health leadership and practice.
  - How has your public health experience prepared you for advanced MCH leadership? Use specific examples of your work including overcoming challenges and lessons learned.
  - How will obtaining a DrPH in Maternal and Child Health help you meet your career objectives? Include short- and long-term goals, and your vision for contribution to improved outcomes for mothers, children, and families.
  - Describe why you chose UNMC to pursue your DrPH including what specific skills or competencies you hope to enhance or develop.
  - Briefly describe your plan for balancing your current work responsibilities with the time necessary to complete a doctoral program including any support you may have in place.

- 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.

MCH Concentration Prerequisites: A minimum of 3 years of relevant public health practice experience with emphasis on maternal and child health. Examples of such experience include but are not limited to:

- Designing, implementing, and evaluating MCH programs or interventions
- Collecting, analyzing, and disseminating MCH-related data and indicators
- Analyzing health trends and patterns in maternal and child populations to assist in the development of interventions or needs assessments
- Creating data visualizations and reports focused on MCH outcomes and performance measures
- Conducting community needs assessments or asset mapping for MCH populations
- Developing or managing partnerships with organizations serving mothers, children, and families
- Implementing evidence-based practices or quality improvement initiatives in MCH settings
- Coordinating or facilitating stakeholder engagement activities for MCH programs
- Writing grants or managing funding for MCH-related programs or research
- Developing policies or protocols that impact maternal and child health outcomes

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 735	MCH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP	3
CPH 736	TRANSLATIONAL MCH LEADERSHIP: FROM DATA TO ACTION	3
CPH 737	LEADING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVES	3
CPH 738	ADVANCED WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH LEADERS	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	1-6
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

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

Students must also complete a zero-credit hour Digital Portfolio

Concentration Competencies

MCHDRPH1	Analyze interactions between systems, policies, and funding structures to shape MCH health outcomes and equity
MCHDRPH2	Evaluate and synthesize surveillance data, benchmarks, and performance indicators to inform MCH decision-making
MCHDRPH3	Construct and revise budgets that reflect program goals, funding constraints, and adaptive implementation
MCHDRPH4	Develop measurable MCH goals and performance metrics that align with systems priorities, data insights, and program management plans
MCHDRPH5	Integrate systems thinking, data interpretation, communication, and project planning to design a MCH intervention
MCHDRPH6	Apply project management frameworks and tools to plan, implement, and adapt MCH initiatives across diverse organizational contexts
MCHDRPH7	Communicate complex MCH data, findings, and program information clearly and effectively in audience-appropriate written formats using strategic writing and plain language principles