University of Georgia – Master of Public Health: Concentration in Disaster Management

The University of Georgia, College of Public Health is offering a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Disaster Management. Through coursework and field learning experiences, MPH students receive training to provide service and leadership in public health in the state of Georgia, for the nation, and around the globe. The 2-year program is designed for health professionals who wish to expand their skills, knowledge, and expertise, and for students who wish to build a career in public health.

The MPH in Disaster Management is designed to provide graduate study in public health topics that are essential to the management of disasters. The disaster management core courses include a wide range of topics including the management structure and operational models unique to disasters, crisis communication, terrorism, population issues and psychosocial aspects of disasters. Students also receive multiple certifications including Core/Basic Disaster Life Support, Amateur Radio Technician License, Red Cross First Aid and CPR, and several FEMA Independent Study Courses.

The MPH in Disaster Management is a 45 hour program of graduate study that includes the core elements of the public health curriculum with core courses focusing on disaster management. The degree consists of 15 credits of public health core courses, 12 credits of disaster management core courses plus 8 credits of electives. The MPH also requires the completion of a 300 hour practicum and a Culminating Experience project.

MPH Core Requirement Courses: 15 hours
BIOS 7010  Introductory Biostatistics I
EHSC 7010  Fundamentals of Environmental Health
EPID 7010  Introduction to Epidemiology I
HPAM 7010  Introduction to Health Policy and Management
HPRB 7010  Social & Behavioral Foundations in Public Health

Disaster Management Core Requirements: 12 Hours
DMAN 7100  Introduction to Disaster Management
DMAN 7200  Disaster Management for Health Professionals
DMAN 7400  Public Health Crises and Disaster Management
DMAN 7500  Understanding Terrorism and Homeland Security

Examples of Public Health Elective Courses: Choose minimum of 8 hours
DMAN 8900  Special Topics in Disaster Management
DMAN 8910  Problems in Disaster Management
EHSC 6400  Environmental Issues in the Developing World
EHSC 6910  Introductory Toxicology
EHSC 8110  Fundamentals of Chemical and Microbial Risk Assessment
EHSC 8220  Predictive Toxicology Using mathematical Models
EHSC 8250  Biomarkers: Public Health, Clinical, and Environmental Toxicology Applications
EHSC 8400  Occupational and Environmental Disease
EHSC 8510  Environmental Risk Assessment and Communication
EHSC 8710  Issues in Biosafety and Biosecurity
EPID 8515/8515L Modeling Infectious Diseases
EPID 8610  Principles and Practices in Global Epidemiology
GEOG 6370  Geographic Information Science
HPAM 8500  Comparative Global Health Care Systems
HPAM 8700  Management of Public Health Organizations
HPAM 8800  Leadership in Public Health
HPRB/SPCM 6610  Health Communication
HPRB 7470  Program Evaluation in Health Promotion and Health Education
INTL 8210  International Organizations
INTL 8230  International Conflict
INTL 8280  Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
INTL 8290  Strategic Intelligence
JRMC 7355  Health and Medical Journalism
JRMC 7356  Advanced Health and Medical Journalism
JRMC/SPCM 7611  Health Advocacy in a Multicultural Society
JRMC 8170  Risk Communication
PADP 7360  Managing Government Performance
PADP 7500  Local Government Management
PADP 7900  Managing Volunteers in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors
PBHL/MIBO/PHSI  Global Perspectives on Tropical and Emerging Infectious Diseases (1 hr)
SPCM/JRMC 7612  Medical Interviewing and Information Dissemination

The University of Georgia is accredited by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, specialist and doctoral degrees. The College of Public Health is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health

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