

MPH Track of Interest Form

Below you will find descriptions of each track offered with the Department of Community Medicine/Educational Programs Master's of Public Health Program. **Please indicate your track of interest by placing an "X" next to the appropriate track description and sign the 2nd page. This must be returned with your application packet.** Final Track declaration will be done upon completion of your Plan of Study. **Note: Off-campus/on-line (Extended Learning) applicants DO NOT need to complete this form.**

_____ **Environmental Health Science Track**

The MPH Track in Environmental Health Sciences focuses on environmental factors (including biological, physical and chemical) that affect the health of individuals and communities. The coursework aims at describing environmental processes, understand their effects on humankind, and promoting the development of alternative actions and policies. Because of the importance of workplace environmental risks in this region of the US and internationally, advanced coursework includes a substantive evaluation of the work environment.

_____ **Social and Behavioral Sciences Track**

The MPH Track in Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health address the behavioral, social and cultural factors related to individual and population health and health disparities over the life course. Research and practice in this track contributes to the development, administration and evaluation of programs and policies in public health and health services to promote and sustain healthy environments and healthy lives for individuals and populations.

_____ **Health Policy and Management Track**

Health Policy and Management is a multidisciplinary field of inquiry and practice concerned with the delivery, quality and costs of health care for individuals and populations, and the public policies that impact population health. The track focuses on health policy analysis and formulation, budgeting, organization, and effective planning, managing and oversight of health systems. Through their course work, students acquire a solid foundation in policy analysis, an understanding of key health policy issues from a comparative perspective and substantive knowledge of healthcare systems and public policies and programs in the U.S.

_____ **Epidemiology and Biostatistics Track**

The MPH Track in Epidemiology and Biostatistics trains students to study patterns of disease and injury in human populations and develop and apply statistical reasoning and methods to public health problem solving. **This track is designed for students possessing keen analytic skills and a strong science background. It is best suited for students who have already worked in a substantive area and have identified specific research questions. In order**

to maintain your status in this track you must receive A's in PUBH 611 Applied Biostatistics for Health and PUBH 660 Public Health Epidemiology.

_____ **MPH Generalist Track (on campus)**

The MPH Generalist Track gives students a thorough understanding of public health in the core areas of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Environmental Health, Health Policy, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The program is designed to provide students with a broad view of public health and to personalize their degree through the completion of 15 credit hours of electives.

_____ Student Signature (Please Print)

_____ Date