Health Policy, Management and Leadership

Degrees Offered:

• M.P.H. in Health Policy, Management and Leadership

The M.P.H. degree in Health Policy, Management and Leadership (HPML) is designed for students with a keen interest in using population-based approaches to improve the health status of large groups or populations. The focus of this degree is on understanding how systems in our society influence the health status of populations and how to influence and/or design, implement, and manage broad, system-level instruments to improve population health outcomes. These system-level instruments might include programs in a public health or healthcare setting, or policies at the local, state, or national government levels.

In the M.P.H. in Health Policy, Management and Leadership, there is a dual emphasis on acquiring both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. Students are also offered the opportunity to select electives that will allow for additional focus in areas such as, but not limited to: health services research, health policy, healthcare management, environmental policy, and public health leadership.

Thus, this degree is ideal for recent graduates or early- or mid-career health professionals seeking to develop or advance their careers in a variety of public health or health care settings. Additionally, the internship program has been designed to place students in health settings and apply their newly acquired knowledge and skills to address real-world problems. Upon completion of the M.P.H. in Health Policy, Management and Leadership, students will be prepared to be successful as they continue their graduate education at the doctoral level or as they continue to develop their careers as leaders, managers, public health professionals, policy analysts, program evaluators, advocates, or health program managers in a variety of public health, government, health care, or other professional settings.

Faculty

Interim Chair and Professor

• Michael Hendryx - Ph.D. (Northwestern University)
  Management and Leadership, Health Policy and Health Disparities

Associate Dean and Professor

• Gilbert Ramirez - Dr.P.H., CPH (University of Texas)
  Health Policy and Healthcare Management

Associate Professor

• Warren Eller - Ph.D. (Texas A&M)
  Public Policy and Administration, Emergency Preparedness

Assistant Professor

• Lauri Andress - J.D., Ph.D. (University of Texas)
  Health Policy and Equity

• Stephanie Frisbee - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Health Policy, Policy and Epidemiologic Approaches to Pediatric Cardiovascular Health Outcomes

Research Instructor

• Thomas Bias - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Public Health Policy, Obesity Prevention, Built Environment, Community Development, Program Evaluation

Interim Dean and Secondary Faculty

• Jeff Coben - M.D. (University of Pittsburgh)
  Clinical Research Methods

Adjunct Assistant Professor

• Elyce A. Biddle - Ph.D. (West Virginia University)
  Health Economics

Admission Guidelines (M.P.H. in Health Policy, Management and Leadership)

• Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a preferred overall GPA of 3.0
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• GRE scores of 150 (verbal), 144 (quantitative), 4.0 (analytical writing)
• TOEFL scores (minimum 515 paper-based) (minimum 213 computer-based) *International Students Only*

Students interested in applying for the M.P.H. in HPML must:

• Complete the WVU graduate application and submit with the processing fee
• [https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=wvugrad](https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=wvugrad)
• Submit official school transcripts and official GRE/TOEFL scores to:

WVU Admissions and Records

PO Box 6009

Morgantown, WV 26506-6009

(304) 293-2121

• Complete the M.P.H. application and indicate HPML as your preference, including three academic letters of recommendation and CV/Resume

You may mail your M.P.H. application, recommendation letters, and CV/Resume to:

WVU School of Public Health

MPH Admissions

PO Box 9190

One Medical Center Drive

Morgantown, WV 26506

*Fall Admissions Only:* Completed applications and materials for international students must be received by May 15 in order to allow for visa processing. Completed applications and materials for in-state and domestic students must be received by June 15.

**Overview of M.P.H. in Health Policy, Management and Leadership Curriculum**

Students in the M.P.H. program in health policy, management and leadership will complete a total of forty-five credit hours (sixteen credit hours of School of Public Health core courses, two credit hours of seminar, eighteen credit hours of departmental required courses, and nine credit hours of elective courses). The culminating experience, taken the last semester, requires completing an internship (six credit hours) and submitting a paper and poster. This degree will typically take four semesters to complete.

**Department of Health Policy, Management and Leadership Master Level Courses**

A grade of B or higher must be earned in all required courses

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Electives

Students must select at least nine credit hours for electives. The Department of Health Policy, Management and Leadership offers four elective courses; additionally, any course offered by any department within the School of Public Health is an acceptable elective. Students may select a course not listed specifically below, but only with approval, in advance, from their faculty advisor and the Department Chair.

Culminating Experience

The HPML Internship (HPML 626) has been designed to place students in health settings to further develop and apply their newly acquired knowledge and skills to address real-world problems. An appropriate internship placement could include a research organization, a local health department, a healthcare facility, or an agency of the state or federal government. With the guidance of both a faculty mentor from the Department of Health Policy, Management and Leadership and a supervisor at the location of the internship, students will be expected to participate in a meaningful way in a significant management, program evaluation, health services, or policy-related project. Students will work with their internship team to identify a relevant problem and then develop and conduct an analysis and evaluation of that problem. Students will be required to prepare a written comprehensive white paper, complete with recommendations, detailing the results of their evaluation and present their findings to an appropriate audience of internship-related professionals.