

Request for Graduate Addition, Deletion, or Change of a Major or Degree

NOTE: Before you submit a request for a new Major or Degree, you must submit an INTENT TO PLAN form. Only after the INTENT TO PLAN goes through the approval process are you ready to submit this request for a new Major or Degree. For detailed information on new programs please see: <http://wvhepcdoc.wvnet.edu/resources/133-11.pdf>.

1. Prepare one paper copy with all signatures and supporting material and forward to the Graduate Council Chair.
2. E-mail one PDF copy without signatures to the Graduate Council Chair.
3. **The Graduate Council cannot process this application until it has received both the PDF copy and the signed hard copy.**

College: COHP _____

Dept/Division: Graduate Program in Public Health _____

Contact Person: William Pewen _____

Phone: 696-3743 _____

Degree Program MPH _____

Check action requested: Addition Deletion ChangeEffective Term/Year Fall 20 Spring 20 16 Summer 20

Information on the following pages must be completed before signatures are obtained.

Signatures: if disapproved at any level, do not sign. Return to previous signer with recommendation attached.

Dept. Chair/Division Head _____	Date _____
College Curriculum Chair _____	Date _____
College Dean _____	Date _____
Graduate Council Chair _____	Date _____
Provost/VP Academic Affairs _____	Date _____
Presidential Approval _____	Date _____
Board of Governors Approval _____	Date _____

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Please provide a rationale for addition, deletion, change: (May attach separate page if needed)

The original MPH program as submitted was deficient in a number of respects regarding current accreditation standards. First, not all core competencies were addressed in the curriculum. A capstone must also be provided separate from either practicum or thesis. The program also faced an accreditation problem due to a minimum core faculty assignment which was not met. Other accreditation requirements would ensue under a 2.5 GPA threshold.

We note that accrediting agency-recommended cross cutting competencies were absent, such as public health biology, ethics, global health, and informatics. We noted not only these deficiencies, but an absence of sufficient seminar training to prepare students, as well as the lack of research or evaluation training - as serious deficit as research efforts expand. The CEPH accreditation process specifies program development with students in place, and one responsive to the needs of students, our region, and employers. We consequently dynamically developed a two track curriculum which serves a broader range of student needs - critical to our region.

Please describe any changes in curriculum:

List course number, title, credit hours. Note whether each course is required or optional. Enter NONE if no change. (May attach separate page if needed)

Attached

1. ADDITIONAL RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS: If your program requires additional faculty, equipment or specialized materials to ADD or CHANGE this major or degree, attach an estimate of the time and money required to secure these items.

NOTE: Approval of this form does not imply approval for additional resources. Enter NONE if not applicable.

This program operates under pro forma model and resources fit within the projected model. We anticipate long term surpluses in revenues which will aid other programs.

2. NON-DUPLICATION: If a question of possible duplication occurs, attach a copy of the correspondence sent to the appropriate department(s) describing the request and any response received from them. Enter NONE if not applicable.

NONE. Of 24 courses, 18 already in place, and six in submission are public health specific.

For catalog changes as a result of the above actions, please fill in the following pages.

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3. **Current Catalog Description**

Insert the *Current* Catalog Description and page number from the latest catalog for entries you would like to change.
(May attach separate page if needed)

Page attached (propose replacement)

4. **Edits to the Current Description**

Attach a PDF copy of the current catalog description prepared in MS WORD with strikethroughs to mark proposed deletions and use the highlight function to indicate proposed new text.

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5. **New Catalog Description**

Insert a 'clean' copy of your proposed description, i.e., no strikethroughs or highlighting included. This should be what you are proposing for the new description. (May attach separate page if needed)

Page attached.

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Please insert in the text box below your change summary information for the Graduate Council agenda. Please enter the information exactly in this way (including headings):

Department:

Major or Degree:

Type of Change: (*addition, deletion, change*)

Rationale:

Department: Graduate Program in Public Health

Major or Degree: MPH

Type of Change: Change

Rationale: Response to accreditation requirements. In addition, these better serve the needs of the students, university and our region.

Required for all

- PH 601 Introduction to Public Health (1)
- PH 602 Public Health Biology (2)
- PH 611 Epidemiology (3)
- PH 621 Statistical Methods I (3)
- PH 631 Environmental Health (2)
- PH 641 Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health (2)
- PH 651 Public Health Services (2)
- PH 655 Introduction to Health Care Policy (3)
- PH 686 Health Informatics and Technology (3)
- PH 692 Seminar (1)
- PH 693 Public Health Law and Ethics (3)
- PH 694 Practicum (1-3)
- PH 696 Capstone (2)

Required in Global & Community Health

- PH 642 Health Communication (2)
- PH 661 Chronic Disease (3)
- PH 662 Control of Infectious Disease (3)
- PH 671 Community Health (3)
- PH 672 Global Health (3)

Required in Research, Evaluation and Policy (REP)

- PH 615 Health Systems Research (3)
- PH 616 Clinical Trials (3)
- PH 617 Methods in Applied Comparative Study (3)
- PH 622 Statistical Methods II (2)
- PH 656 Topics in Health Policy (3)

Optional for all

- PH 695 Research (1-3)

Year 3 Term 8 Fall III (6 weeks didactic; 12 weeks clinical)

- PT 757 Professional Practice VI
- PT 777 Clinical Application Seminar & Experiences (CASES) VII
- PT 785 Health Promotion and Nutrition
- PT 788 Rehabilitation Considerations
in Select Patient Populations III
- PT 792 Clinical Internship II

Total Fall III 12

Year 3 Term 9 Spring III (1 week didactic; 15 weeks clinical)

- PT 767 Evidence Based Practice VI
- PT 793 Clinical Internship III

Total Spring III 9

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Degree Requirements

The Master of Public Health requires at least 4 semesters of coursework, including a capstone, or practicum, experience. The total number of credits includes at least 43 post-baccalaureate hours of study. A cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 must be maintained throughout the program.

Year One

Fall

- BSC 517 Biostatistics.....
- MIS 578 Management Information Systems
- PH 610 Introduction to Public Health Seminar
- PH 620 Public Health Issues

Total for semester 10 hrs.

Spring

- HCA 600 The Health Care System
- HCA 659 Health Care for Rural and Underserved Populations
- CMM 574 Health Communications

Total for semester 9 hrs.

Year Two

Fall:

- PH 660 Environmental Public Health
- DTS 670 Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy
- PH 650 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Total for semester 9 hrs.

Spring

- PH 690 Community Health.
- HCA 657 Health Care Law and Public Policy
- PH 678 Principles of Epidemiology in Public Health.

Total for semester 9 hrs.

Summer

- PH 691 Master of Public Health Practicum

Total for semester 6 hrs.

Total Hours Required for Graduation 43 hrs.

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Students may elect one of two concentrations. Specialization in *Global and Community Health (GCH)* provides training focused on the critical need for community health professionals skilled in risk assessment, education, intervention, and program management - particularly in communities facing high disease burdens and limited resources. A second concentration in *Research, Evaluation and Policy (REP)* is designed to train health professionals with advanced training in research methods, biostatistics, analysis, and health policy to equip graduates to help produce systemic improvements in care delivery and value.

Admissions

Students may be admitted to study for either fall or spring semester; however, spring matriculation for study in *Research, Evaluation and Policy* is made only exceptional circumstances. Limited credit (6 hours maximum) may be granted to students transferring from CEPH-accredited programs.

Applicants must follow the admissions process at the Graduate Admissions website at www.marshall.edu/graduate/admissions/how-to-apply-for-admission. Specific additional program requirements include:

- Admitted students must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Waivers to the requirement may be made in exceptional circumstances, such as when prior satisfactory graduate school performance has been demonstrated.
- Applicants must submit scores for either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or from an alternative doctoral level health professions examination (MCAT, PCAT) administered within five years. Applicants holding either doctoral level health practice degree, or J.D. are exempt from the standardized exam requirement.
- Submission of three (3) letters of recommendation. At least two must from previous faculty if the applicant has engaged in full-time post-secondary study in the previous five years.
- Resume of work history or curriculum vitae, to describe both post-secondary work and study.
- Personal statement not to exceed two pages in length.

Applications are evaluated on a competitive basis, and individual interviews may be utilized in the admissions process.

Degree requirements

The Master of Public Health requires 44 hours of coursework. First Year students gain a strong foundation in a broad core curriculum, and are prepared for rotations and employment experiences in just two semesters.

Practicum training is complemented by a Second Year capstone comprised of a comprehensive exam coupled with either a manuscript or a research thesis. The program may be completed in 4 semesters. In addition, three and four year study plans permit coordinated dual degree study.

Students choose from concentrations in either Global and Community Health (GCH), or in Research, Evaluation and Policy (REP).

Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better throughout the program.

Year One

<u>Fall</u>	PH 692 Seminar	<u>Spring</u>	PH 692 Seminar
	PH 601 Intro Public Health		PH 641 Social Behavioral Aspects of PH
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	PH 671 Community Health (GCH)		PH 642 Health Communications (GCH)
	PH 615 Health Systems Research (REP)		PH 622 Statistical Methods II (REP)
	(13 credit hours)		(13 credit hours)

Year Two

<u>Fall</u>	PH 692 Seminar	<u>Spring</u>	PH 692 Seminar
	PH 655 Introduction to Health Policy		PH 651 Public Health Services
	PH 661 Chronic Disease (GCH)		PH 656 Topics in Health Policy (REP)
	PH 672 Global Health (GCH)		PH 662 Control of Infectious Disease (GCH)
	PH 616 Clinical Trials (REP)		PH 694 Practicum
	PH 617 Methods in Appl Comp Study (REP)		PH 696 Capstone
	(9 credit hours)		(9 credit hours)