

## Master of Science / Master of Public Health (MS/MPH) Online Dual Degree

The MS/MPH dual degree online masters program provides busy RN's with a no-excuse opportunity to achieve professional advanced degrees in both public health and nursing with an emphasis on public health leadership. Earning two degrees at once saves money and offers a powerful career boost. The program entails no residency requirement and no need to come to campus to take courses at any time.

Students are mentored by faculty and by a national public health nurse leader who can demonstrate practical applications and provide career and leadership coaching. In online courses students and faculty replace traditional classroom exchanges with online chats on professional issues and assignments of learning activities essential in a contemporary public health workforce. The courses are interdisciplinary, and students engage in clinical experiences in their areas of special interest.

*What are you waiting for?  
How can we support your career goals?*

### Eligibility Requirements

- Registered Nurse in the U.S.
- Bachelor's Degree in any field
- Undergraduate GPA at least 3.0
- Three years professional work experience in public health or health care

### Admission Requirements

- Application and fee
- Personal statement
- Original transcripts in duplicate
- Two letters of recommendation
- Documentation of RN Licensure
- Evidence of elementary statistics course
- Sample of scholarly writing

(International Students can consult additional requirements at [www.umass.edu/gradschool](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool) )

### The Courses

The program requires the completion of 60 credits from three categories:

#### Core Nursing (21 credits)

Nur 603	Theoretical Components of Nursing Science
Nur 630	Research Methodology in Nursing
Nur 640	Advanced Community Health Nursing
Nur 691	Research Seminar/Project
Nur 698	Seminar and Clinical Practicum
Nur 798	Advanced Seminar and Clinical Practicum

#### Core Public Health (15 credits)

PUBHLTH 540	Introductory Biostatistics
PUBHLTH 630	Principles of Epidemiology
PUBHLTH 565	Environmental Health Practices
PUBHLTH 601	Application of Social and Behavioral Theories in Public Health Interventions
PUBHLTH 620	Principles of Public Health Practice

#### Required Administration/Leadership (24 credits)

PUBHLTH 690N	Current Topics in Public Health Practice
PUBHLTH 690M	Public Health Informatics
PUBHLTH 704	Health Program Planning
PUBHLTH 621	Health Care Organization and Administration
PUBHLTH 780	Public Health Law
PUBHLTH 525	Ethical Issues in Public Health
PUBHLTH 726	Health Economics and Reimbursement
Nur 690L	Leadership in Public Health Systems

### Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available through the School of Nursing Professional Nurse Traineeship grant. To be eligible, matriculated students must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 credits per semester except in the final year of the program. Students are also eligible to compete for university-wide financial assistance, including assistantships and loans. Please contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at (413) 577-0555 for more information and assistance.

### Faculty

MS/MPH program faculty are drawn from graduate School of Nursing faculty with expertise in public health nursing, from the five core domains of public health at the School of Public Health and Health Sciences, and from other nationally recognized experts. See the School of Nursing and the School of Public Health and Health Sciences websites for current faculty listings.

### For More Information

Please see the MS/MPH section of the School of Nursing website by visiting [www.umass.edu/nursing](http://www.umass.edu/nursing) , then selecting "programs", "graduate", and "MS/MPH".

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