

ONLINE MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN GLOBAL HEALTH



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& Health Sciences

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

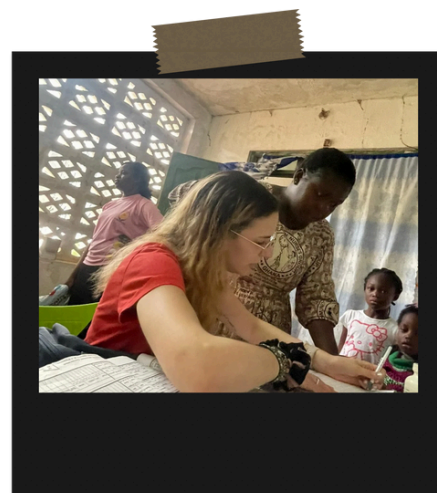
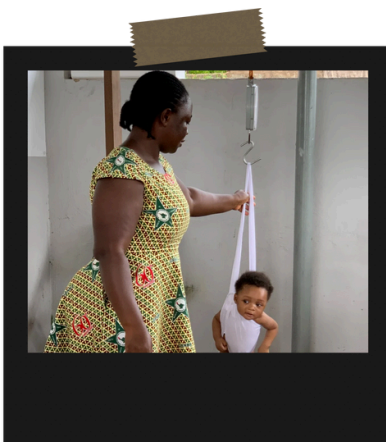
Our World. Our Health.

Are you passionate about improving health outcomes around the world? The Master of Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in Global Health at UMass offers a flexible, fully online 42-credit program designed for aspiring and current public health professionals seeking to make a global impact.

Whether you're just starting your career or already working in the field, this program prepares you to tackle real-world health challenges through evidence-based, culturally informed approaches. Our graduates are equipped to work with leading organizations such as the CDC, WHO, United Nations, World Bank, and NGOs or private nonprofit institutions across the globe.

Program Highlights:

- **Fully Online & Asynchronous:** Designed to fit your schedule—no need to relocate or pause your career.
- **No GRE Required:** We focus on your passion and potential, not standardized test scores.
- **Career-Focused Curriculum:** Learn from experienced faculty and global health practitioners who bring real-world insights to every course.
- **International Practicum Requirement:** Gain hands-on experience through a 3-credit practicum opportunity with global relevance.



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Curriculum

The Master of Public Health with a concentration in Global Health requires the completion of 42 credits. (14 3-credit courses.) Students complete required public health core classes, global health required courses, research classes, and electives. View the [full curriculum](#).

Required Public Health Core Courses (4 3-Credit courses)

- SPHHS 605-Health Equity & The Foundations of Public Health Practice
- SPHHS 606-Leading Change: Policy, Advocacy, and Ethics
- SPHHS 615-Epidemiology & Biostatistics Part A: Description, Estimation, and Exposures
- SPHHS 616-Epidemiology & Biostatistics Part B: Evidence, Threats, and Action

Global Health Required Courses (5 3-credit courses)

- HPP 580-Delivering & Strengthening of Global Healthcare Systems
- HPP 583-Global Health Foundations
- EPI 633-Communicable Disease Epidemiology
- EHS 565-Environmental Health Practices
- HPP 560-Globalization and Public Health



Global Health Electives: (3 3-credit courses) of the students choice (below is a sampling of the offerings.)

- HPP 507-Violence as a Public Health Issue
- HPP 614-International Health, Population, and Development
- HPP 636-Global Maternal and Child Health
- HPP 644-International Organizations and Population Health
- NUTR 578-International Nutrition

Suggested Course of Study

Fall 1st Year	Spring 1st Year	Summer 1st Year
SPHHS 605-Health Equity & the Foundations of Public Health Practice	SPHHS 606-Leading Change: Policy, Advocacy, and Ethics	HPP 583-Delivering & Strengthening Global Healthcare Systems
SPHHS 615-Biostats and Epidemiology Part A	SPHHS 616-Biostats and Epidemiology Part B	HPP 580-Global Health Foundations
Fall 2nd Year	Spring 2nd Year	Summer 2nd Year
EHS 565-Environmental Health Practices	HPP 560-Globalization and Health	SPHHS 698P Global Health Practicum (runs full semester)
EPI 633-Communicable Disease Epidemiology	Elective #1 of your choice	Elective #2 of your choice
Fall 3rd Year		
Elective #3 of your choice	Graduate on Feb. 1st the following year.	
SPHHS 681-Global Health Capstone		



The Global Health Practicum & Capstone

As part of the MPH in Global Health program, you are required to complete two key components: a 3-credit Practicum and a 3-credit Capstone Project, each lasting one semester. These are essential for graduation, and the Capstone should be taken last.

The Practicum



Apply your classroom-based theory in a real-world global health setting. You can choose to design their own practicum by either:

- Partnering with an international agency of their choice, or
- Participating in a UMass Amherst-sponsored trip.

- A minimum of 2 weeks must be spent in the host country.
- Projects may extend to a full semester.
- The goal is to actively engage with professionals, contribute meaningfully to an organization or community, and build your global health network.



The Capstone



The Capstone course serves as the final degree requirement and as an alternative to a traditional thesis or oral exam. It allows students to explore a topic of personal interest within global public health. The capstone must describe the specific global health problem, its determinants and magnitude. The course is designed to help you conceive a topic, review the literature, perform independent research, and write a publishable manuscript.

Meet the Faculty



Faisal Aboul-Enein, Ph.D.

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Expertise: strategic planning, population health, and program design to drive care delivery transformation and strengthen leadership in healthcare systems.



Olatunbosun Arowolo, PH.D.

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Expertise: male reproductive toxicology, endocrine disruption, mTOR pathway regulation, multi-chemical exposure risk assessment, neuroendocrine reprogramming, and immune response to environmental chemicals.



Andrea Ayvazian, Ph.D.

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Research focus: community health education in vulnerable populations, community-engaged efforts to reduce health disparities, learner-centered curriculum design and teaching, women's reproductive health, and global health.



Meg Henning, Ph.D.

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Research focus: health education, maternal and child health, health system strengthening, health equity, community-based participatory research, adolescent and vulnerable populations, public health ethics and disease prevention.



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Elena Nuciforo, Ph.D.

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Research focus: community health, education, program evaluation, leadership in health care systems, and public health communications

Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition

- SPHHS tuition=\$675.00/credit
 - Total for 42 credits=\$28,350.00
- Additional Fees
 - Registration fee = \$85/semester
- Graduate school entrance fee = \$507 (paid first semester of matriculation)

Total for 6 semesters completion: \$29,622.00

Financial Aid

Students have a variety of options for paying for the degree.

- FAFSA-Federal Student Loans for US Citizens
- Private student loans
- 10% discount for US active duty military and veterans
- Payment plans arranged with bursars office (4 equal payments over the course of the term)
- Tuition remission and Reimbursement through employers

Student Support Services

As a student with UMass School of Public Health and Health Sciences you have full access to University services. This includes all of the following from the time you are admitted until 6 months after you graduate:

- Professional Advising
 - new student orientation
 - 24/7 advising portal
 - in-person or online advising appointments
- Career Advising
 - career advisors provide education sessions and trainings on resume building, networking skills, interview skills, fellowship and Doctoral application assistance, and much more.
- Access to UMass Five College Library System
 - full access to PubMed and other research databases
 - check out books, periodicals, videos, etc.
- Access to University Disability Services Office
 - For accommodations in your online courses
- Access to Veteran's Affairs Office
 - Help with using your military education benefits
- Access to free, downloadable software and hardware discounts
 - Microsoft office suite, Qualtrics for surveys, etc.
- Access to reduced cost statistical software
 - SAS, R, Minitab, ect
- Access to the full LinkedIn Learning Library of trainings.
- SPHHS Newsletter
 - the monthly electronic newsletter highlighting research and events in the school.
- Attendance to SPHHS events throughout the year
 - Dean's talks, research day, seminars, webinars, and graduation.

Ready to Apply?

Admissions Requirements

These minimum requirements cannot be waived, unless otherwise noted.

- A bachelor's degree
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Most successful applicants will have an equivalent GPA of at least 3.0 in both undergraduate and graduate work
- At least 2 years of professional Experience in Health Care or Public Health
 - one year can be waived if you hold an BA or BS in Public Health
 - one year can be waived if you have a graduate certificate in Public Health
- For international applicants or those U.S. citizens who completed their education internationally, the bachelor's degree must be translated and evaluated as equivalent to a four-year degree from the U.S.

Application deadlines & required materials

We begin accepting applications in mid-August. Prospective students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Fall Admission

- Priority Deadline: Feb. 1st
- Final Deadline: June 15th.

Spring Admission

- We no longer consider spring admission candidates.

The admissions committee will begin reviewing applications shortly after the posted February 1st deadline. While we give applicants until July 15th to submit all required materials (verified SOPHAS + UMass Supplemental Application), we strongly encourage completing the process as early as possible. Any application not fully completed by July 15th will not be considered for admission.

Materials you need to apply:

- CV/résumé
- Personal statement
- Graduate School Admissions Essay on Diversity
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended, including any community college prior to university
- TOEFL (if applicable) UMass code: 3917
- Application fees: SOPHAS: \$150 UMass Supplemental \$60

The SOPHAS Application

All prospective students must complete both the SOPHAS application and the UMass Supplemental Application.

You should start with the SOPHAS application, which can be found here: [SOPHAS](#). Please fill out all sections, submit it and pay the fee of \$150.00. Please know that the application is extensive and may take several days to complete if not longer. It is recommended that you have all the materials ready when you sit down to complete the application.

Once you submit the application and pay the fee, it will go through a verification process. This process can take 7-25 business days and it is highly suggested that you plan for this when submitting your application.

Once the verification process is complete, your application will be sent to UMass. At that time, you will receive two emails from UMass. The first provides the link to apply to UMass and the second provides a unique pin # to access the application. Please check your SPAM filters to allow emails from UMass. Please do not attempt to apply for the UMass supplemental application without receiving confirmation of your verified SOPHAS application and receiving the supplemental application link. If you do this, your application will be delayed.

Suggested Application Timeline

3 months before
deadline

**Begin the SOPHAS
Application**

2 months before
deadline

**Submit the SOPHAS
Application. Check often
for any status changes in
SOPHAS and get help if
needed.**

1 month before
deadline

**Upon receipt of the
Verification from
SOPHAS click the
link for the UMass
Application and
complete.**

Two weeks
before
deadline

**Submit the UMass
Application, pay
the fee and confirm
everything has
arrived.**

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