



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CARING
FOR
ALL
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Online Master of Public Health

Health in all communities.
A community in all places.

Program Brochure



Welcome to the Online MPH Program

Welcome to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's online Master of Public Health (MPH). We are excited to welcome you into our community of Volunteers. Our 100 percent online program is designed around one core goal: promoting health in all communities.

Our program pairs synchronous coursework led by UT faculty with asynchronous course content you can complete on your own time. As an online MPH student, you will take courses that will empower and prepare you to demonstrate our foundational competencies, which align with the most recent criteria established by The Council on Education for Public Health

(CEPH). These competencies are informed by the traditional public health core knowledge areas of biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration and environmental health sciences, as well as cross-cutting and emerging priorities in the field.

Are you ready to take the first step towards earning your master's degree? Read on to learn more about our program's distinguished history, guiding core values, unique curriculum structure, interactive online experience and how the online MPH will teach you the leadership and practical skills you need for a versatile career dedicated to improving community health.

Program Structure

Join our community of Volunteers from wherever you are in the world.

For more than 50 years, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Master of Public Health program has been a home for Volunteers passionate about making an impact through community health. We are renowned for the tight-knit relationships our students form with faculty, advisors, and peers, and the versatility of our course offerings.

Our online MPH provides prospective and established health professionals with access to the same quality of coursework and instruction as our residential program, with the added flexibility of virtual coursework. After completion of the foundational courses, students complete their concentration courses in Community Health Education, Health Policy and Management or Veterinary Public Health and develop the same competencies as their residential counterparts.

Community Health Education (CHE)

Learn to use appropriate educational strategies and methods to facilitate the development of policies, procedures, interventions, and systems to promote the health of individuals, populations, and communities.

Epidemiology (EPI)

Leverage data and conduct qualitative and quantitative population research to identify and describe health patterns, investigate outbreaks, and determine disease origin among diverse groups of individuals.

Health Policy and Management (HPM)

Develop technical and interpersonal skills in team management, financial management, communications, negotiation, and understanding policy to address emerging healthcare challenges.

Veterinary Public Health (VPH)*

Explore the interaction among animal, human and environmental health (“One Health”) to expand upon the veterinary knowledge and skills you gained during your professional education.

**The VPH concentration is available only to veterinary students enrolled in a DVM degree program, graduate veterinarians, and licensed veterinary medical technicians (LVMT).*

Program at a Glance

42 credit
hours



**Full-time
and part-time
pathway**



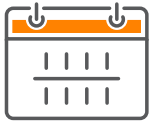
**Four
concentrations**

\$700

**In-state
per credit***

\$775

**Out-of-State
per credit***



**Program start
dates: fall,
spring, and
summer**

100%

**MPH graduates
employed or
pursuing further
education within
one year of
graduation**

**These are 2022-2023 tuition rates. Tuition is subject to change each year as approved by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.*



National Accreditation

The University of Tennessee MPH program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), which is the nationally recognized accrediting body for this discipline. In late June 2016, the CEPH officially notified the MPH program that accreditation has been extended for seven years, which is the maximum term possible.

In 1969, our program became the first MPH program outside a school of public health to receive accreditation. For over 50 years, we have been successful in securing extensions of accreditation for the MPH through a self-study and review process that requires approximately two years to complete.

Program accreditation offers substantial value to students, alumni, faculty, and the university because of the distinction offered. This recognition of quality, consistent with that of other accredited MPH programs, indicates that the professional preparation offered at UT has met the criteria defined by the CEPH.



Program Values

Our online Master of Public Health, offered through the Department of Public Health in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, is a multifaceted degree that challenges students to integrate theory and concepts with professional experience. Our values are integrated into all aspects of the student experience.

Respect

To engage in experiences that obligate a person to take responsibility for the public's good, to recognize human dignity, and to value the worth of individual and collective behaviors

Holistic Consideration

To emphasize a socio-ecological systems approach for understanding and promoting optimal health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities

Excellence

To commit to the highest quality in teaching-learning and in practice

Collaboration

To advocate for networking, partnering, consensus building, and participatory approaches for improving population health

Diversity

To recognize the benefits of diverse ethnic and cultural perspectives and prepare culturally competent public health professionals

Equity

To promote equality of opportunity for individuals, families, and communities

Get to Know the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Founded in 1794, UT is big on tradition, and we are proud of our humble beginnings as the first public university chartered west of the Appalachian Divide. As UT's flagship institution, we've made it our mission to embody excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activity, outreach, and engagement.

We're a community of Volunteers that believe in the power of big ideas and challenging the status quo. We have a seat for every student and are bound together by our passion for driving positive change in public healthcare. Students graduate prepared to meaningfully impact their local communities, in Tennessee and beyond.





Our University Core Values

The online MPH program curriculum is built in alignment with the University's core values:

Seeking Knowledge

The Volunteer spirit is intelligent, curious, and honors freedom of speech and the free exchange of ideas. UT's commitment to research and service-learning across its degree programs will prepare you to make a difference in whatever community you call home.

Advancing Diversity & Inclusion

The Volunteer community encompasses faculty, staff, students, and alum of different cultures and backgrounds. UT is strengthening efforts to recruit and retain students of color, aiming to reflect Tennessee's population in our student body.

Embracing Responsible Stewardship of Resources

Sustainability of resources, whether financial, infrastructural, or environmental, is key to a healthy institution. We take pride in our role as part of the state's

flagship land-grant university and our responsibility to mitigate the social impacts of climate change.

Leading with Innovation & Integrity

Volunteers value character and integrity. The best leaders foster ethical and professional behavior such as open dialogue, transparency, and accountability within their groups. More than 80 percent of UT graduates are employed or in graduate school within six months of finishing their degree.

Engaging Locally & Globally

Volunteers get involved. Whether acting within our local and extended communities or embracing global challenges, the UT community strives to make a difference. That's what it means to become part of the Big Orange Nation.

Meet our Faculty

Our program director is just one of many Department of Public Health faculty members who embrace the versatility and complexity of the public health profession. Our faculty members invest in your professional success and share their unique industry expertise to help you find your own path.



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MPH Program Director
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of Practice



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Associate Professor



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Lecturer



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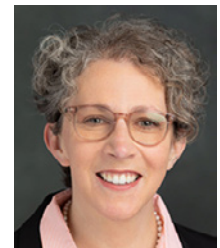
**Chika C. Okafor, DVM,
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Associate Professor



**Jennifer Perion,
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**Angela Fidler
Pfammatter, MS, PhD**

Methodologist
(CEHHS) and
Associate Professor



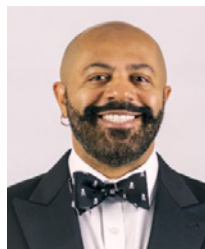
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MPH**

Applied Practice
Experience (APEX)
Coordinator



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MPH, DrPH**

Assistant Professor



**Kenneth D. Smith,
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Assistant Professor



**Thankam S. Sunil,
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Department Head



**Phoebe Tran,
PhD, MS**

Assistant Professor



Applied Practice Experience

MPH Online students complete an Applied Practice Experience (APEX) to apply classroom learning, develop practical skills, and demonstrate public health competency attainment. The APEX is a 240-hour (minimum) work experience enabling graduate students to develop and demonstrate public health competencies while contributing to projects that benefit the organization. The hands-on experience is a unique professional preparation dimension of our online MPH, and will allow you to actively integrate theory and concepts in the real-world.

30%

UT MPH students employed by their Applied Practice Experience site upon graduation

200

Agencies and facilities across 32 states have provided practice sites for UT MPH students

100%

MPH graduates employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation

Source: Applied Practice Experience - [Department of Public Health](#)

Application Requirements

In order to be considered for the online MPH program, applicants must first be admitted to the University of Tennessee Graduate School.*

GPA

Applicants need to have achieved a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0, as well as a 3.0 GPA for any graduate level courses taken previously.

Transcripts

Required from all post-secondary institutions attended. Unofficial transcripts can be used for initial review, but official transcripts are required upon admission.

Supplemental MPH application

Part of the official graduate school application

Resume/CV

Three recommendation letters

All must speak to your academic capacity, from individuals such as faculty, academic advisors, employers or professional colleagues.

Personal statement

Provide a three to four page, double-spaced essay summarizing your educational and career goals.

Application fee

All applicants are required to pay a \$60, nonrefundable application fee for their materials to be reviewed.

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Contact Us

Ready to **translate your passion for public health into practice** and join the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's online MPH program?

Start Your Application

Reach out to our enrollment team via [email](#) or by calling **865-381-2017** for a one-on-one consultation to discuss program structure, admissions requirements, and more.