

MPH Context Certificate:

Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU)

For students matriculating in Fall 2022 or later

MPH Integrated Core Courses (16 credits)

Online Course (0 credit) to be taken before classes begin

- **PH 700** Foundations of Public Health

Develop a strong base in public health through the integrated core curriculum:

- **PH 717** Quantitative Methods for Public Health
- **PH 718** Leadership and Management in Public Health
- **PH 719** Health Systems, Law, and Policy
- **PH 720** Individual, Community, and Population Health

Additional 16 credits

Students are required to complete one functional certificate (16 credits):

- Community Assessment, Program Design, Implementation, & Evaluation (CAPDIE)*
- Health Communication and Promotion (HCP)*
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, & Evaluation
- Health Policy and Law
- Healthcare Management
- Program Management

* Housed within the Community Health Sciences department

MHSU Certificate Contacts

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MHSU Certificate Coursework (12 credits)

Choose one required course:

SB 780 Mental Health and Public Health: A Social and Behavioral Sciences Perspective (4)*

SB 785 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use: People, Populations, and Policies (4)*

Note: *Whichever option is not chosen can count as an elective*

Choose 8 credits of electives:

SB 730 Stress as a Public Health Problem (2)

SB 832 Trauma, Trauma-Informed Care, Recovery & Resilience (4)

MC 783 Substance Use Among Diverse Populations (4)

MC 800 Preventing Mental Health Disorders Among Women, Children, and Adolescents (2)

LW 854 Mental Health Law (4)

EP 790 Epidemiology of Mental Health (2)

PM 758 Introduction to Mental Health Services (2)

PM 785 Mental Health Advocacy (2)

GH 765 Cross-Cultural Approaches to Mental Health in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (2)

**There are no other prerequisites for SB 780 or SB 785 outside of the PH720 core course.*

One-time offerings of Special Topics courses may count toward the MHSU Certificate at the discretion of the Certificate Director

Students must complete 48 credits to graduate

MPH Practicum PH976 (240 hours; 0 credits)

Can begin after completing core courses

- Direct application of skills, education, and knowledge by working at a local, state, national, or international field site with organization that is tied to public health work
- All students must register for the PH976 after given approval
- Students must be enrolled/completed practicum to be eligible to enroll in ILE

Career Prep PH746 (0 credits)

Best taken in 2nd semester of study

- **Sessions include:** “marketing yourself,” “interview strategies,” and “evaluating and negotiating opportunities”
- **Deliverables include:** resume, cover letter, and elevator pitch

Integrative Learning Experience PH845 (0 credits)

Completed in final semester

- Tied to functional area certificate
- Give students opportunity to practice all of the functional certificate skills in individual, final project
- Student initiated, faculty guided
- Students will integrate and apply knowledge and skills obtained throughout the degree program and may choose to focus on an organization/project and communication objective
- Registrar will enroll students in PH845 after graduation application processed
- 1 ILE required per student