

MPH Context Certificate Roadmap:

Maternal and Child Health (MCH)

For students matriculating in
Fall 2023/Spring 2024

Students must follow certificate requirements relative to the year/semester that they matriculated. Dual degree requirements differ from the roadmap. All Official requirements are in the Bulletin.

Integrated Core, Foundations, & Career Prep (16 credits)

Online course to be taken before classes begin:

- **PH700** Foundations of Public Health (0)

Develop a strong foundation in public health through the core courses:

- **PH717** Quantitative Methods for Public Health (4)
- **PH718** Leadership and Management in Public Health (4)
- **PH719** Health Systems, Law, and Policy (4)
- **PH720** Individual, Community, and Population Health (4)

Prepare for the Practicum and a career:

- **PH746** Career PREP (0)

Functional Certificate Requirements (16 credits)

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

- Community Assessment, Program Design, Implementation, & Evaluation
- Health Communication and Promotion
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, & Evaluation
- Health Policy and Law
- Healthcare Management (28)
- Program Management

A maximum of 4 credits may fulfill requirements in any two certificates. These credits do NOT count twice toward to the overall 48 credits needed to graduate.

MCH Certificate Requirements (12 credits)

Choose one required course:

MC725 Women, Children, and Adolescents: A Public Health Approach (4)

GH881 Global Reproductive and Perinatal Health (4)

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

Choose 8 credits of electives:

MC705 Safer Sex in the City: From Science to Policy (4)

MC730 Leading to Face Challenges and Achieve Results in Public Health (2)*

MC750 Disability Justice Through the Life Course: Programs, Policies, and Turning Advocacy to Action (4)

MC759 Perinatal and Child Health Epidemiology (4)

MC763 MCH Policymaking (2)

MC775 Social Justice and the Health of Populations: Racism and Other Systems of Oppression in the United States (4)**

MC776 Advanced Practice and Research Methods for Public Health Equity (4)**

MC783 Substance Use Among Diverse Populations (4)

MC785 Sexual and Reproductive Health Advocacy: From Rights to Justice (2)

MC786 Immigrant and Refugee Health (4)

MC795 The Health of Adolescents and Emerging Adults (4)

MC800 Preventing Mental Health Disorders among Women, Children, and Adolescents: A Life Course Perspective (2)

MC802 Implementing Community Health Initiatives: A Field-Based Course in Leadership and Consultation (4)*

MC840 Women and Health Policy (4)

EP759 Reproductive Epidemiology (4)

SB753 Preventing Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence: A Public Health Perspective (4)

GH766 Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disaster Settings (4)

GH887 Managing Maternal and Child Health Programs in Developing Countries (4)

* Students may only receive MCH Certificate credit for MC802 (4) **or** MC730 (2).

** Students may only receive MCH Certificate credit for MC775 (4) **or** MC776 (4).

Students must complete 48 credits to earn an MPH degree.

Degree Advice via My BU Student Portal is a useful tool to track your progress and plan your coursework.

MPH Practicum PH976 (240 hours; 0 credits)

Gain experience as a public health professional through a Practicum.

- Students can begin a Practicum after having completed at least 16 SPH credits.
- More information can be found at <https://www.bu.edu/sph/careers/for-students/practmenu/>
- Questions? Contact sphpract@bu.edu

Integrated Learning Experience PH845 (0 credits)

Completed in **final** semester

- The ILE is tied to the functional certificate.
- Students must be enrolled in, or have completed, the Practicum to be eligible for the ILE.
- The Registrar will enroll a student in PH845 after their graduation application is reviewed.
- One ILE is required per student.

Course Substitutions

Additional elective course option permissible via the completion of a **Course Substitution Form**:

MC820 Program Management (4)

*Special Topics courses may count toward the MCH Certificate at the discretion of the Certificate Directors. Students will need to fill out a **Course Substitution Form**.*

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