HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT, MHCM/PUBLIC HEALTH, MPH

Degree: Master of Healthcare Management (MHcM)
Program Information: bulletin.case.edu/management/programs/healthcare-management-mhcm/

Degree: Master of Public Health (MPH)
Program Information: bulletin.case.edu/medicine/population-quantitative-health-sciences/public-health-mph/

Program Overview

The Master of Healthcare Management program is not currently admitting new students.

Weatherhead and the School of Medicine collaborate to offer the MHcM/MPH dual-degree program. This program integrates into a single unified curriculum with graduate coursework from the healthcare management (MHcM) and public health (MPH) programs. The knowledge and skills this coursework develops will prepare students to identify opportunities to improve population health, design effective and sustainable solutions and effectively manage the execution of those solutions. The goals of this program are to improve the managerial skills of public health professionals and to increase the acumen of health system managers toward issues in population health. Coursework for the joint degree can be completed in two years if undertaken on a full-time basis.

Program Requirements

The Weatherhead School awards the MHcM degree in 30 credit hours taken either as a full-time student, which can be completed in one year or as a part-time student over 2 years. The School of Graduate Studies awards the MPH degree for 42 credit hours taken full-time over 2 years, not including summer. Dual-degree candidates will count 9 credits toward their dual degree. The total reduction of credit requirements for both degrees moves from 72 to 63 credits. The anticipated length of time to complete the dual degree is two years and one summer session in-between year one and year two. Students completing the dual degree on a part-time basis may complete dual-degree requirements in up to five years. There are alternative timelines and accepted students could elect to be full-time MPH students for one year and then elect to do the dual degree with MHcM or start as an MHcM accelerated student and apply to the dual degree program after they complete their MHcM studies.

Students will develop planned programs of study (PPOS) with their advisors and may customize their approach and pace through the program. If a student were to pursue the two degrees MHcM and MPH separately, they would need to complete 72 credit hours (30 credits – MHcM and 42 credit hours – MPH) of course work to earn each of the degrees. As dual degree students, they will be required to complete only 63 credits of combined course work for each of both the degrees. MPH program has 27 credit hours of core coursework that must be completed; MPH Program has 18 credit hours of core coursework in addition to 18 credit hours of elective coursework toward completing the requirements of the program. Six credit hours will be double-counted using HSMC courses (HSMC 421 and HSMC 457) from the MHcM program. For the MHcM program, students will replace MGMT 497, which is a required capstone course with MPHP 650, which is a required practicum course in the MPH program.

Students will select electives in the MPH program in consultation with MPH faculty advisors.

A minimum of 9 credit hours out of the 18 core credit hours must be MPHP-designated courses. The remaining 18 credits of electives must enhance an understanding of issues in the field of healthcare management and must be relevant to the student’s academic goals.