

**Master's and Doctorate of
Public Health Programs
at
Historically Black Colleges and
Universities (HBCU)**

- Florida A&M University
- Jackson State University
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Meharry College of Medicine
- Morgan State University
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**Master of Public Health at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical
University (FAMU)
Institute of Public Health**

Background

FAMU was founded on October 3, 1887, as the State Normal College for Colored Students, and began classes with fifteen students and two instructors. The name was changed in 1909 to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes (FAMC). In spite of a setback caused by a tragic fire which destroyed Duval Hall (the main building which housed the library, administrative offices, cafeteria, and other college agencies) progress was made when a gift of \$10,000 was presented to the college by Andrew Carnegie for the erection of a new library facility- which held the distinction of being the only Carnegie Library located on a African American land-grant college. Between 1953 and 1968 the Schools of Pharmacy, Law, Graduate Studies, and Nursing were created. The university has experienced record-breaking enrollment growth during years 1986 to the present, where during years 1992-93 total enrollment was 9,551 students. The University's national ranking in enrolling National Achievement finalist has steadily climbed from fourth place in 1989 to first place in 1992, surpassing such institutions as Harvard, Yale, and Stanford.

History of the Institute of Public Health

The institute of Public Health (IPH) at Florida A&M University (FAMU), is the result of the 1995 Florida Legislature's commitment to resolving the public health and environmental problems that disproportionately affect the educationally and economically disadvantaged residents of the state. Major health concerns include adverse health outcomes such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, chemical dependency, diabetes, unintentional injuries and violence, infant mortality and HIV/AIDS. Access to health care, the need for health professional development, and sensitivity to cultural and ethnic differences are additional concerns.

The administrative responsibility of the IPH resides within the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, in collaboration with the FAMU School of Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education. Faculty in the Institute provide leadership, instruction, research and specialized training in public health. The institute utilizes a cadre of new and existing University faculty within the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Schools of Allied Health, Nursing, Graduate Studies, Research and Continuing Education, Journalism, Media and Graphic arts, and the

Environmental Sciences Institute. Due to the interdisciplinary programmatic requirements of the Institute, faculty from the Department of biology, Chemistry, Social Work, Sociology and Criminal Justice may also hold joint appointments.

Organizational Location

Florida A&M University is a four-year, public, co-educational and fully accredited institution of higher learning. The main campus is spread over 419 acres located on the highest of seven hills in Tallahassee, the capital of Florida.

Program Focus

The purpose of the IPH is to provide education at the graduate level by initially offering the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. Special emphasis is placed on the provision of graduate training and research on diseases and health problems that disproportionately affect educationally and economically disadvantaged individuals. That includes, without limitations, the human health effects associated with acute and chronic disease, environmental pollution and violence.

Vision

The purpose of the Institute of Public Health is to provide education at the graduate level by initially offering the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. Special emphasis is placed on the provision of graduate training and research on diseases and health problems that disproportionately affect educationally and economically disadvantaged individuals. This includes, without limitations, the human health effects associated with acute and chronic disease, environmental pollution and violence.

Goals

1. To provide quality graduate education and training in public health;
2. To advance knowledge of the cultural competencies required to decrease high risk behaviors and to promote healthy behavior choices;
3. To conduct research that provides an evidence base for improving the health of those who bear a disproportionate burden of disease;

4. To encourage effective health promotion and disease prevention measures through pro-active community outreach efforts statewide;
5. To contribute to the development of effective public health policy for Florida's poor and underserved populations.

Target Population and Admissions

The MPH program accepts an interdisciplinary pool of existing baccalaureate degree students interested in careers in public health (e.g. biology, chemistry, pharmacy, health care administration, sociology, and criminal justice). The program also accepts existing graduate and professional degree students wishing to augment their health backgrounds with public health science (e.g. epidemiology, biostatistics). Combined graduate degree options are currently being considered.

Applicants applying for admission to a degree program must:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
- Should have demonstrated potential for successful graduate study
Score on the Graduate Record Examination of at least 1000 on verbal and quantitative sections;
- Have a grade point average of "B" in all work attempted during the junior and senior years while studying for the baccalaureate degree;
- Submit official copy of transcript.

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Admission to Graduate Studies is granted to qualified applicants who are seeking degrees and to qualified post-baccalaureate students who may wish to upgrade specialty certifications or enhance their knowledge.

Program Description

The Master in Public Health degree program emphasizes graduate training and development of research regarding disease and health problems that primarily affect the disadvantaged person, including without limitations, the

human health effect associated with acute and chronic disease, environmental pollution, and violence. The Institute of Public Health offers course work and field experience towards the MPH degree in each of the following public health disciplines (48 semester hours): environmental and occupational health, epidemiology/biostatistics, health policy and management, and behavioral sciences and health education. There is also a 42 semester credit hour MPH program for those who have completed a relevant graduate degree or who have substantial professional or educational experience in public health or a closely related discipline.

In addition to the five core areas which constitute the backbone of the MPH program at FAMU, a Master of Science (MS) degree in Pharmaco-epidemiology, the science which applies epidemiological approaches to studying the use, effectiveness, value and safety of pharmaceuticals, is also offered through the College of Pharmacy. In receiving a strong foundation in these core disciplines, students will gain additional depth in a chosen substantive area of public health through course work, as well as public health practice through field experience and an internship. Additional requirements before the awarding of the MPH degree includes the conduct of a special public health project and the passing of a written comprehensive exam.

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Master of Public Health at Jackson State University

Background History

Founded in 1887, designated the state's only comprehensive urban institution in 1978, and fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with 96 degree programs, Jackson State University (JSU) is Mississippi's fourth largest public university. The School of Allied Health Sciences has bachelor's and master's programs, including healthcare administration, public health, and communicative disorders. These departments track the school's mission of providing high quality graduate education, community systems and healthcare organization research, consultative and technical assistance statewide and in the Metro-Jackson area. All programs are based in the state's urban capital and central medical complex with teaching locations at the Jackson Medical Mall (JSU's Health Sciences Campus), and convenient evening community clinical sites.

The School of Allied Health Sciences at Jackson State University initiated its MPH program in the Department of Public Health in the Fall of 1999, with a first year class of 30 graduate students (PT and FT), and a core of 6 FTE faculty in the Jackson Medical Mall off-site campus.

Organizational Location

As the Urban University of Mississippi, Jackson State emphasizes public service programs designed to enhance quality of life and seek solutions to urban problems in the physical, social, intellectual, and economic environments. Located in Jackson, the capital city and the cultural, political, geographic and business center of Mississippi, the campus is a scenic 125-acre tract only five minutes from downtown and less than twenty minutes from Jackson International Airport.

Program Focus

The MPH programs seeks to:

- Meet the accreditation criteria of the Council of Education for Public Health (which certifies schools and programs of public health) and project this MPH program into Mississippi's only comprehensive school of public health in the near future.

- Provide an innovative curriculum in public health through strategic alliances with public and private sector healthcare and community-based organizations.
- Foster collaboration between JSU and other institutions offering public health and related healthcare studies to ensure efficient use of state resources and enhancement of mutual academic partnerships in the health sciences.
- Educate students in the application of knowledge and skills necessary to address community health problems and increase the pool of qualified, especially under represented minority, health professionals in the statewide workforce.

Mission Statement

JSU's MPH program provides high quality graduate education, scientific and applied research, and an outreach of community services in local, state, national and international venues. It seeks to build its academic capacities with the addition of a doctoral program and expansion to the size, scope and goals of Mississippi's school of public health by the year 2003-04 (possibly the nation's first such school at an HBCU).

Target Population/Admissions

The program services a diverse, multi-racial/multi-ethnic student population with an enrollment emphasis that encourages entry of African American and other minorities into the public health sciences and professions.

The Department of Public Health offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Public Health degree in several specializations. Students enrolled in these studies are prepared educationally for employed professional practice in various health organizational venues and disciplines. This range of work includes multiple public and private agency, care, preventive, regulatory, personal and community health service applications.

Admissions to the program is on a selective basis, with preference given to applicants having at least one year of health professional work in either of the following two classifications:

1. **Regular Admissions**: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Foreign students must have equivalent standard and file at least a 52.5

score on the TOEFL. A satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or equivalent national standardized examination score is required except for applicants with a doctorate (e.g. MD, PhD) or other master's degree. A personal statement of professional goals and 3 letters of reference are required to complete application forms, which may be obtained from the Graduate School.

2. **Conditional Admissions**: Students not meeting regular admission requirements may be considered for probationary of nondegree-seeking admission with a GPA of 2.75-2.99 (on a 4.0 scale) and a satisfactory GRE or equivalent national examination score. These students must earn regular status after completing 12 credit hours of program courses with a 3.0 or higher GPA.

3. **Prerequisites**: Undergraduate studies with at least a "B" grade include basic statistics, economics, medical terminology and computer literacy (plus accounting principles for the policy and management concentration) as pre-admission requirements).

4. **Coordinator for Graduate Admissions:**

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Program description

Full-time studies are planned for completion in less than two years or part-time usually in two more semesters. Students will acquire the necessary professional knowledge, skills and competencies to be qualified for employed public health and medical care practice in their specialized disciplines. The program must be completed with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA for the minimum 48 credit hours, including field-work.

The core course must include the following basic subject studies as required by the Council on Education for Public Health, which accredits MPH programs and schools of public health :

- a. Philosophy and historical basis of public health concepts
- b. Statistical basis of population health demography, and quantitative-computer-based problem solving
- c. Epidemiological foundations of public health
- d. Social and behavioral determinants of community and personal health status
- e. Environmental and biological factors in public health
- f. Management theory and practice of health and human services

The MPH curriculum requires 6 courses or 18 credit hours (3 hours per course) in core studies for all students. These ordinarily are completed before any required or elective courses are undertaken by students in their selected concentrations. Each concentration offers 5 required courses or 15 credit hours in the advanced study of public health specialization. These concentrations include the following specialities:

Health Policy and Management
Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Behavioral Health Promotion and Education
Environmental and Occupational Health
Nutritional Health
Maternal and Child Health

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Master of Public Health at Morehouse School of Medicine

Background

The Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) is a historically black institution established to recruit and train minority and other students as physicians and biomedical scientists committed to the primary health care needs of the underserved. It was established in 1975 as The School of Medicine at Morehouse College. Originally a two-year educational program in the basic medical sciences, the medical school became independent of Morehouse College in 1981. The Morehouse School of Medicine is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) to grant the M.D. degree. It is also accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award a Ph.D. degree in the biomedical sciences and the MPH degree.

The school is also accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer the M.D. degree, Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Sciences, and the Masters of Public Health degree. The first students were enrolled in the Ph.D. program in July 1992 and the first students were enrolled in the Master of Public Health Program in September 1995. The MPH program received "full accreditation" from the Council on Education for Public Health in 1999.

History of the School of Public Health

In December 1995, the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges approved the program substantive change request and included the MPH Program in MSM's Level 5 accreditation. On June 4, 1999 the Program was accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

Organizational Location

Morehouse School of Medicine is located in the heart of Atlanta, Georgia. It's the newest member of the Atlanta University Center. The Center is a consortium of six independent institutions which constitutes the largest predominately African American educational complex in the world. Members of the Atlanta University Center are: Clark Atlanta University, a private liberal arts institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs; the Interdenominational Theological Center, a federation of six seminaries; Morehouse College, a liberal arts college for men; Morehouse School of Medicine; Morris Brown College, a coeducational liberal arts college related

to the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and Spelman College, a liberal arts college for women.

Program Focus

Goals:

- To prepare graduates for leadership in the public health professions.
- To educate students to understand and address the health needs of communities, regions and nations with a particular focus on underserved populations.
- To collaborate with communities in projects and activities to improve their health and well-being.
- To improve and impact public policies and practice in order to promote health and decrease the morbidity and mortality among African Americans and other underserved populations.
- To discover, develop, and advance knowledge through basic and applied research on problems that disproportionately affect underserved populations.
- To increase the representation of African Americans and other under represented populations in the public health professions.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Morehouse School of Medicine Master of Public Health Program is to improve the health, quality of life and well-being of communities and people through education, research and service in public health. The program focuses on people of African descent and other underserved people.

We believe we can affect the quality of life and development of communities through leadership, collaboration, service, and practical interaction. The MPH Program collaborates with local health departments, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, faith institutions; community based organizations, and international agencies, organizations and institutions.

Target Population

The Morehouse School of Medicine Master of Public Health Program encourages applications from, and gives full consideration to, all applicants for admission and financial aid without regard to sex, race, handicap, color, creed, or national or ethnic origin.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants for the Master of Public Health Degree must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Baccalaureate Degree
2. Recent Scores (no greater than five years old) on either the :
 - a. Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
 - b. Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT)
 - c. Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)
3. Typewritten personal narrative statement (2-3 pages)
4. Three letters of reference
5. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); is required of foreign students whose first language is not English.
6. A personal interview is required of qualified students who pass the first level of screening
7. **Admissions Department:** Morehouse School of Medicine
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The MPH Admissions Committee makes the admission decision and no-titles accepted students. All applications, transcripts, test scores and letters of reference are housed in the MSM Office of Admissions. An application will not be considered until all materials (including test scores) have been received.

Final decisions are made based on the total profile of the student, including work experiences, other background factors and career goals, the relative strength of each applicant compared to the current pool of applicants, and the number of students that can be accommodated by each track in the Program.

Program Description

The Masters of Public Health Program offers students an opportunity to develop skills an expertise in 3 areas of concentration:

- Health Administration and Policy
- International Health
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

1. *Health Administration and Policy*

Prepares graduates for administrative positions in health services organizations. Developments in the U.S. health care environment place greater emphasis on prevention, evidence-based management, cost containment and community-oriented, population based training. The HAP Track is dedicated to providing a learning and training environment for students grounded in knowledge and skills that emphasize these issues.

2. *International Health*

Prepares graduates to work in policy and program positions with government and non-governmental organizations. Global issues have increased social inequalities that impact adversely on the health status of poor and underserved population in developed and developing countries. The IHT offers a holistic learning environment through a comprehensive curriculum that provides students with opportunities to synthesize skills and knowledge.

3. *Social and Behavioral Sciences*

Prepares graduates for positions in the private and public sectors as developers and managers of programs that promote healthy behaviors. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, students develop competencies of health promotion, program analysis, and communication. Students may opt to concentrate on either family health or spirituality and health. Alternatively, students may synthesize these areas into one general concentration.

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Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) at Meharry Medical College

Background

The year was 1876. In Nashville, post-Civil War conditions contributed significantly to the city's unenviable distinction of having the worst mortality rate in the country. Conditions among freed slaves were particularly dismal, accounting for disproportionate rates of death and disease in the Black population. In October of that year, Meharry Medical College was founded. Established as the Meharry Medical Department of Central Tennessee College by the Freedmen's Aid Society's Methodist Episcopal Church, Meharry's inception was part of the Society's continuing effort to educate freed slaves and to provide health care services for the poor and under-served.

Over the years, Meharry has expanded in depth and diversity. The College presently includes the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Graduate Studies and Research, and Allied Health Professions (a joint program with Tennessee State University). Today, Meharry Medical College is the largest private, historically Black institution exclusively dedicated to educating health care professionals and biomedical scientists in the United States. Meharry Medical College has graduate nearly 15 percent of all African American physicians and dentists practicing in the United States. Since 1970, Meharry has awarded more than 10 percent of the Ph.D's in biomedical sciences received by African Americans. As Meharry takes its place among the leading institutions preparing health professionals to meet the challenges of the 21st century, the College remains true to its heritage of serving the under-served of all origins, while maintaining an uncompromising standard of excellence.

History of the Division of Community Health Sciences

The MSPH program is jointly sponsored by one of the Community Health Sciences in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine of the School of Medicine and the School of Graduate Studies and Research. The diversity of the program leading to the MSPH degree is made possible by the fact all programs require core courses (epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health, and health administration), field practice experience, and thesis. There are five tracks leading to the MSPH degree: a two year health services administration track; two one-year-physician residencies (occupational and preventive medicine); a one-year public administration track; and a two-year public health nutrition track.

Organizational Location

Location -Meharry Medical College, located in Nashville, Tennessee, is situated on the Cumberland River in central Tennessee, roughly equidistant from Memphis and Atlanta, in an area with a area population of over one million. The Meharry campus is in the northern quadrant of the city, adjacent to Fisk University and a few blocks from Tennessee State University. These three institutions form an educational corridor. The social and cultural activities at Fisk and Tennessee State are generally open to Meharry students. Eight other co-educational colleges and universities, another medical school and 15 hospitals make Nashville a city rich in educational opportunity.

Mission Statement

Meharry has done more to advance the health status of the poor and underserved than any other institution of its kind in the country. Meharry is extremely proud of its historical commitment to the belief that primary care, health promotion, and disease prevention represent the foundation of a quality, population-based, health care delivery system. The majority of Meharry's graduates practice in medically underserved rural and inner-city areas and continue to carry out the institution's tripartite mission of education, research and service.

Target Population/Admissions

The number of applicants greatly exceeds the capacity, and all applications are considered on a competitive basis from the standpoints of scholarship, intelligence, aptitude, character, and general fitness. The mission of Meharry Medical College includes empathy for the disadvantaged, education in the health sciences, and maintenance of a center of excellence for the practice and delivery of health care. Any preference given to students is given in light of this mission.

To be admitted to the School of Graduate Studies and Research applicants must:

1. hold a bachelor's, master's, or advanced degree from an accredited college or university;
2. have an overall B average and a B average in science courses;
3. submit scores from the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination;
4. submit two recommendations from college instructors in the natural sciences; and

5. submit an essay that describes their academic background, career plans, and reasons for pursuing graduate studies.

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Program Description

The Division of Community Health Sciences (CHS) is jointly sponsored by the School of Graduate Studies and the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine of the School of Medicine. The Division awards the Master of Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.) and offers several programs of study: a 60-credit Health Services Administration Program, 32-credit programs that are part of residencies in occupational medicine and general preventive medicine, and a 32-credit program in public health administration for experienced health-care providers. Students in all programs are required to complete a field placement and a thesis. All programs of study are accredited; the Health Services Administration Program is accredited by the Accrediting Commission on Education for Health Services Administration (ACEHSA). The faculty and students in the Division of Community Health Sciences are engaged in research in health services; policy and management; health-care financing; health education; health promotion and disease prevention; and various health issues such as AIDS, aging, hypertension, cancer, and maternal-child health. The Division works closely with the College's Medical Treatment Effectiveness Program Center (MEDTEP), and students may participate in the Center's research activities.

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Master's and Doctorate Level Degrees of Public Health at Morgan State University

Background

Morgan State University was nearly a hundred years old when the School of Graduate Studies, authorized by the General Assembly of Maryland in 1963, came into being. Founded in 1867, the Centenary Biblical Institute became Morgan College in 1890 and Morgan State College in 1939. On July 1 of its centennial year, it came under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges of Maryland. On July 1, 1975, Morgan was granted university status. Morgan initially provided graduate instruction with a few courses and programs designed primarily for public school teachers. As the curriculum expanded, particular care was taken to insure that the long liberal arts tradition of Morgan was maintained by constructing programs that were content oriented. Attention was given also to the needs of persons interested in study beyond the master's degree.

From the very beginning, Morgan's graduate program was approved by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Middle States Association gave assurance that the work would be accepted for certification and recognized by other graduate schools. The low teacher-student ratio, heavy reliance on residence faculty, and careful academic counseling have contributed to the steady growth the School of Graduate Studies experienced. Although the School of Graduate Studies continues the emphasis of the University on its historic identity, mission, and its special responsibilities as an urban institution, the student body is distinctly cosmopolitan and heterogeneous. The list of undergraduate schools from which Morgan's graduate students were obtained entails over four hundred colleges and universities in the United States and foreign countries.

Organizational Location

As Maryland's designated public urban university, Morgan excels in addressing social, political, educational and economic issues related to urban areas. Situated in a pleasant residential area of northeast Baltimore, Morgan's 140-acre campus is convenient to many of the city's most popular cultural, entertainment, sports, and recreational resources.

Program Focus

This is a community-based MPH/DrPH program designed to produce advanced public health practitioners with primary prevention competencies regarding the health problems faced by urban communities. Morgan State University is the first Historically Black College or University to offer a doctoral degree in public health. This program fits perfectly with Morgan's mission as an urban university serving the Baltimore metropolitan community and urban communities statewide and beyond.

The emphasis will be on training practitioners who can help solve the health problems seen in today's urban populations. Graduates will come face to face with real world issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, violence, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, cancer, heart disease, and related systemic problems. They'll also have a chance to practice through community-based internships as they learn to prevent disease and find possible solutions.

Target Population/Admissions

Morgan State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to admission, financial aid, and programs without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran. The emphasis of the MPH/DrPH program will be on training practitioners who can help solve the health problems seen in today's urban populations.

Admission to graduate study is open to properly qualified men and women of any race, color, religion, national and ethnic origin. Certain minimum requirements are specified below. Additional requirements may be prescribed by the individual departments and may be found in the respective program listed in the Academic Programs section of this catalog. Final decisions on graduate admissions are made by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. In general, a student may begin his graduate work in the fall, spring, or summer. For admission to graduate study an applicant must:

1. Have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. The undergraduate record must be of such quality as to promise successful achievement at the graduate level. Only students with an undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 or better will be considered for admission. Post-bachelor's undergraduate credits

will not be used to enhance G.P.A. requirements for admission to graduate study.

2. Have completed, in a satisfactory manner, certain minimum course work in designated areas; the specific courses and amount of work depending upon the field of work, which the student proposes to enter.
3. Submit an application for admission together with two official copies of transcripts from all institutions attended, including graduate and undergraduate transcripts.
4. Provide test scores (for those programs requiring them) on the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), the aptitude portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Test scores may not be more than 5 years old prior to date of application.
5. Have three letters of recommendation sent to the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies from officials or faculty members of institutions previously attended who are acquainted with the applicant's ability for graduate study or from employment supervisors where applicable.
6. Submit a one-page personal statement of academic and professional plans and the reasons for selecting Morgan State University.

Admission to the School of Graduate Studies does not constitute admission to degree candidacy.

Admissions Contact Information:

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Mission Statement:

A primary objective of the proposed MPH/DrPH program in public health is to provide students with analytical, communication, program planning, cultural skills, and public health competency in health promotion, disease prevention, and health behavioral change.

Program Description

The DrPH/MPH is a four-year seamless degree program that takes a student from the bachelor degree level to the DrPH degree in four years. Practice specialties include Behavioral Health, Environmental Health, Health Services Administration and Policy, and Social Epidemiology. Community based practice settings include: Community Mental Health; Corrections Programs/Criminal Justice; Aging Services; Child and Maternal Health; Drug and Alcohol Addiction Programs; Contagious Disease Prevention Programs; Community-based Prevention and Health Maintenance Programs; and Managed Care Programs. Morgan offers graduate students Practical Public Health experience through Urban internships, various research opportunities that include state, local, or community-based health organizations or agencies, and “applied learning sites,” where students can do research in the field.

DrPH/MPH Program Director:

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Master of Public Health Fort Valley State University

Organizational Location

Fort Valley State University is located in the county of Peach and is partially in the city limits of Fort Valley on the State University Drive. Further, geographically situated in the center of the state, the University is less than two hours from Atlanta, approximately ten miles west of I-75 between Macon and Perry on Highway 49 (Georgia), and approximately seventy-five miles east of Columbus on Highway 96 (Georgia).

Program Description

The MPH Degree Program in the Environmental Health at Fort Valley State University was developed in response to the nation's call to action for improved health opportunities for all Americans. With a specific focus on state local needs. This MPH degree program provides courses of study that prepare students to identify and propose solutions to a variety of environmental conditions that affect the health of minority, rural, and disadvantaged populations at disproportionate rates. Linkages between the high morbidity rates due to heart disease, cancer, and strokes and adverse environmental factors such as livestock rearing, farming practices, food handling, industrial contaminants, and the like, will be studied with sensitivity to cultural, regional, and ethnic differences. Graduates of this degree program will be capable of pursuing further study in environmental health or related fields, conducting research in the discipline, managing community health agencies, and/or providing community-based leadership designed to educate and empower citizens to form partnerships in the interest of improving the overall health of the communities. Fort Valley State University provides interdisciplinary courses of study leading to the award of the MPH degree. The degree program features: A) Academic Preparation in the Core Areas of Public Health, B) Internship Opportunities with industry and Health Care Agencies, C) Community Based Leadership and Development Opportunities

Program Objectives

In order to prepare environmental health professionals to practice in the public health setting and to serve as social change agents, students completing the MPH degree program with a concentration in environmental health will: A) demonstrate an understanding of core public health concepts, B) demonstrate the ability to plan, implement, and evaluate public health environmental programs, C) demonstrate an understanding of how

environmental health programs in several concept areas function across a variety of settings, D) demonstrate an understanding of research methodologies, biostatistics, and current policy development and research findings, E) demonstrate an ability to apply the environmental health knowledge.

Curriculum

Graduates will pursue a program of study that contains the core public health knowledge base. The students will acquire skills and experience in the application of environment health. As part of a comprehensive experience, environmental health students will be provided the opportunity for professional and leadership practice across a variety of environmental health settings locally, regionally, and state wide. The core courses appropriate to the degree program will include Public Health Policy and Administration, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Environmental Health and Promotion. The concentration in environmental health will include Environmental Microbiology, Physiological Toxicology, Environmental Pollution, Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Law, and Environmental Health Hazard Management. Additionally, with guidance and approval of a faculty advisor, students choose 3 credit hours of elective and complete 6 credit hour thesis. Students will have the option to complete a field experience instead of elective credit hours.

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Charles Drew University MPH Program

Drew University MPH program is slated to begin in September of 2003.

MPH Program Director:

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HBCU Summer Programs in Public Health Disciplines

1. Morehouse School of Medicine: Partnerships for Health Professions Education Project (PHPE) Program

Public Health Summer Fellows Program: The Public Health Summer Fellows Program is the product of a collaboration among Rollins School of Public Health, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This program combines academic training with practicum experiences involving laboratory study, epidemiologic investigation, or community-based project. Interested parties please contact:

Dr. Katherine Woods Erwin, PHPE Project Director
Morehouse School of Medicine
720 Westview Drive, SW
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2. Morehouse College Public Health Sciences Institute

Project:IMHOTEP: Is an important step towards increasing the quantity and quality of minorities in the health professions. It allows students to increase their potential for becoming successful health research professionals and candidates for graduate programs in public health and training programs. Students participate in an 11-week intensive research and data analysis training program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They receive training and guidance in data processing, computer programming, epidemiologic methodologies, biostatistical techniques and technical writing. Interns prepare and present to colleagues and faculty an oral summary of their research and written report suitable for publication. For more information please contact:

* http://edtech.morehouse.edu/biology/programs/Public_Health

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Public Health Sciences Institute
P.O. Box 140121
830 Westview Drive, SW
Atlanta, GA 30314
Attention: Project IMHOTEP
(404) 681-2800 ext. 2733

3. Meharry Medical College

Health Careers Opportunity Program: This program is 6-week educational training program offered by the medical school to undergraduate students. The HCOP offers a medical, dental, and health care administration component, that is structured to train interested students in various aspects of the health sciences. For more information please contact:

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Health Careers Opportunity Program
Meharry Medical College
1005 Dr. D. B. Todd, Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37208-3599

4. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Maternal and Child Health - Los Angeles Mentors Program: The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) - LA Mentors Program (LAMP) is a summer enrichment work experience designed to introduce high school and college students from low-income, medically underserved communities to the health professions. Through a partnership between Drew University and local health service providers, students are provided educational work experiences in the administration and provision of MCH-related programs and services. For more information please contact:

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