



# Master of Public Health in Community Health Education

## Master of Public Health in Community Health Education at San Francisco State University

Founded in 1998, the San Francisco State Master of Public Health degree program, offered through the Department of Health Education, is rooted in social justice and health equity. The mission of the San Francisco State Department of Health Education is to promote health and health equity at the individual, community, and structural levels through transformative education, research, scholarship and service, all of which value diversity, engage communities, and are grounded in cultural humility.

### What We Offer

- 44-unit degree can be completed in two years, with a required summer semester between year one and year two
- Course schedule attractive to working professionals
- Cohort learning community model
- Hands-on faculty who partner with communities to promote health equity
- Applied curriculum includes faculty-supervised team practice field experience collaborating with community partners
- Culminating experience showcases student achievement through an original research project, conference poster, and formal oral presentation

I love the cohort model. We have built incredible community while also setting up our future professional networks.

*-Clea, Cohort 2017*

The focus on social justice is amazing, and really helps us discover what public health means.

*-Filmer, Cohort 2015*

### Admission Criteria

- Two years equivalent (4000 hours) health-related work experience, including part-time and volunteer positions
- A baccalaureate degree that includes courses completed in statistics/calculus, composition, social science, and cultural/ethnic/social diversity
- 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA in the baccalaureate degree, or in the most recent 60 semester/90 quarter college units attempted
- GRE General Test
- TOEFL or equivalent, if applicable



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The cohort model is so helpful in providing needed peer support; the faculty are very accomplished and accessible, and the classes are engaging and have clear application to the contexts we work in. We really get pushed to learn in this program.

-Liz, Cohort 2016



## Curriculum

Most students complete the degree requirements in two years, including a summer semester, as depicted below. Longer time to degree completion plans are also available.

### Non sequenced course

- 3 unit Elective Course

### Fall semester year one

- Public Health & Principles of Community Organizing
- Theories of Social & Behavioral Change
- Public Health Inquiry & Research Practice
- Biostatistics & Public Health

### Spring semester year one

- Team Practice, 1st Semester: Community Assessment for Change & Public Health Profession Practice
- Epidemiology

### Summer semester year one

- Team Practice, 2nd Semester: Advanced Public Health Profession Practice
- Environmental Health

### Fall semester year two

- Health Education Planning, Management & Administration
- Public Health Policy
- Training & Curricula in Public Health

### Spring semester year two

- Community Health Education Professional Formation
- Program Evaluation Design & Research
- MPH Culminating Experience Seminar

## What can I do with an MPH degree?

Graduates of the SF State MPH in Community Health Education degree program are prepared for advanced level community health education and interdisciplinary professional positions in both the public and private sectors. We also have graduates who elect to pursue doctoral studies. With a global emphasis on population health and prevention, the expertise of community health educators is in high demand.

## Ready to apply?

**Priority application period:** Oct 1st-March 1st

Applications accepted from March 2nd through May 31st on a space available only basis

### Step 1: Attend a prospective student info session

Highly recommended. Dates and locations available on the departmental website.

### Step 2: Submission of documents

**Part A:** Complete the Division of Graduate Studies portion of the application process. Instructions at [grad.sfsu.edu](http://grad.sfsu.edu)

**Part B:** Complete the Department of Health Education portion of the application process. Instructions at [healthed.sfsu.edu/mph](http://healthed.sfsu.edu/mph)

### Admission decision notification

For those applying by the March 1st priority application deadline: mid-April

For those applying on a space available only basis from March 2nd-May 31st: mid-June, or sooner

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