

Community Health Sciences: Competencies for the M.P.H. Degree

*Upon graduation, a student with an **M.P.H.** should be able to do the following:*

Competency	Source of Training & Evaluation
1. Access and understand the public health literature and information and apply it to community health.	CHS 210 CHS 211AB
2. Describe theories, concepts, models from the social and behavioral sciences and apply these theories to community health practice.	CHS 210 CHS 211AB* CHS 400 Fieldwork
3. Identify and explain how social, cultural, and behavioral factors affect the health of individuals, communities and populations.	CHS 210 CHS 211AB*
4. Describe how health inequities are related to historical and contemporary structural inequities in power and privilege.	CHS210 CHS 211AB
5. Describe, explain and apply procedures for evidence-based planning and implementation of community health programs, policies and interventions.	CHS 211A* CHS 400 Fieldwork
6. Recognize when existing approaches may not be culturally appropriate for a particular population and to collaborate with communities and others to design, implement and evaluate more suitable health programs.	CHS210 CHS211AB CHS400 Fieldwork
7. Identify, explain and apply steps and procedures based on social science approaches for evidence-based evaluation of community health programs, policies and interventions, including community-based participatory research.	CHS 211B* CHS 400 Fieldwork
8. Apply basic principles of biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health sciences, and health policy and management to community health issues.	211AB*
9. Effectively communicate orally and in writing with public health professionals, members of the community, and stakeholders about community health issues, interventions, programs, and policies.	CHS 210 CHS 211AB CHS400 Fieldwork
10. Behave in an ethical manner in practice and research and in interactions with others.	CHS 210 CHS 211AB

Evaluation of competencies to be demonstrated through:

CHS210: Exams

CHS211ab: Exams and final projects

CHS400: Fieldwork notes and project summary

* Evaluation also via comprehensive exam at end of program