

**MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT ELECTIVE TRACK
GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING SHEET (Effective Fall Semester 2019 – updated Jan 2021)**

MPH CORE COURSES (28 CREDITS)

Course	In Person	Online	Credits	Grade
HEA503 Foundations in Public Health	----	Fall/Sum	1	
HEA520 Public Health Epidemiology*	Fall	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA526 Biostatistics for Public Health*	Fall/Spring	Fall/Spring	3	
ENV530 General Environmental Health	----	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA516 Health Care Management	Fall	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA605 Utilizing Systems Thinking in Public Health	----	Spring/Sum	1	
HEA615 Policy in Public Health	----	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA632 Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	Spring	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA647 Interprofessional Practice in Public Health	----	Spring	1	
HEA648 Research Methods in Public Health	Fall	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA649 Applied Learning Experience I** (Preparatory course taken during the second to last semester of the program)	----	Fall/Spring/Sum	1	
HEA650 Applied Learning Experience II*** (200-hour practicum - taken during the last semester of the program)	Practicum (Fall/Spring/Sum)		3	

*Course prerequisite of MAT121 or equivalent, **Course prerequisites HEA520 & HEA526, *** Course prerequisite of HEA649

NOTE: Please follow our recommended course rotations since some in-person core courses are offered in the same day/time and must be taken in different semesters.

HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT ELECTIVE COURSES (18 CREDITS)

Course	In Person	Online	Credits	Grade
HEA513 Legal Aspects of Health Care	----	Spring	3	
HEA514 Approaches to Health Care Delivery	----	Spring	3	
HEA612 Health Care Financial Analysis and Management	---	Fall	3	
HEA613 Advocacy and Quality of Health Care Services*	---	Fall	3	
HEA614 Health Care Technology and Information Management	----	Fall	3	
HEA616 Strategic Leadership in Health Care	---	Spring	3	

* MPH Community Service program requirement met by completing service-learning activity in HEA613

Total of 46 credits for the MPH Program

ADVISING TIPS

Follow Recommended Course Rotations: On the next page you will find several tables with the recommend course sequencing. Choose the table that is relevant to your situation, based on your starting semester (Fall or Spring) and your full-time (2-year) or part-time (3-year) status. In-person core courses are generally held on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:25-7:10pm. The Health Care Management Track is 100% online; hence, you will want to enroll in the 100% online sections (commonly labeled as section number -90 or -91). It is recommended to closely follow the course schedule relevant to you to prevent any delays in graduation.

Attend Track Group Advising Sessions: Each track holds a virtual Fall/Spring semester track-specific group advising session. Watch for an email from your Track Coordinator in September for Winter/Spring scheduling and in February for Summer/Fall scheduling. Our program currently is not able to offer Winter courses

Meet with your Advisor: Students are encouraged to schedule appointments with their academic advisor (1) to ensure appropriate course selection and sequencing, (2) to discuss career goals and professional development opportunities, and (3) to collaboratively problem-solve academic difficulties with possible referral to relevant campus supports. Community Health Track advisors include: Dr. Harry D. Holt for students with Last Name A-Co and J-O and Dr. Gopal Sankaran for students with Last Name Cr-I and P-Z. For general inquiries about the track, contact our Community Health Track Coordinator, Dr. Harry D. Holt (hholt@wcupa.edu).

Complete Required Undergraduate Statistics Course: If your admissions letter indicates you are required to complete the required MAT121 undergraduate statistics course or equivalent, it is recommended to do so prior to program start. Recommended course rotations may change if you wait since both HEA520 Epidemiology and HEA 526 Biostatistics require MAT121 as a prerequisite. Options include enrolling in MAT121 at WCU, community college course equivalent, or BYU virtual STAT-105 Introduction to Statistics independent study (<https://is.byu.edu/catalog/STAT-105-M001>).

Maintain a Cumulative GPA of 3.0: Per the Graduate Catalog Probation/Dismissal Policy, students remain in good standing by maintaining a cum GPA of 3.0 or higher. Violation of this policy will result in academic probation and possibly dismissal. Students may earn a C- or better in individual courses; however, an F grade will automatically initiate a dismissal. Please see the Graduate Catalog and MPH Program Student Handbook for detailed info on policies & procedures.

Participate in Professional Development Events & Create a LinkedIn Profile: Regularly check your WCU email for virtual professional development events hosted by the MPH program, campus centers, and professional organizations. Develop a plan and attend relevant events to build your network and deepen your knowledge and skill set. Building your digital professional presence and network is important. Consider creating a LinkedIn profile and joining our WCU MPH Community LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6531281/>) where we share career, internship/fellowship, and professional development opportunities.

Brainstorm Possible Agency Sites for your Applied Learning Experience Early in the Program: You will complete a 200-hour practicum experience called the Applied Learning Experience (ALE) at the end of the program. This experience includes: (1) a 1-credit HEA649 (ALE I) preparatory online course to be taken in the 2nd to last semester of your program and (2) a 3-credit HEA650 (ALE II) 200-hour on-site experience during the last semester. HEA650 ALE II can only be taken in Spring or Summer semesters. We empower you to identify the site; hence, we recommend that you think early in the program about your career goals; preferences for agency setting, location, population, and practicum responsibilities; and seek professional development opportunities to assist in increasing your marketability when you interview with the site. Past students recommend reviewing job postings on LinkedIn and attending professional development events to identify a short-list of possible agencies well before HEA649 ALE I.

Reach Out and Seek Support: The MPH program faculty & staff and campus community are here to support you. In general, the chain of asking questions includes: (1) course instructor or academic advisor, (2) MPH Program Director & Graduate Coordinator Dr. Stacie Metz (smetz@wcupa.edu), (3) Department of Health Chair Dr. Jim Brenner (jbrenner@wcupa.edu). Dr. Stacie Metz is best to contact if you need detailed guidance on any policies/procedures such as course/term withdrawal, leave of absence, grade appeals, academic standing, or petitions for exception to policy.

FALL START RECOMMENDED COURSE ROTATIONS

TWO YEAR COURSE ROTATION			
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2	HEA516 Health Care Management HEA615 Policy in Public Health HEA612 Health Care Financial Analysis and Management HEA614 Health Care Technology and Information Management	HEA647 Interprofessional Practice in Public Health (1cr) ENV530 General Environmental Health (online) HEA649 Applied Learning Experience I**(1cr) HEA516 Health Care Management HEA514 Approaches to Health Care Delivery	HEA650 Applied Learning Experience II***

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SPRING START RECOMMENDED COURSE ROTATIONS

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