Public Health

The overall learning objectives of the Master of Public Health degree program are to prepare students to:

1. Understand the history, core concepts, evolution of, and current controversies in the field of public health, including awareness of its relation to other professions, particularly the health professions.

2. Demonstrate broad knowledge of the following public health subareas: biostatistics, epidemiology, health education and health promotion, health communications, public health policy, global health leadership, child and family health, and environmental health; with substantial proficiency in at least one subarea, including important theoretical constructs, debates, and major studies.

3. Identify and prioritize the key dimensions of a public health problem, including critically assessing the public health literature.

4. Conduct research that contributes to the identification, management, and resolution of public health problems.

5. Apply public health knowledge in a practicum experience that provides the opportunity to introduce the role of public health in a community setting; expand the understanding of organizational and policy issues, administration, research, funding mechanisms, program activities, and challenges faced by organizations addressing public health issues; improve communication and professional skills; contribute to the identification and analysis of public health problems; and assume leadership roles and responsibilities for the design, implementation and/or evaluation of public health programs.