



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

GRADUATE DIVISION

Info About UH Mānoa

UH Mānoa is a land, sea, space, and sun grant research university of international standing with pioneering research and strengths in various areas. These include, but are not limited to: tropical agriculture, tropical medicine, oceanography, astronomy, linguistics, education, cancer, genetics, electrical engineering, volcanology, evolutionary biology, comparative philosophy, comparative religion, Hawaiian studies, Pacific Islands & Asian area studies, and Asian and Pacific region public health. The Mānoa valley serves as a backdrop for a unique and inviting campus. It includes an authentic Japanese tea house and garden located on the East-West Center grounds, a Korean Studies center that is a replica of a Korean king's throne hall, and Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai, a Hawaiian cultural research and outreach program centered on the cultivation of Hawaiian taro. UH Mānoa is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

What is a Master of Public Health degree?

The MPH at UH Public Health provides you with the skills to conduct epidemiological and community-based research, to assess health needs, to advocate for health policies, and to develop, implement, and evaluate health programs. We collaborate with community members, other health care providers, and policy makers to improve individual and population health. With an MPH, you join a network of health professionals dedicated to social justice and health equity.



Why apply to this graduate program?

For 50+ years, we have educated public health professionals and conducted research that benefits Hawai'i, the continental US, the Asia-Pacific region, and beyond. Our advantages are our small size, the diversity of our student body and faculty, and the level of engagement of students and faculty in public health networks in Hawai'i and the Asia-Pacific region. Students are supported to present at public health conferences and publish findings from their course work and projects. Graduate assistantships, departmental funding, and scholarships are available. Students of Native Hawaiian ancestry and eligible residents of WICHE states receive in-state tuition regardless of their residency. Our program is fully accredited program by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).



Faculty Research Areas & Expertise

Our 30 faculty members are experts in topics ranging from infectious to chronic disease, from child health to end-of-life, from genetics to the environment, and from health promotion to disease treatment and health services. We collaborate with more than 10 branches of the Hawai'i State Department of Health, numerous non-profit and grassroots organizations, and national and international institutions. We secure about \$4 million in research funds per year, and many of our students are involved in this research. See our [faculty directory](#) and our [faculty research profile](#).

ENGAGE

FIRST YEAR, MATRICULATION
INTO PROGRAM

NAVIGATE

MIDWAY THROUGH
PROGRAM

COMMUNICATE

PREPARATION TO GRADUATE
AND GO FORTH

ACADEMIC JOURNEY

- 42 credits; 21 months
- 20 core MPH credits
- 17+ specialization & elective credits
- 240-hour practicum
- Integrative seminar

- Meet with faculty advisors each semester.
- Complete specialization and elective courses.
- Complete core courses in epidemiology, statistics, assessment, health systems and policy, planning and environmental health.
 - Complete 240-hour summer practicum and integrative seminar.
 - Write and present a capstone paper.

INVOLVEMENT

- Hui Ola Pono
- Graduate Student Organization
- Other campus organizations
- Community-based classes
- Professional societies

- Track your progress in mastery of MPH core and specialization competencies.
- Develop skills in data health systems, planning and management, data management, policy, leadership, communication, inter-professional practice, and systems thinking.
 - Acquire and practice MPH skills in the field with public health experts.
 - Complete the integrative seminar.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILL BUILDING

- Master public health competencies
- Integrate classwork and practice
- Learn about public health in Hawai'i

- Participate in department committees, such as evaluation, curriculum, and student affairs.
- Join Hui Ola Pono – the public health student organization.
 - Conduct a community needs assessment.
 - Apply for travel awards, scholarships, and public health recognition.
 - Participate in Inter-Professional Education with nursing, medicine, social work, and pharmacy students.
 - Present your work at local and national public health conferences.

CAREER PLANNING

- Professional materials
- Professional development
- Other opportunities and experiences

- Discuss career opportunities with advisors and alumni.
- Meet potential employers at Career Night and other public health events.
 - Expand your community network through practicum activities.
 - Develop a portfolio of classroom and practice accomplishments.
 - Update your resume, and solicit letters of recommendation.
 - Present capstone paper to program and community members.

Links

Program Website:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/publichealth/>

Contact Information for program:

- Dr. Alan R. Katz (Graduate Chair): katz@hawaii.edu
- Office of Public Health Student Academic Services: ophsas@hawaii.edu

Previous research by graduates:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/publichealth/research/student-research>

Where graduates go after completing their degree:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/publichealth/students/career-opportunities>

Faculty webpages, CVs, and profiles:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/publichealth/faculty-and-staff>

Career options with this degree:

- Health Educator / Community Organizer
- Program, Hospital, or Clinic Administrator
- Grant Writer / Program Evaluator
- Epidemiologist / Biostatistician / Researcher
- Health Policy Analyst / Legislative Aide
- Public Health Nurse / Dentist / Physician

