

Why a MPH in Health Policy and Management?

Reputation

The UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and MPH in Health Policy and Management, specifically, are consistently ranked by US News & World Report as top programs in the United States. The MPH program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) and, each year, attracts accomplished students from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Location, Location, Location!!!

UCLA is located in the Westwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, with close proximity to the beach, mountains, restaurants, shops and endless internship and job opportunities. Los Angeles ultimately provides students with the unique opportunity to be exposed to myriad healthcare organizations and professionals who are more than willing to speak with UCLA students, cosponsor events and attend panels and lectures.



World-renowned Faculty in a Leading Research Institution

The UCLA Fielding School of Public Health provides students with access to outstanding faculty from an array of research areas. Many of the School's faculty members are nationally recognized and hold key positions in non-profit organizations, research studies and governing bodies. Ten Health Services faculty members have been inducted into the prestigious Institute of Medicine.

The MPH in Health Policy and Management challenges students to take more than 20 courses before graduation. Because of this requirement, students learn about a wide variety of healthcare topics, leaving the program with a diverse portfolio of knowledge and skills.

Students have the opportunity to take their electives in any other School of Public Health department as well as other schools at UCLA, such as management, law, medicine or public policy. Some MPH students also pursue a concurrent, joint-degree program with these schools.

Summer Field Studies

All MPH students are required to have a 10-week, full time internship, which is an invaluable program component. Students work in a variety of healthcare organizations, including, but not limited to, hospitals, medical groups, government entities, consulting firms and health plans.

Leadership & Competency Development

MPH in Health Policy and Management students are currently part of a National Center of Healthcare Leadership (NCHL)-sponsored demonstration project, which focuses on developing essential healthcare leadership competencies. Faculty members are continually encouraged to incorporate competency-based learning and assessment into their courses so graduates go into the field as entry-level professionals with the strongest available skill sets.

Career Advantage

UCLA provides its MPH students with a significant career advantage.

The Career Center offers public health students the opportunity to enhance their resumes and learn essential networking skills and job search strategies. Within three months of graduation, 100% of students, who are actively searching the job market, have positions.

In addition, because students have access to all Los Angeles has to offer, they quickly become knowledgeable, seasoned post-graduate professionals. The MPH in Health Policy & Management provides the graduate with a competitive advantage: the strength of a rigorous healthcare management and policy foundation combined with preparation in the public health core.

Student Life

In addition to providing access to a wide variety of healthcare organizations and professionals, Los Angeles offers extracurricular benefits to every student. Whether you like museums, high-end restaurants, boutique shopping, the movies or hanging out with friends at the beach, Los Angeles has it all.

Within the Fielding School of Public Health, students may choose to participate in the Health Services Student Association (HSSA), the Public Health Student Association (PHSA) and the Students of Color for Public Health, which host mixer events, professional panels, and social gatherings throughout the academic year

Networking & Mentoring Opportunities

As a member of HSSA and the MPH in Health Policy and Management program, students have many opportunities to meet professionals who are working in the healthcare field in Los Angeles. The Department of Health Services has an active alumni base and close relationship with the School of Medicine, which provides unique access to the clinical component of health services delivery. Second-year students are paired with mentors in the field and meet with them periodically to discuss possible careers and learn about local organizations..

