

Community & Public Health Leadership

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **Community and Public Health Leadership** specialty program provides two program options to prepare nurses for specialty practice to promote and protect the health of individuals, families, aggregates and communities. These options include the **Community and Public Health Leadership** specialty and the **Combined CPHL/FNP or PNP** program. Emphasis is on the development of knowledge and expertise to assess the health status and health delivery systems of communities and to design community and population-focused nursing interventions to better address the health concerns of vulnerable populations. The core functions and services of public health and public-private partnerships are also emphasized. Courses provide the required knowledge and expertise needed to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate nursing and health care in community settings, including public health departments, schools, home health agencies, community nursing clinics, and international health care settings. Management strategies to assure continuity of health service delivery for individuals and groups at the local and global level are emphasized.

This Program is offered at both the MSN and Post-Master's level.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The CPHL MSN program is offered via a partially-online format. Most of the instruction is asynchronous via the internet. If you enroll in this program, you should have a familiarity with computers and the internet. You would come to Charlottesville only two days per term (first and last day of the semester) for the classes.

PROGRAM FORMAT

- 43 credits for MSN; 19 credits for Post-Master's certificate
- 20 months fulltime; or 32 months part-time (at 1-2 courses/term) for MSN
 - Post-Master's program can be completed part-time in 12 months.
 - 502 clinical hours for either MSN or Post-Master's programs
- Precepted experience in student's geographic area
- Students can be dual-enrolled to prepare for combined roles as C/PHN and Family or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner preparation

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Students who complete the Master's Degree program in Community & Public Health Leadership are able to:

- Synthesize and apply theories, models, and research relating to community assessment, program planning, and program evaluation.
- Demonstrate interdisciplinary collaboration and public-private partnerships;
- Analyze data and research for evidence based practice and resource allocation.
- Provide culturally competent care to address health concerns and disparities among vulnerable populations.
- Provide leadership in the application of the core functions of public health and essential public health services.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students meet all admissions requirements including the completion of a course in statistics (within the past five years). Applicants must have a BSN degree from an accredited institution, and should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Enrolled students must have a current, unencumbered RN license. Prior work experience as a RN is not required; new BSN grads may enroll as part-time students.

Full-time MSN students enroll in the Fall; part-time students may begin any term.

International students must demonstrate ability in English, and must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. The deadline for international students is February 1.

Application deadlines:

Fall Semester	April 1
Summer Term	April 1
Spring Semester	November 1



Programs of Study

Community/Public Health Leadership MSN

Part-time, distance learning option
43 credits

Fall Semester

Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Managing Care in Populations/Systems (3)

Spring Semester

Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)
Health Policy: Local to Global (3)

Summer Session

Health Promotion/Health Behavior Research (3)
Culture & Health (2)

Fall Semester

Research Processes & Biostatistics (4)
Community Assessment (3)
Managing Information Technology (3)

Spring Semester

Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)

Summer Session

Resource Management (3)

Fall Semester

Crisis Management & Emergency Preparedness (3)
Community/Public Health Practicum I (3)

Spring Semester

Community/Public Health Practicum II (4)

Post-Master's Certificate

Community/Public Health Leadership

Part-time, distance learning option
19 credits

Fall Semester

Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Managing Care in Populations/Systems (3)
Community Assessment (3)

Spring Semester

Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)
Community/Public Health Practicum I (3)

Summer Session

Community/Public Health Practicum II (4)

Community/Public Health Leadership & Family or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner MSN

Full-time plan; partially distance learning
58-60 credits

Fall Semester

Epidemiology & World Health (3)
Managing Care in Populations/Systems (3)
Community Assessment (3)
Pathophysiology (4)
Advanced Practice Role I: Acquisition (2)

Spring Semester

Theoretical Foundations in Nursing (3)
Health Care Planning & Evaluation (3)
Pharmacology (4)
Advanced Health Assessment (3)

Summer Session

Health Promotion/Health Behavior Research (3)
Health Policy: Local to Global (3)
Primary Care Seminar I (3)

Fall Semester

Research Processes & Biostatistics (4)
Primary Care Seminar II (2-3)
Primary Care Preceptorship I (6)

Spring Semester

Primary Care Seminar III (2-3)
Primary Care Preceptorship II (6)
Advanced Practice Role II: Transition (1)