

# PUBLIC HEALTH (HEALTH BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH PROMOTION) - MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Students completing the Health Behavior & Health Promotion concentration are eligible to sit for the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) examination and/or for the Certified Public Health (CPH) examination.

## Thesis Option

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>Public Health Core Courses</b>		
PHLS 5110	Community and Psychosocial Aspects of Public Health	3
PHLS 5120	Biostatistical Applications in Public Health	3
PHLS 5130	Epidemiological Approaches to Disease Control and Prevention	3
PHLS 5140	Health Services System: Administration and Organization	3
PHLS 5150	Environmental Public Health Issues	3
PHLS 5160	Public Health Policy Analysis	3
<b>Concentration: Health Behavior &amp; Health Promotion</b>		
PHLS 5210	Foundations & Techniques of Public Health Education	3
PHLS 5240	Health Program Planning	3
PHLS 5250	Evaluative Approaches in Public Health	3
PHLS 5260	Research and Resources in Community Health	3
<b>Cultural Foundation Course</b>		
Select 3 credits from the cultural foundation series numbered PHLS 5610-PHLS 5660		3
<b>Additional Requirements</b>		
PHLS 5998	Field Experience	3
Electives		6
Integrative Learning Experience		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>42</b>

Final examination for the thesis option consists of an oral defense of the thesis and related course work.

## Non-Thesis Option

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<b>Health Behavior &amp; Health Promotion Concentration</b>		
PHLS 5210	Foundations & Techniques of Public Health Education	3
PHLS 5240	Health Program Planning	3

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<b>Additional Requirements</b>		
PHLS 5998	Field Experience	3
Electives		6
Integrative Learning Experience		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>42</b>

Elective courses may include other 5000-level courses from other departments. Some PHLS 5000 level courses are crossed listed with PHLS 4000 level courses (e.g PHLS 4640 Rural Health Issues and PHLS 5640 Rural Health Issues). Students who have previously taken one of these 4000 level courses at NMSU, may not take the corresponding 5000 level PHLS course for degree completion credit.

Selected elective and option courses may also be available during summer sessions.

All MPH students must comply with the Student Code of Conduct for the Department of Public Health Sciences. This can be found online at the Department's web page (<http://publichealth.nmsu.edu> (<https://publichealth.nmsu.edu>))

Non-Thesis students must complete an Integrative Learning Experience that allows them to demonstrate a synthesis of foundational and concentration competencies. This also serves as the final exam for Graduate School Requirements.

## Thesis Option

### A Suggested Plan of Study

Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

## Non-Thesis Option

### A Suggested Plan of Study

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		<b>Credits</b>
PHLS 5110	Community and Psychosocial Aspects of Public Health	3
PHLS 5120	Biostatistical Applications in Public Health	3
PHLS 5140	Health Services System: Administration and Organization	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
PHLS 5130	Epidemiological Approaches to Disease Control and Prevention	3
PHLS 5210	Foundations & Techniques of Public Health Education	3
PHLS 5260	Research and Resources in Community Health	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
PHLS 5998	Field Experience	3

Cultural Foundation Course or Elective <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
PHLS 5250 Evaluative Approaches in Public Health <sup>2</sup>	3
PHLS 5240 Health Program Planning	3
Cultural Foundation Course or Elective	3
Complete Integrative Learning Experience	
<b>Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
PHLS 5150 Environmental Public Health Issues	3
PHLS 5160 Public Health Policy Analysis	3
Cultural Foundation Course or Elective <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>42</b>

Coordinator. An exception will need to be made to the degree audit in order for the additional course(s) to be included on both the Undergraduate and Graduate degrees. Other Cultural Foundation courses (PHLS 5600-5699) may be substituted when offered.

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PHLS 5150	Environmental Public Health Issues	3
PHLS 5210	Foundations & Techniques of Public Health Education	3
PHLS 5610	Health Disparities: Determinants and Interventions	3
PHLS 5620	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	3

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<sup>2</sup> PHLS 5210 Foundations & Techniques of Public Health Education is a prerequisite for PHLS 5250 Evaluative Approaches in Public Health

<sup>3</sup> Select three credits from the cultural foundation series numbered PHLS 5610-PHLS 5660.

New Mexico State University's master's accelerated program allows **academically qualified undergraduate students** to begin working on a master's degree **during their junior and senior years** while completing a bachelor's degree. Typically, a bachelor's degree requires four years to complete, and a master's degree requires an additional two years. The master's accelerated programs allow students to complete a graduate program in an accelerated manner. You can also check NMSU's catalog for additional information about our programs.

Please talk to the PHS Graduate Coordinator about your MAP plan and develop a course plan in consultation with that person.

## MAP Requirements

- The Graduate School allows qualified junior or senior students to substitute its graduate courses for required or elective courses in an undergraduate degree program and then subsequently count those same courses as fulfilling graduate requirements in a related graduate program.
- Undergraduate students may apply for acceptance to the accelerated master's program after completing 60 semester hours of undergraduate coursework, of which a minimum of 25 semester credit hours must be completed at NMSU.
- The grade point average must be at a minimum of 3.00.
- Students must receive a grade of B or higher in this coursework to be counted for graduate credit. If a B- or lower grade is earned, it will not count toward the graduate degree.

## Accepted MAP Courses

The following courses are accepted for use in the PHS MAP program; other courses may be considered after consultation with the Graduate