



Master of Public Health

University of Waterloo's *Master of Public Health* program is preparing a new generation of public health professionals, skilled in protecting health, preventing illness, and helping people to achieve a healthier life for themselves and their communities - in Canada and around the world.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAYING

By 2nd year of the program I had already gained a lot of valuable knowledge that I could apply to my job. I look forward to the MPH practicum and field experience, where I will be able to apply this knowledge to new settings and challenges.

- ANITA NIKOLIC, Master of Public Health program
Halton Region Health Department

1st distance education MPH program
in Canada with a practicum
requirement

Estimated savings in health care
costs for every dollar public health
spends on health promotion programs

\$7

An applied professional degree program

The *Master of Public Health* program, offered by the Department of Health Studies and Gerontology, provides advanced training in core competencies for public health and is ideal for both recent Bachelor's degree graduates and those established in the field.

The program's multidisciplinary approach incorporates content from a variety of academic areas including psychology, sociology, statistics, and planning, in addition to health studies (see reverse for sample courses). A 12-week field practicum component provides opportunity for a wide variety of community, provincial, national, and international experiences.

Offered through distance education format* on a full-time or part-time basis, the *Master of Public Health* program offers flexibility for the working professional and can be completed in 2 to 4 years.

*On-campus attendance required for two 2-week block courses

Healthy futures

As a graduate of the *Master of Public Health* program, you'll have the knowledge, tools, and skills needed to take a leadership role in public health at the federal, provincial/territorial, or local level, or in the voluntary and private sectors.

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Areas of concentration

The *Master of Public Health* program:

- provides opportunity for a broad understanding of public health
- prepares health professionals for management/leadership roles in public health settings

In addition, you may choose to specialize further with the MPH sociobehavioural sciences stream, which:

- prepares health professionals to plan, implement, and evaluate population health promotion and disease prevention programs
- increases specialized public health knowledge and skills in areas such as smoking prevention, cancer prevention, heart health, and nutrition

Best practices in public health and public health informatics are significant themes throughout the program.

Admission requirements

The minimum requirement for admission to the *Master of Public Health* program is normally a 4-year Bachelor's degree in a relevant field from a recognized university or college. Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 75% in the final two years of their undergraduate degree. A university-level course in basic statistics is highly recommended.

To be considered, applicants must have at least one year prior work experience in public health or other relevant setting and must also submit a personal essay.

Application process

To apply to the *Master of Public Health* program, you must complete the online application form available at www.grad.uwaterloo.ca/students/applyingonline.asp.

Application deadline

Applications and supporting documents must be received by **February 1st, 2010** to be considered for September 2010 admission.



Core courses

- Foundations of Public Health
- Health Policy in Public Health
- Public Health and the Environment
- Biostatistics in Public Health
- Principles of Epidemiology
- Public Health and Society
- Health and Risk Communication
- Management and Administration
- Public Health Practicum
- Capstone

Elective courses

- Program Evaluation
- Population Interventions
- Environmental Toxicology
- Risk and Exposure Assessment
- Health Economics and Public Health
- Public Health, Environment and Planning
- Applied Epidemiology
- Public Health Informatics
- Human Development and Health
- Global Health
- GIS and Public Health
- Selected Topics in Public Health:
 - › Environmental Approaches to Physical Activity Promotion
 - › Social Justice and Public Health
 - › Tobacco Control

For more information, visit www.ahs.uwaterloo.ca/hsg/mph

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