



MPH ORIENTATION

SPRING 2020

PRAYER

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FACULTY

- Dr. Bethesda O'Connell – MPH Program Director
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- Dr. Brigitte Townsend
- Dr. Baraka Muvuka
- LUO faculty

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

- Graduate Student Assistants
 - Lynzi Glasscock– health promotion
 - Katelyn Espenship– health promotion
 - Megan Revis– global health
 - Olufunmilayo Babarinde – global health
 - Cali Anderson– epidemiology
 - Caesar Toland- nutrition
- Liberty University Student Public Health Association
Point of contact – Lynzi Glasscock

Mission

“Embracing a Christian world view to reach the underserved through public health training and practice so others may experience the embrace of God.”

Vision

“We envision a cadre of fully prepared Christian health professionals dedicated to overcoming health disparities and improving the well-being of people from every, tongue, tribe and nation, especially the poor and disadvantaged, throughout the world.”

LOGISTICS

- Liberty Way
- Honor Code
- Graduate Student Handbook
- Parking
- Buses
- Building access
- MPH Concourse
- AMA style guide

COMMUNICATION

- Blackboard
- Email – use your Liberty email address
- Telephone
 - Mackenzie – 434-582-2333
 - Dr. O’Connell – 434-592-7058
 - Dr. Attin – 434-592-6908
- Office hours

EXPERIENCE

- Jobs
- Extracurricular activities are a must
 - LUPHSA
 - Campus programs (ex. Live Healthy Liberty, Health Fairs)
- Co-curricular Activities
 - Professional memberships (ex. APHA, VAPHA, CCIH)
 - Presentations and attendance at professional meetings
 - Volunteerism in non-profits

ACCREDITATION

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
 - Liberty was last re-accredited in 2016
 - MPH program was adopted without recommendation in 2011
- Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)
 - Oct 6, 2017- Dec 31, 2024

PROGRAM

- 42 credit hours
 - 6 core courses
 - 5 concentration courses
 - 2 electives
 - Practicum
 - HLTH 600
 - Portfolio
 - Comprehensive exam

MPH CORE CURRICULUM

- HLTH 501- Biostatistics
- HLTH 503- Epidemiology
- HLTH 505- Environmental Health
- HLTH 507- Public Health Administration
- HLTH 509- Social and Behavioral Theory
- HLTH 511- Research Methods

CONCENTRATIONS

- **Global Health** – 620 series of classes
- **Health Promotion** – 630 series of classes
- **Nutrition** – 640 series of classes (not an RD program)
- **Epidemiology** – 552, 650, 651, 642, 625
(residential only)

CERTIFICATES

- Issue with students taking courses without the intent to complete a degree
- Desire to have further education in another area
- Current certificates
 - Global health
 - Health Promotion
 - Nutrition
 - Epidemiology (residential only)
 - Healthcare management (School of Business)

COMPETENCIES

COURSE SEQUENCING

- Students must seek a faculty member to guide you on the best courses for your career plan
- 3 residential courses needed to remain fulltime
 - Required for all international students on a student visa
 - Required by most financial aid packages
- Degree Completion Plans provide the curriculum requirements

RESIDENTIAL COURSE ROTATIONS

- All core courses offered each semester
- Concentration courses offered in alternate semesters
- Electives offered at variable intervals
- Take courses residentially for the most benefit

COURSE SEQUENCE BY CONCENTRATION

MPH Grading

	8 point scale		
A	940	-	1000
A-	920	-	939
B+	900	-	919
B	860	-	899
B-	840	-	859
C+	820	-	839
C	780	-	819
C-	760	-	779
D+	740	-	759
D	700	-	739
D-	680	-	699
F	679 and Below		

GATE SYSTEM

GATE 1: ADMISSION TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

- Once students have been accepted for admission, they have completed Gate 1
- Students will be advised to complete HLTH 501 as the first course in preparation to complete the program
- A total 12 credits of graduate work (inclusive of HLTH 501) may be completed prior to Gate 2

GATE 2 REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of HLTH 501 (biostatistics) with a grade of C or better
- Begin Electronic Portfolio
 - Establishes a reservoir of key assessments
 - A student resume
 - Documentation of co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities, and other elements needed to enroll in the practicum
- Background Check (receipt will go into the portfolio)

GATE 3: COMPLETION OF ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO

- Key assignments from each core course will be added to the electronic portfolio by the student
- These assignments provide an assessment of student progress and are evidence of program effectiveness
- Serves as a culminating experience for the program
- Students must also develop and maintain a current resume or CV for inclusion in the electronic portfolio
- Contact the Career Center for assistance in resume or CV development

GATE 4: COMPETENCY EXAM

- HLTH 600
- Prerequisite for HLTH 698 Practicum
- A study guide and the assignments stored within the electronic portfolio will help the student prepare
- A score of 70% is required to pass
- Can be taken 3 times within HLTH 600 to achieve a passing score

GATE 5: PRACTICUM

- Please refer to the MPH Practicum Guide for details about selecting and completing a practicum
- Students are responsible for locating an appropriate Practicum to suit their career goals
- Securing the practicum site must be coordinated and approved by the Practicum Coordinator by the deadline

GATE 6: APPLY FOR GRADUATION

- Students should apply for graduation upon enrollment in the Practicum
- Application for graduation is necessary to graduate
- Students may walk with in the graduation ceremony with up to 6 outstanding credits

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Anne Foust

Jerry Falwell Library

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Public and Community Health Resource Guide

<http://libguides.liberty.edu/content.php?pid=544018&sid=4475352>

CO-CURRICULAR AND PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITIES

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CAREER SERVICES

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