

LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Science in Public Health in Epidemiology (M.S.P.H.)

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (20 hours)

		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
HLTH 501	Biostatistics ¹	3	_____	_____
HLTH 503	Principles of Epidemiology	3	_____	_____
HLTH 505	Principles of Environmental Health	3	_____	_____
HLTH 507	Public Health Administration	3	_____	_____
HLTH 509	Social & Behavioral Theory Applications in Public Health	3	_____	_____
HLTH 511	Research Methods in Public Health	3	_____	_____
PUBH 500	Introduction to the Science & Practice of Public Health	2	_____	_____

GATE COURSES (0 hours)

PHGT 510	Public Health Orientation ¹	0	_____	_____
PHGT 512	Public Health Essay ²	0	_____	_____
PHGT 513	Public Health Portfolio ³	0	_____	_____
PHGT 514	Public Health Competency Exam ⁴	0	_____	_____

METHODS COURSES (7 hours)

HLTH 652	Data Visualization & Spatial Analysis	3	_____	_____
PUBH 630	Statistical Software Lab I	1	_____	_____
PUBH 632	Advanced Research Methods in Epidemiology	3	_____	_____

EPIDEMIOLOGY COURSES (15 hours)

HLTH 552	Chronic Disease Epidemiology	3	_____	_____
HLTH 625	Prevention & Control of Infectious Diseases	3	_____	_____
HLTH 650	Field Epidemiology	3	_____	_____
HLTH 651	Epidemiologic Research Methods	3	_____	_____
_____	_____ ⁵	3	_____	_____

THESIS & APPLIED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE COURSES (3 hours)

PUBH 689	Applied Practice Experience ⁶	0	_____	_____
EPDM 690	Epidemiology Thesis	3	_____	_____
TOTAL HOURS		45		

Graduation Requirements⁷

Complete 45 hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level

3.0 GPA

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Degree must be completed within 5 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Resident Format

Note

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Gate 1 – Admission to Graduate School, Successful Completion of PHGT 510

(Orientation), Completion of HLTH 501 with a Grade of C or higher

²Gate 2 – Successful Completion of PHGT 512 (Approval of Public Health Essay), Complete 12 credit hours (must include HLTH 501 with a Grade of C or higher)

³Gate 3 – Successful Completion of PHGT 513 (Electronic Student Portfolio)

⁴Gate 4 – Successful Completion of PHGT 514 (Competency Exam) with a passing score of 70% or better. Students have three attempts to take the exam. Failure to pass the exam will result in remediation or dismissal from the program.

⁵Choose any 500-600 level HLTH or PUBH course not already required by the degree, or any other 500-600 level course with department chair approval. HLTH 698 will not satisfy this requirement.

⁶Gate 5 – Successful Completion of PUBH 689 AND EPDM 690. These courses must be taken concurrently.

⁷Gate 6 – Apply for and meet all requirements for graduation.

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester

HLTH 501	3
HLTH 503	3
HLTH 625	3
PUBH 500	2
PHGT 510	<u>0</u>
Total	11

Second Semester

HLTH 505	3
HLTH 511	3
HLTH 552	3
Elective ¹	3
PHGT 512	<u>0</u>
Total	12

Third Semester

HLTH 507	3
HLTH 509	3
HLTH 650	3
PHGT 513	<u>0</u>
Total	9

Fourth Semester

HLTH 651	3
HLTH 652	3
PUBH 630	1
PUBH 632	3
PHGT 514	<u>0</u>
Total	10

Fifth Semester (Summer)

PUBH 689	0
EPDM 690	<u>3</u>
Total	3

Notes

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