

PROGRAM PLANNING:

Courses are offered for both concentrations during an intensive seven weeks beginning in early July. The seven weeks cover Summer 1 and Summer 2 sessions. Students typically take between 10 and 15 credits each summer for three consecutive summers.

Between summers, students are expected to be working on applied research projects (practice) to complement their didactic training.

COST:

The cost of the summer-only MPH will parallel the tuition cost of courses during the year. Summer Session students pay per credit for each course. A minimum of 42.5 credits is required to complete the degree.

A \$125 registration fee will be charged each summer and other fees as required. The 2008 cost per credit is \$833; however, tuition changes can be expected each year.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

All degree applicants must complete the application at sophas.org. In addition to biographical information, the application requires:

- A statement of purpose
- A curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- GRE scores (other specific tests may be substituted under certain circumstances)
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) if applicable

Please note: For non-degree students, successfully completing summer courses DOES NOT guarantee admission into HSPH degree programs.

PCE Admissions: The program in Clinical Effectiveness is designed for the clinician seeking quantitative and analytical skills. Local applicants must have a guaranteed position in a clinical department in a Boston teaching hospital. Applicants from outside Boston must be sponsored by their medical school or teaching hospital. Applications must be made to both the PCE Program and the HSPH degree program.

NOTE: HSPH does not provide financial aid for Summer Programs.

DEADLINES:

Students applying to the Summer MPH must complete the same application form and observe the same deadlines as all applicants to HSPH. In addition, admitted students must register (apply) separately for the Summer Session or the Program in Clinical Effectiveness by the appropriate deadline each year in order to indicate course choices.

HSPH Degree Program Deadlines for Application

Master of Public Health Program:
December 15, 2008

Master of Science Programs:
December 15, 2008

Program in Clinical Effectiveness (PCE):
February 1, 2009

2nd Deadline (MPH Program Only):
January 15, 2009

Summer Session (Non-Degree Program):
March 1, 2009

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HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SUMMER-ONLY DEGREE PROGRAM

2008 - 2009



THE PROGRAM:

The Harvard School of Public Health offers a Summer-Only option for the Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree. The Summer-only MPH is offered in only two concentrations:

- **Quantitative Methods**
- **Clinical Effectiveness**

The program requires three consecutive summers to complete. Applicants must have doctoral degrees in fields such as medicine, dentistry, nursing, or other fields related to public health.

PROGRAM OPTIONS:

Quantitative Methods (QM)

The QM Concentration is designed to prepare clinicians and other health care professionals whose key strength will be in the application of numeric analysis to the health needs of communities large and small. Students pursue courses in a variety of areas such as the distribution of diseases, behavior, the environment, health policy, and health care. Students may tailor course sequences in accordance with individual needs and prerequisites.

Clinical Effectiveness (CLE)

The CLE Concentration is intended to prepare clinicians for leadership roles in the evaluating and improving all aspects of health care delivery. CLE is concerned with identifying the most appropriate, ethical, and cost-effective means of providing health care through prevention, early-detection or treatment.

Students in this program must attend the intensive seven-week 15-credit summer program (PCE) in the first summer. Students must file a separate application to the PCE program in addition to their application to HSPH to be considered for degree candidacy.

*Applications for the summer PCE – (**Deadline: February 1, 2009**) portion of the program must be obtained by contacting:

Program in Clinical Effectiveness

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*These two concentrations share all summer course offerings. However, both the first summer courses and the final practice courses do vary.

SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULES:

Students in both the CLE and QM concentrations must meet all of the core requirements* of the MPH Program, including a practicum as part of their degree program. Suggested schedules:

Quantitative Methods (QM)

Summer One (12.5 credits)

Intro Epidemiology (5.0 credits)*
Intro Biostatistics (5.0 credits)*
Public Health Ethics (2.5 credits)*

Clinical Effectiveness (CLE)

Summer One (15 credits)

Intro Epidemiology (5.0 credits)*
Intro Biostatistics (5.0 credits)*
Public Health Ethics (2.5 credits)* (Option)
Environmental Health (2.5 credit)* (Option)

Summer Two and Summer Three:

Quantitative Methods – 30 credits

Clinical Effectiveness – 27.5 credits

Courses may include::

Health Policy and Management option (2.5 credit minimum)*
Advanced Methods in Clinical Epidemiology (5.0 credits)
Linear and Longitudinal Regression (2.5 credits)
Survival Methods in Clinical Research (2.5 credits)
Environmental Health option (2.5 credit minimum)*
Principles of Clinical Trials (2.5 credits)
Social and Behavioral Sciences option (2.5 credit minimum)*
Research Synthesis and Meta-Analysis (2.5 credits)
Developing Questionnaires to Measure the Outcomes of Health Care (2.5 credits)

Culminating Seminar: Off-Site Practicum*

QM: 5 credits
CLE: 2.5 -7.5 credits

*Core Requirement

Please note: Summer-only students are also permitted to apply for courses offered in the January Winter Session. Summer-only students may not take Fall or Spring courses.

PRACTICUM:

Quantitative Methods

The practicum for Quantitative Methods (QM) will follow the same guidelines as CLE and will focus on a variety of quantitative public health subjects. The practice will provide students with a culminating experience that combines work during the year primarily between Summer II and Summer III with faculty contact and fellow students via e-mail and study groups.

This opportunity permits a field practicum wherein students can apply techniques acquired from the classroom to active investigations. The primary goal of this program is to provide students with the broad-based competencies needed to perform these investigations. Finally, all students must present the results of their projects in a capstone seminar held during the last summer of their program. The QM practice is 5 credits.

Clinical Effectiveness

For students in the concentration in Clinical Effectiveness (CLE), an off-site practicum will be developed whereby students complete an applied research project at their home institution under the supervision of a local mentor and a member of the faculty at HSPH. The nature of the projects should be relevant to students' goals. These projects may include aspects of epidemiology, health services research or quality improvement. All students must present the results of their projects in a capstone seminar held during the last summer of their program. Credit for the practice course varies.

Please note: Options for elective choices are very limited during the summer. Students who choose a summer-only schedule will not have the same diversity of courses to choose from as students who attend HSPH during the standard academic year.

*For individuals with particular interests in this field and whose occupations and commitments do not allow the possibility of taking classes during the academic year, the summer program should be a rewarding option.

*Students interested in Summer Session courses that may count towards other degree programs should review the Summer Session catalogue.