The MPH in Community-Oriented Public Health Practice (COPHP) is an innovative teaching program that prepares students to become leading health professionals. COPHP combines rigorous academic preparation with a commitment to social justice, health equity, and community participation and involvement. COPHP’s unique case-based, learn-by-doing method builds the practical skills necessary to address the determinants of health that affect the health and well-being of communities. Our graduates are well-suited to recognize and address the complexities of real-world public health challenges as community partners, problem solvers, innovators, advocates and leaders.

Highlights

**Problem-based learning (PBL):** PBL is a teaching method based on relevant and timely case studies, public health issues and evidence-based approaches. Students learn through active inquiry and analysis rather than a traditional lecture approach.

**Experiential learning:** COPHP uses experiential learning through fieldwork with long-standing community partners to help students integrate course work with real-world experience.

**Practical skill building:** COPHP community projects offer students experience they will need throughout their careers, such as recognizing and deconstructing problems; collecting, analyzing, evaluating and managing information; and presenting information clearly and persuasively in formal reports and presentations.

Degrees and/or Certificates Offered

Students who wish to concentrate in a specialized area during their program may earn a graduate certificate, which is acknowledged on the student’s transcript. Approximately 12-15 additional credit hours are required to earn a certificate. Please see UW’s certificate website for more information:

www.grad.washington.edu/admissions/certificates.shtml

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Applicant Qualifications

COPHP attracts students from diverse backgrounds and experiences who are interested in health equity and social justice. COPHP strongly recommends that applicants have some post-college work experience before applying to COPHP. We suggest that current undergraduate students carefully consider this before applying. We strongly recommend that you visit a PBL-class session if you are able to travel to Seattle. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate they have made an effort to learn about the program and the PBL method.

Academic/Professional Opportunities

COPHP graduates are uniquely prepared for leadership roles in a variety of public health settings. Government, not-for-profit and community-based organizations often hire our graduates for policy analyst, program management, and advocacy positions.

Admissions

When you are ready to begin your application, please follow the application process at: http://depts.washington.edu/cophp/admissions

Applications may be submitted on-line at: https://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/. Applicants submit GRE (General Test) scores, resume or CV, Statement of Purpose, three recommendation letters and transcripts. International applicants may need to submit TOEFL scores.

Application Deadline

COPHP application deadlines for autumn quarter (only) entry are:

**Priority Admission** December 1, 2014
**Regular Admission** January 15, 2015
**Space Available** March 1, 2015