

Master of Public Health Program Mission

Advance the health and well-being of the citizens of Missouri and elsewhere through excellence in teaching, discovery, and service in public health. To harness the unique strengths of the University of Missouri in veterinary medicine and policy analysis and development to address the needs of underserved populations and to prepare public health leaders on the local, state, and national levels.

Master of Public Health Program Statement of Values

The underlying values of the University of Missouri Master of Public Health Program include a strong commitment to creating a learning environment where evidence-based decision-making and best practices are used to enhance the common good. The core values of the University of Missouri (Respect, Responsibility, Discovery, and Excellence) intersect with key public health values informing the program in several important ways: 1) **Respect** for the diversity of our students and for the communities they will serve, including an understanding of issues involving equity and the special needs of vulnerable populations, 2) the **Responsibility** of the academy to bring rigor and excellence to the training of both future and currently practicing public health professionals and to promote research findings for the development of public policy, 3) the value of promoting and supporting innovative, interdisciplinary **Discovery** that is a unique strength of the discipline of public health, and 4) the necessity of holding leaders of population-based efforts to improve health to the highest standards of **Excellence**, including professionalism, solid grounding in international and national codes of ethics, and respect for individual dignity, social justice, and fairness.

Master of Public Health Program Goals

The MPH Program will attain its Mission through coordinated efforts addressing six broad goals that encompass its mission of teaching, research, and service:

GOAL 1: Recruit a student body that is diverse, has the potential to contribute meaningfully to the field, and reflects the needs of the state. *(Instruction)*

GOAL 2: Implement and continue to refine an interdisciplinary, evidence-based curriculum that confers public health values, knowledge, and skills through coursework, service, practice, and field experience. *(Instruction)*

GOAL 3: Create a focal point for public health discovery in the areas of policy development, veterinary public health, and health promotion by supporting a high-quality research agenda that encourages student involvement and enhances the skills, knowledge, and expertise of the existing public health workforce. *(Research/Workforce)*

GOAL 4: Secure a stable resource base to enhance and promote the University of Missouri's Master of Public Health Program. *(Governance)*

GOAL 5: Introduce highly-skilled public health professionals into leadership positions within Missouri and elsewhere. *(Instruction/Workforce)*

GOAL 6: Establish a system of continuous quality improvement that incorporates structured evaluations of the curriculum, consultation with community stakeholders and students, and the best practices and scientific findings of the wider public health community. *(Planning and Evaluation)*