Excellence for impact

Put yourself at the center of public health with a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree from the O’Donnell School of Public Health. You will gain the critical skills to solve public health problems affecting our communities and build your own future through in-depth training in analysis, research, practice, and policy.

A two-year, in-person program in Dallas, Texas

As part of the renowned UT Southwestern Medical Center, our predominantly in-person program offers a dynamic environment that will leave you well-prepared to have an impact on public health issues – both in Texas and in communities across the country.

Choose your path with our unique curriculum

Concentrations are the foundation of our M.P.H. program, equipping our future public health workforce with three innovative degree pathways. You choose your path.

- Quantitative Data Sciences
- Health Promotion, Structure, and Agency
- Health Systems Science

Exceptional opportunities to train and learn

Our research-intensive program offers exceptional opportunities to collaborate with multiple community organizations, regional health systems, and universities, including Parkland Health, Children’s Health, Texas Health Resources, and The University of Texas at Dallas.

Expert mentors

Learn from the best. O’Donnell School of Public Health faculty members have expertise and have generated important discoveries in fields such as population and data sciences, bioinformatics, computational biology, health economics, health policy, implementation science, and health behavior and promotion. You’ll work closely with faculty to select a concentration and develop an individualized training plan.

Important deadlines

New classes of M.P.H. students start in the fall of each year.

Priority scholarship consideration deadline: Feb. 15

Applications due: April 1

Letters of recommendation due: April 8

Apply today through our website.

Learn more about the program at utsouthwestern.edu/osphadmissions.
Three innovative paths … one impactful degree
Choose from one of three multidisciplinary concentrations

Quantitative Data Sciences
The practice of public health is driven by scientific evidence obtained from a variety of sources. This evidence is generated by researchers working in interdisciplinary professional domains.

In this concentration, you’ll discover how to:
- Use various types of data in public health research and practice
- Collect, manage, analyze, and report such data

Core courses
- Intermediate Programming
- Intermediate Public Health Data
- Intermediate Analysis of Public Health Data
- Behavioral Intervention Research Methods

Selected electives
- Machine Learning and Deep Learning
- Infectious Disease Epidemiology

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Health Promotion, Structure, and Agency
Build the skills necessary to drive transformative change in health and health equity. Design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based programs to empower individuals and communities.

In this concentration, you’ll discover how to:
- Promote the health of individuals, communities, and populations, and reduce health disparities via program design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation
- Inform and advance theories and their application to public health practice using quantitative and qualitative data

Core courses
- Theoretical Foundations of Health Promotion - Parts 1 and 2
- Program Administration, Management, and Evaluation
- Community Needs Assessment and Program Design

Selected electives
- Community-Based Health Promotion
- Implementing and Evaluating Health Behavior Interventions

Health Systems Science
Learn how to deliver health promotion interventions and improve care within a variety of community and health system settings, including how to meet local needs by adapting implementation strategies and how to decide which strategies will be most economically feasible.

In this concentration, you’ll discover how to:
- Conduct and understand health services and health policy research
- Develop, implement, and evaluate health interventions and policies within the context of the health system
- Assess population health from an economic perspective that acknowledges the role of community, family, social, and policy factors in health care choices

Core courses
- Implementation Science I: Fundamentals
- U.S. Health Policy
- Health Economics
- Introduction to Health Services Research

Selected electives
- Domestic Social Policy and Implications for Health
- Health Econometrics

M.D./M.P.H. Program
Together with UT Southwestern Medical School, we offer an M.D./M.P.H. four-year dual degree. Students in this program will have the opportunity to take courses across the three concentrations.