

**MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH - HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT TRACK**  
**GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING SHEET (Effective Fall Semester 2023)**

**MPH CORE COURSES (28 CREDITS)**

COURSE	IN PERSON (4:25-7:10pm)		ONLINE	CREDITS	GRADE
HEA503 Foundations in Public Health	----	----	Fall/Sum	1	
HEA520 Public Health Epidemiology*	Fall	Thursday	Fall	3	
HEA526 Biostatistics for Public Health*	Fall	Monday	Spring	3	
ENV530 General Environmental Health	----	----	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA516 Health Care Management	Fall	Monday	Fall	3	
HEA605 Utilizing Systems Thinking in Public Health	----	----	Spring/Sum	1	
HEA615 Policy in Public Health	----	----	Fall/Spring	3	
HEA632 Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	Spring	Thursday	Spring	3	
HEA647 Interprofessional Practice in Public Health	----	----	Spring ONLY	1	
HEA648 Research Methods in Public Health	Spring	Monday	Spring	3	
HEA649 Applied Learning Experience I** (Preparatory course taken during the second to last semester of the program)	----	----	Fall/Spring/Sum	1	
HEA650 Applied Learning Experience II*** (200-hour practicum - taken during the last semester of the program)	Practicum (Fall/Spring/Sum)			3	

\*Course prerequisite of MAT121 or equivalent, \*\*Course prerequisites HEA520 & HEA526, \*\*\* Course prerequisite: HEA649

NOTE: Please follow our recommended course rotations since some in-person core courses are offered in the same day/time and must be taken in different semesters.

**HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT ELECTIVE COURSES (18 CREDITS)**

Course	In Person	Online	Credits	Grade
HEA513 Legal Aspects of Health Care	----	Spring	3	
HEA514 Approaches to Health Care Delivery	----	Spring	3	
HEA612 Health Care Financial Analysis and Management	---	Fall	3	
HEA613 Advocacy and Quality of Health Care Services*	---	Fall	3	
HEA614 Health Care Technology and Information Management	----	Fall	3	
HEA616 Strategic Leadership in Health Care	---	Spring	3	

\* MPH Community Service program requirement met by completing service-learning activity in HEA613.

**Total of 46 credits for the MPH Program**

**ADVISING TIPS**

**Recommended Course Rotations:** On the next page you will find several tables with the recommended course sequencing. Choose the table that is relevant to your situation, based on your starting semester (Fall or Spring) and your full-time (2-year) or part-time (3-year) status. In-person core courses are generally held on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:25-7:10pm; whereas, in-person track courses are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:25-7:10pm. Please note that some of our core courses are only offered 100% online. These include the four 1-credit core courses AND two 3-credit core courses (ENV530 and HEA615). It is recommended to closely follow the course schedule relevant to you to prevent any delays in graduation.

**MPH Informational D2L Site:** All MPH students should be able to access the information on the MPH Program's D2L site. If you do not have this tile under Department, please contact Tammy Wyatt ([twyatt@wcupa.edu](mailto:twyatt@wcupa.edu)). On this site, you can access a wealth of information about the program (ex, handbook, advising sheets, ALE guidelines, recorded virtual events, etc.) and announcements of future events and opportunities for career growth.

**Attend Track Group Advising Sessions:** Each track holds a virtual track-specific group advising session during the Fall/Spring semesters. Watch for an email from your MPH Director and/or Track Coordinator in September for Winter/Spring scheduling and in February for Summer/Fall scheduling.

**Meet with your Advisor:** Students are encouraged to schedule appointments with their academic advisor **during the Fall/Spring semesters** (1) to ensure appropriate course selection and sequencing, (2) to discuss career goals and professional development opportunities, and (3) to get support with solving academic difficulties and possible referrals to relevant campus resources. Health Care Management Track advisors include: Dr. Harry D. Holt ([hholt@wcupa.edu](mailto:hholt@wcupa.edu)) who advises students whose Last Name start with A-Co and J-O and Dr. Gopal Sankaran ([gsankaran@wcupa.edu](mailto:gsankaran@wcupa.edu)) who advises students whose Last Name starts with Cr-I and P-Z. For questions during summer/winter months, schedule an appointment with Dr. Stacie Metz ([smetz@wcupa.edu](mailto:smetz@wcupa.edu)) via her scheduling site: <https://wcupa.campus.eab.com/pal/bUIKFE1xTm>.

**Complete Required Undergraduate Statistics Course:** If your admissions letter indicates that you are required to complete MAT121 undergraduate statistics course or equivalent, a prerequisite for the biostatistics and the epidemiology courses, do so prior to starting the program. Options include enrolling in MAT121 at WCU, community college course equivalent, or BYU virtual STAT-121 Principles of Statistics independent study (<https://is.byu.edu/catalog/STAT-121-301-001>). If you choose to complete the pre-requisite while taking MPH courses, the course sequencing will need to be adjusted to your individual situation (see your advisor or Dr. Stacie Metz). If you have completed the undergraduate statistics prerequisite at another university, email Dr. Metz ([smetz@wcupa.edu](mailto:smetz@wcupa.edu)) with your WCU ID, course number & section you wish to get into, and request to be manually added since you completed the undergrad statistics prerequisite at another university.

**Maintain a Cumulative GPA of 3.0:** Per the Graduate Catalog Probation/Dismissal Policy, students remain in good standing by maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Violation of this policy will result in academic probation and possibly dismissal. Students may earn a C- or better in individual courses; however, an F grade will automatically initiate a dismissal. Please see the Graduate Catalog and MPH Program Student Handbook for detailed info on policies & procedures.

**Participate in Professional Development Events & Create a LinkedIn Profile:** Regularly check your WCU email for virtual professional development events hosted by the MPH program, campus centers, and professional organizations. Develop a plan and attend relevant events to build your network and deepen your knowledge and skill set. Building your digital professional presence and network is important. Consider creating a LinkedIn profile and joining our WCU MPH Community LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6531281/>) where we share career, internship/fellowship, and professional development opportunities.

**Brainstorm Possible Agency Sites for your Applied Learning Experience Early in the Program:** You will complete a 200-hour practicum experience called the Applied Learning Experience (ALE) at the end of the program. This experience includes: (1) a 1-credit HEA649 (ALE I) preparatory online course to be taken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last semester of your program and (2) a 3-credit HEA650 (ALE II) 200-hour on-site experience during the last semester. We empower you to identify the site; hence, we recommend that you think early in the program about your career goals; preferences for agency setting, location, population, and practicum responsibilities; and seek professional development opportunities to assist in increasing your marketability when you interview with the site. Past students recommend reviewing job postings on LinkedIn and attending professional development events to identify a short-list of possible agencies well before HEA649 ALE I. The ALE Advisor and Coordinator is Dr. Ramona Stone ([rstone@wcupa.edu](mailto:rstone@wcupa.edu)). For ALE advising, make an appointment (<https://drstone.setmore.com/>) only after you complete at least 25 credits, including HEA520 and HEA526, which are prerequisites for ALE I. Watch for the emails announcing virtual MPH Poster Sessions held at the end of Fall/Spring/Summer semesters; attend as many of these sessions as possible.

**Reach Out and Seek Support:** The MPH program faculty & staff and campus community are here to support you. In general, the chain of asking questions includes: (1) course instructor or academic advisor, (2) MPH Program Director & Graduate Coordinator Dr. Stacie Metz ([smetz@wcupa.edu](mailto:smetz@wcupa.edu)), (3) Department of Public Health Sciences Chair Dr. Jim Brenner ([jbrenner@wcupa.edu](mailto:jbrenner@wcupa.edu)). Dr. Stacie Metz is best to contact if you need detailed guidance on any policies/procedures such as course/term withdrawal, leave of absence, grade appeals, academic standing, or petitions for exception to policy.

**FALL START**

<b>2-YEAR (Full-time)</b>			
Year	FALL1	SPRING1	
Y1	HEA503 Foundations in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	HEA605 Utilizing Systems Thinking in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	
	HEA520 Public Health Epidemiology*	HEA648 Research Methods in Public Health	
	HEA516 Health Care Management	HEA526 Biostatistics in Public Health*	
	HEA613 Advocacy and Quality of Health Care Services*	HEA514 Approaches to Health Care Delivery	
	FALL2	SPRING2	SUMMER2
Y2	ENV530 General Environmental Health	HEA647 Interprofessional Practice in Public Health	HEA650 ALE II*** (GRAD)
	HEA615 Policy in Public Health	HEA632 Social & Behavioral Aspects of Health	
	HEA612 Health Care Financial Analysis and Management	HEA513 Legal Aspects of Health Care	
	HEA614 Health Care Technology and Information Management	HEA616 Strategic Leadership in Health Care	
	HEA649 ALE I**(1cr)		
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<b>3-YEAR (Part-time)</b>			
Year	FALL1	SPRING1	
Y1	HEA503 Foundations in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	HEA605 Utilizing Systems Thinking in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	
	HEA520 Public Health Epidemiology*	HEA648 Research Methods in Public Health	
	HEA613 Advocacy and Quality of Health Care Services*	HEA514 Approaches to Health Care Delivery	
	FALL2	SPRING2	
Y2	HEA516 Health Care Management	HEA647 Interprofessional Practice in Public Health	
	HEA615 Policy in Public Health	HEA526 Biostatistics in Public Health*	
	HEA612 Health Care Financial Analysis and Management	HEA616 Strategic Leadership in Health Care	
	FALL3	SPRING3	SUMMER3
Y3	ENV530 General Environmental Health	HEA632 Social & Behavioral Aspects of Health	HEA650 ALE II*** (GRAD)
	HEA614 Health Care Technology and Information Management	HEA513 Legal Aspects of Health Care	
	HEA649 ALE I**(1cr)		
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**SPRING START**

<b>2-YEAR (Full-time)</b>			
Year	SPRING1	FALL1	
Y1	HEA605 Utilizing Systems Thinking in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	HEA503 Foundations in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	
	HEA632 Social & Behavioral Aspects of Health	HEA520 Public Health Epidemiology*	
	HEA648 Research Methods in Public Health	HEA516 Health Care Management	
	HEA514 Approaches to Health Care Delivery	HEA613 Advocacy and Quality of Health Care Services*	
	SPRING2	FALL2	SPRING3
Y2	HEA647 Interprofessional Practice in Public Health	ENV530 General Environmental Health	HEA650 ALE II*** (GRAD)
	HEA526 Biostatistics in Public Health*	HEA612 Health Care Financial Analysis and Management	
	HEA513 Legal Aspects of Health Care	HEA614 Health Care Technology and Information Management	
	HEA616 Strategic Leadership in Health Care	HEA615 Policy in Public Health	
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<b>3-YEAR (Part-time)</b>			
Year	SPRING1	FALL1	
Y1	HEA605 Utilizing Systems Thinking in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	HEA503 Foundations in Public Health <sup>††</sup>	
	HEA648 Research Methods in Public Health	HEA520 Public Health Epidemiology*	
	HEA514 Approaches to Health Care Delivery	HEA613 Advocacy and Quality of Health Care Services*	
	SPRING2	FALL2	
Y2	HEA647 Interprofessional Practice in Public Health	HEA615 Policy in Public Health	
	HEA526 Biostatistics in Public Health*	HEA516 Health Care Management	
	HEA513 Legal Aspects of Health Care	HEA614 Health Care Technology and Information Management	
	SPRING3	FALL3	SPRING4
Y3	HEA632 Social & Behavioral Aspects of Health	ENV530 General Environmental Health	HEA650 ALE II*** (GRAD)
	HEA616 Strategic Leadership in Health Care	HEA612 Health Care Financial Analysis and Management	
	HEA649 ALE I**(1cr)		
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