

# MPH Context Certificate: Maternal and Child Health (MCH)

For students matriculating in Fall 2022 or later

## MPH Integrated Core Courses (16 credits)

**Online Course (0 credit) to be taken before classes begin**

- **PH 700** Foundations of Public Health

**Develop a strong base in public health through the integrated core curriculum:**

- **PH 717** Quantitative Methods for Public Health
- **PH 718** Leadership and Management in Public Health
- **PH 719** Health Systems, Law, and Policy
- **PH 720** Individual, Community, and Population Health

## Additional 16 credits

**Students are required to complete one functional certificate (16 credits):**

- Community Assessment, Program Design, Implementation, & Evaluation (CAPDIE)\*
- Health Communication and Promotion (HCP)\*
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, & Evaluation
- Health Policy and Law
- Healthcare Management
- Program Management

\* Housed within the Community Health Sciences department

## MCH Certificate Contacts

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**Location:** 801 Massachusetts Ave, Crosstown, Suite 431

## MCH Certificate Coursework (12 credits)

**Choose one required course:**

**MC 725** Women, Children, and Adolescents: A Public Health Approach (4)

**GH 881** Global Reproductive and Perinatal Health (4)

*Note: Whichever option is not chosen can count as an elective*

**Choose 8 credits of electives:**

**MC 705** Safer Sex in the City: From Science to Policy (4)

**MC 730** Leading to Face Challenges and Achieve Results in Public Health (2)\*

**MC 750** Disability Justice Through the Life Course: Programs, Policies, and Turning Advocacy to Action (4)

**MC 759** Perinatal and Child Health Epidemiology (4)

**MC 763** MCH Policymaking (2)

**MC 775** Social Justice and the Health of Populations: Racism and Other Systems of Oppression in America (4)\*\*

**MC 776** Advanced Practice and Research Methods for Public Health Equity (4)\*\*

**MC 783** Substance Use Among Diverse Populations (4)

**MC 785** Sexual and Reproductive Health Advocacy: From Rights to Justice (2)

**MC 786** Immigrant and Refugee Health (4)

**MC 795** The Health of Adolescents and Emerging Adults (4)

**MC 800** Preventing Mental Health Disorders among Women, Children, and Adolescents: A Life Course Perspective (2)

**MC 802** Implementing Community Health Initiatives: A Field-Based Course in Leadership and Consultation (4)\*

**MC 840** Women and Health Policy (4)

**EP 759** Reproductive Epidemiology (4)

**SB 753** Preventing Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence: A Public Health Perspective (4)

**GH 766** Sexual and Reproductive Health in Disaster Settings (4)

**GH 887** Managing Maternal and Child Health Programs in Developing Countries (4)

\*Students may only receive MCH Certificate credit for MC 802 (4) **or** MC 730 (2)

\*\*Students cannot receive credit for both MC 775 and MC 776

*One-time offerings of Special Topics courses may count toward the MCH Certificate at the discretion of the Certificate Director*

## MPH Practicum PH976 (240 hours; 0 credits)

**Can begin after completing core courses**

- Direct application of skills, education, and knowledge by working at a local, state, national, or international field site with organization that is tied to public health work
- All students must register for the PH976 after given approval
- Students must be enrolled/completed practicum to be eligible to enroll in ILE

## Career Prep PH746 (0 credits)

**Best taken in 2nd semester of study**

- **Sessions include:** “marketing yourself,” “interview strategies,” and “evaluating and negotiating opportunities”
- **Deliverables include:** resume, cover letter, and elevator pitch

## Integrative Learning Experience PH845 (0 credits)

**Completed in final semester**

- Tied to functional area certificate
- Give students opportunity to practice all of the functional certificate skills in individual, final project
- Student initiated, faculty guided
- Students will integrate and apply knowledge and skills obtained throughout the degree program and may choose to focus on an organization/project and communication objective
- Registrar will enroll students in PH845 after graduation application processed
- 1 ILE required per student

**Students must complete 48 credits to graduate**