MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN
HEALTH SYSTEMS AND POLICY (MPH)

ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Health Systems and Policy degree trains students to understand the operational implications of health care, including the organization and delivery of health care, health economics, and health policy in the United States.

Students enrolled in this degree program will also utilize economic theories, concepts, and methodologies in the assessment of current health care issues and problems, such as health systems, policies, and service issues for diverse communities.

From health insurance, cost containment strategies, and physician payment, to demand for health care, health regulation, and health reform, graduates will be able to ethically navigate the constantly evolving political climate of health care policy.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health Exam.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH in Health Systems and Policy degree is offered to students on a full-time or part-time basis. Students will complete a total of 45 credits, including a practicum experience and capstone research project.

If completing the program as a full-time student (nine or more credits per semester), the degree requirements may be completed in as little as two years (four to five semesters).

Part-time students taking at least six credits per semester may expect to finish within four years. Taking courses in the summer may help expedite part-time students’ timing.

Courses are available in-person, remote, and/or online.

Students are also required to register for and complete an Interprofessional Education activity prior to graduation.
DID YOU KNOW?
The school has several research centers and works closely with Rutgers University institutes:

- Center for Public Health Workforce Development
- Center for Health, Identity, Behavior & Prevention Studies
- Center on Gun Violence Research
- Cancer Health Equity Center of Excellence
- Center for South Asian Quantitative Health & Education
- Institute for Nicotine & Tobacco Studies
- Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute
- Institute for Health, Healthcare, Policy and Aging Research
- Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
- ...and more

The school has been ranked No. 22 among the 2023-2024 Best Graduate Schools in Public Health by U.S. News & World Report.

$88 million
School primary faculty and students were directly awarded a historic $88 million in federal grant/contract funding in 2023. These were prime awards made to Rutgers University.

Historic Endowment for LGBTQ+ Health
A $3 million gift from James F. Dougherty, will fund the Perry N. Halkitis Endowed Chair in LGBTQ+ Public Health at the school.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
Kimberly, a current MPH in Health Systems and Policy degree student, has a passion for health care management and policy, specifically evaluating and implementing policies to enhance patient care and health care systems. Kimberly is also interested in tackling disease at the primary- and secondary-levels and is conducting pharmaceutical sector research to enhance preventative measures and management of various diseases.

“I'm enjoying my concentration immensely, as I am learning concepts that allow me to gain practical knowledge in the systems and policy side of health care. In addition, having professors who work in the public health field and conduct their own research is a highly beneficial component of this program.”

- Kimberly, MPH Student