

SCHOOL POLICY

Section Title: Academic Matters

Policy Name: Eligibility for MPH Option for Clinicians

Responsible Executive: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Responsible Office: Office of Admissions

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I. PURPOSE

This policy defines the eligibility requirements for the MPH Option for Clinicians degree program which is 42-credits.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Office of Admissions is responsible for implementing this policy under the general direction of the Director of Admissions and Recruitment and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

III. APPLICABILITY

A. Purpose

The purpose of the MPH Option for Clinicians degree program is to prepare clinicians with the information and skills required to critically approach and explore issues surrounding healthcare with a broadened public health perspective. The traditional MPH degree program is 45-credits and the MPH Option for Clinicians degree is 42-credits. Three credits of elective coursework is reduced to account for the knowledge clinicians have regarding the biomedical basis of disease. The MPH Option for Clinicians is available under any MPH concentration in accordance with admission requirements for each concentration.

B. Eligibility

Clinicians eligible for the 42-credit degree option include clinicians who have completed an accredited undergraduate program in the U.S. or its equivalent -AND- are currently licensed as a "health care provider" in a U.S. state or territory.

"Health care providers" include: doctor of medicine or osteopathy, podiatrist, dentist, physician assistant, chiropractor, psychologist, optometrist, nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, pharmacist, registered dietician, social worker, or licensed professional counselor or therapist. (Other licensed health care providers may be considered by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; however, substantial recent coursework in the biomedical basis of disease at least at the undergraduate level would be required to be considered.)

Health care providers must be authorized to practice by a State and must be performing within the scope of their practice as defined by State law.