

# Public Health Program

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TOURO UNIVERSITY  
CALIFORNIA

## DOCTOR OF PHARMACY / MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### The MPH degree requires 42 units of study.

Dual degree students earn 30 units from the Public Health Program curriculum (generally over the course of 2 summers and a P3/P4 Open Block) and 12 units from courses relevant to public health from the College of Pharmacy curriculum.

### Core Public Health Courses (19 units)

- Environmental Health Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Health Policy and Management
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Program Evaluation
- Research Methods

### Concentration Courses (6 units)

### Culminating Experience Courses (5 units)

- Field Study
- Capstone Project or Certified Public Health Exam Preparation (Exam administered by National Board of Public Health Examiners)

### Field Study Sites

Over 60 domestic options including:

- Public Health Departments - Solano, Alameda & Contra Costa Counties
- Planned Parenthood
- San Quentin Prison
- Kaiser Permanente

International sites in:

- Bolivia
- Cambodia
- Ethiopia
- Nepal
- Uganda

**Tuition:** Current tuition for the 30 units of MPH coursework is \$27,000.



The mission of the Public Health Program at Touro University California is to promote the health and well-being of local and global communities through education, service, and research with a focus on underserved populations. This mission is achieved by employing a multidimensional program of study that combines a broad public health base with didactic training and field study in three specialty concentrations:

◆ The **COMMUNITY ACTION FOR HEALTH** concentration prepares students to respond to the health needs of communities, especially those communities that face unique vulnerabilities. Specialized courses for students in this concentration include Social Inequities in Public Health and Community Health Promotion.

◆ The **GLOBAL HEALTH** concentration's curriculum reflects the realities of health around the world and the links between countries at different stages of economic development. Students gain an understanding of the challenges and the complexity of solutions through specialized courses Essentials of Global Health and Emerging Health Threats.

◆ **HEALTH EQUITY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE** is a new emphasis in the Public Health Program designed to address the impact of criminal justice involvement and incarceration on the health of individuals, families, and communities. Students gain an understanding of the needs of these populations through specialized courses including Criminal Justice and Public Health.

**Change your community...change your world!**



"The MPH is the perfect complement to any health professional degree. Mine has given me an opportunity to work with disadvantaged populations, compelled me to analyze and dissect research in a more meaningful way, and broadened my understanding of the forces that impact human health and behavior.

My PharmD provides me with the knowledge to optimize patient drug therapy but my MPH reminds me that I need to treat the patient as a whole, not just a set of signs and symptoms."

Hugh Ngo, PharmD, MPH Class of 2013

### Why a Dual Degree?

- ❖ Participate in health promotion, disease prevention, and pharmacotherapy;
- ❖ Participate in disease surveillance of adverse drug events, patterns of use, and disaster preparedness;
- ❖ Design and provide disease management and pharmacy based immunization programs;
- ❖ Contribute to the development and implementation of policy to provide safer medications to patients;
- ❖ Design benefit programs, reimbursement systems, and prescription drug plans;
- ❖ Participate in health outcomes research;
- ❖ Shape policy regarding inclusions/exclusions from drug formularies;
- ❖ Assess the effects of emerging health issues and policies on current health care, and provide care and services to promote the health and well-being.

### Why a Dual Degree at TUC?

- ❖ The Master of Public Health (MPH) at TUC trains students to become leaders and advocates in addressing the current and emerging public health challenges of populations locally and globally with an unwavering focus on social justice.
- ❖ While the full MPH degree is 42 units of study, as a dual degree student you complete 30 units within the Public Health Program. The remaining 12 units are transferred from the PharmD curriculum and cover related cross-over content.
- ❖ The TUC MPH Program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), which indicates program quality. Certain professional positions and fellowships are only open to those with degrees from CEPH-accredited programs.

Earn an MPH degree in 2 summers while concurrently obtaining your PharmD degree. Complete your Public Health field study during a P3/P4 open block.

MPH Didactic Courses Summer 1
COP Didactic Courses Year 1
MPH Didactic Courses Summer 2
COP Didactic Courses Year 2
COP Clinical Rotations Year 3
MPH Field Study Open Block in COP Year 3 or 4
COP Clinical Rotations Year 4