# MPH Student Handbook

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Introduction to the Program

The Department of Health Behavior trains students to conduct research, and to develop, evaluate, implement and disseminate programs that address the public’s health. The Department offers Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

The MPH degree in Health Behavior addresses the behavioral, social, and cultural factors related to individual and population health and health disparities. Students in our program are able to apply social and behavioral science theories to public health problems, develop health promotion interventions and disease prevention programs, and evaluate health promotion interventions and disease prevention programs. We emphasize the importance of community based participatory research and the application of research findings through a variety of behavioral and social science health promotion strategies. Classes are designed to be engaging, interactive, and relevant to current health behavior issues. Health behavior students have opportunities to become involved in faculty research projects on a broad range of health issues such as behavioral interventions, family and adolescent health, obesity prevention, prevention and control of addictive behaviors, sexual health risks including HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, community based health promotion, health communication, program evaluation, and translation of research findings.

Graduates of our health behavior program are well positioned for opportunities in local, state, and federal agencies, non-profit/community based organizations, private research foundations, as well as the academic setting.

Mission of the UAB School of Public Health

To create, disseminate, apply, and teach knowledge to improve health and wellbeing.

Goal of the Health Behavior MPH Program

The primary educational goal of the Department of Health Behavior MPH program is to teach you to assess health behaviors and needs in specific populations and to develop, manage, and evaluate health promotion and disease prevention programs.
MPH/MSPH Programs offered by the Department of Health Behavior

**MPH**

The MPH program admits students having a bachelor’s degree. Students in this track take 44 credit hours. The number of credit hours you are required to complete is determined before admission by examining your education and professional experiences. The MPH may be completed in as few as four semesters and is also offered online.

- **MPH Fifth Year Program**

  The MPH Fifth-year program admits students who are juniors at UAB. Students in this track take 44 credit hours. You generally complete this program one year after you complete your undergraduate degree.

**Coordinated MPH (Health Behavior)/PhD (Sociology or Psychology)**

The Coordinated MPH (Health Behavior)/PhD (Sociology or Psychology) degree program is offered with the University of Alabama at Birmingham Departments of Psychology and Sociology and the University of Alabama Department of Psychology. This program will enable you to obtain an MPH in Health Behavior simultaneously with a PhD in psychology or sociology. To be considered for this program, you must first be admitted to the PhD program in psychology or sociology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham or psychology at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa). The MPH degree requires a minimum of 43-46 (sociology) or 42-45 (psychology at UAB) credit hours.

**Coordinated MSN (School of Nursing)/MPH (Health Behavior)**

The Coordinated MSN (School of Nursing)/MPH (Health Behavior) degree program is offered with the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing. This program enables you to obtain an MPH in Health Behavior simultaneously with a MSN from the School of Nursing. The MPH degree requires a minimum of 44 credit hours.

**MSPH in Clinical Research (Health Behavior)**

The MSPH in Clinical Research degree program is a post-medical degree-training program primarily aimed at fellows and faculty members interested in developing skills required for the conduct of clinical research. The MSPH degree requires a minimum of 42 credit hours.
**MPH Program Objectives**

The goal of the MPH program in Health Behavior is to prepare you with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess health behaviors and needs in specific populations and to develop, implement, and evaluate health promotion and disease prevention programs. The MPH Program is designed to prepare you for public health practice, research, or doctoral study.

The objectives of the MPH program in Health Behavior are to enable you to:

- Apply social and behavioral science theories to public health problems.
- Develop evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention programs.
- Apply principles of evaluating health promotion and disease prevention programs.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical standards of public health research and practice.
- Evaluate the literature concerning individual and social influences on health behavior.

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Kevin Fontaine, Ph.D.  
David Coombs, Ph.D., M.P.H.  
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Peter Hendricks, Ph.D.  
Kathryn Kaiser, Ph.D.  
Connie Kohler, Dr.P.H.  
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Dori Pekmezi, Ph.D.  
Julie Brown, M.S.

Professor & Chair  
Associate Professor, retired  
Professor  
Assistant Professor  
Professor Emeritus  
Professor Emerita  
Associate Professor  
Assistant Professor  
Professor Emerita  
Professor & Director of Academic Programs  
Assistant Professor  
Assistant Professor  
Associate Professor  
Coordinator of Graduate Academic Programs

Faculty contact information and research interests can be found in **Appendix A**.
# MPH Coursework Requirements

**Department of Health Behavior**  
**MPH Curriculum Planning Worksheet**

**Name:**  
**Banner ID:**

*MPH core courses (except for PUH 695) MUST be taken before students register for the internship. PUH 695, MUST be taken in the final semester of enrollment (students graduating in summer must take in spring).*

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<td>HB 624: Advanced Theory*</td>
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C= In class; O= Online; CO = Either Option Available; I = On Preceptor site;

*HB 624 is a pre-requisite for HB 636, and HB 641 is a pre-requisite for HB 643.

**A list of suggested behavioral science electives is in Appendix B. You are encouraged to select electives offered within the Department of Health Behavior**
### Recommended Course Sequence

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*Please note that the course sequence above is recommended, however it may change to meet your needs.*

### Academic Advising

Upon admission to the program, you are assigned a faculty advisor. Advisors provide guidance about course selection, course substitutions, internships, research opportunities, and possible employment opportunities. You will need to consult with your advisor and the Coordinator of Graduate Academic Programs for the Department prior to registering for classes.

Should you wish to change advisors, consent must be obtained from the new advisor before the change can be completed. Please see the Coordinator of Graduate Academic Programs for the required paperwork. The *School of Public Health Change of Advisor* form can be obtained from the *School of Public Health Website*. You must complete this form, obtain the appropriate signatures and submit it to the Office of Student Affairs for processing in order to change advisors.

### Program Completion

You are responsible for meeting deadlines for graduation. Graduation deadlines are available on the School of Public Health Academic Calendar. You must submit an Application for Degree form (see Appendix D) which can be obtained online on the school's website. The Application for Degree form must be submitted to the Coordinator of Graduate Academic Programs no later than two weeks into the expected semester of graduation. You must be enrolled in graduate course work in your final semester prior to graduation.
Degree Completion Time

As a master’s student you are generally expected to complete all degree requirements within five years of matriculation. Only one extension of this time limit can be requested when circumstances preclude completion of requirements within five years. The recommendation for an extension should include a plan and timeline for completion. Courses taken more than five years before graduation may not be applied toward a degree without the approval of the Director of Graduate Academic Programs for the Department and the Graduate School Dean.
Internship Requirements

As a student in the MPH program, you are required to complete three credit hours of an internship experience. The internship is a field experience which bridges professional academic preparation and public health practice. It should be project-oriented and focus on an issue relating to public health. Knowledge and skills learned in coursework are applied in an agency setting under the supervision and guidance of an experienced public health specialist, who has been approved to serve as a MPH Internship preceptor. You may check with our department’s internship coordinator, Ms. Meena Nabavi (205/975-7644), the school’s website or the Office of Public Health Practice student weekly newsletter for internship opportunities. Learning objectives for the internship must be set based on the MPH School-wide and departmental competencies relevant to the student's course of study. Faculty research projects are not appropriate venues for an internship, neither are positions which are primarily administrative or focused on data management.

Registering for the Internship Experience

Before the hold on the internship course can be lifted, we require that the internship description and agreement form are completed and on file. This form is to be completed in the online internship database, InternTrack. You can log in to this program with your Blazer ID and password here. Your faculty advisor and site supervisor (preceptor) are required to approve and sign this document electronically, so it is important that you communicate with them as you complete the form.

You should register under your academic advisor for HB 697 – Internship in Health Behavior. You are required to complete your core course work before registering for internship hours. You are required to spend a minimum of 180 hours during the semester working for the agency. The internship must be completed in one semester, and must not start before the first day of class and must end by the last day of class. Credit cannot be applied retroactively to work you have done prior to registering for the internship. Students should feel free to contact their advisor, the Coordinator of Graduate Academic Programs, or Internship Coordinator (Ms. Meena Nabavi) if there are any questions or problems during the internship.

Grading and Requirements

The internship is a pass/no pass course. Your grade will be assigned by your faculty advisor based on the completion of all the components below. All forms related to the MPH internship will be completed in the Intern Track.

- Internship Description and Agreement Form
- Midpoint Meeting Form, and confirmed meetings with the faculty advisor and site supervisor
• Final student evaluation
• Final student paper
• Completion of poster and attendance at the internship poster session
• Evaluations (Midpoint and Final) from the site supervisor
• Any additional product required by your internship site

Midpoint meeting:

You will be required to complete a form halfway through your internship. This is to prompt your reflection on the internship to that point, and steps to make the remainder of the internship a success. You will set up times to individually meet with your faculty advisor and site supervisor; use the midpoint form as a guide for your conversation. If you are not able to meet in person, discussions via telephone, email, or Skype will be accepted. Your faculty advisor and site supervisor will need to confirm the meeting took place in the Intern Track.

Internship Poster Session:

At the end of the internship, prior to the end of exams for that semester, a poster session will be held to showcase the internships completed during that semester. You will receive additional instructions on creating your poster prior to the event. Attendance is mandatory, as it is a required component to the internship experience. Limited exceptions will be made for students completing internships out of the state or country or who are completing the MPH program online.

For complete internship requirements please review the syllabus on the UAB School of Public Health website.
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Useful Information

Departmental Office Policies and the names of key personnel and places are outlined below. Other helpful documents include the UAB Academic Calendar and the UAB Graduate School Catalog.

Office Policies

**Phones:**
Phones are available for student use in the Ryals Building first floor lobby near the elevators.

**Mail:**
Faculty mailboxes are in the departmental reception area. You may leave material for faculty in these boxes.

**Reserving Conference and Classrooms and Equipment (e.g., pointer, laptop):**
Conference* and classrooms are to be reserved through 25 Live. Equipment is to be reserved for use and will be addressed by the MITS Department. Contact information for MITS: Phone: (205) 934-7731; Location: Ryals 127
*The Health Behavior Conference Room can be reserved through the HB office staff.

People and Places

**Dean’s Office:**
Max Michael, M.D. is Dean of the School of Public Health.

Peter Ginter, Ph.D. is the Associate Dean for Graduate Education

**Office of Public Health Practice**
Lisa McCormick, Ph.D. is the Director of Public Health Practice.

Meena Nabavi, is the internship coordinator for the Departments of Environmental Health Sciences and Health Behavior.

Elena Kidd is the internship coordinator for the Departments of Epidemiology and Health Care Organization and Policy.

**Financial Aid:**
The UAB Office of Student Financial Aid number is (205) 934-8223.
Registration:
You will register by computer through BlazerNet. Before registering, you should meet with your faculty advisor. You will obtain your Registration Access Code from the Coordinator of Graduate Academic Programs.

Office of Disability Support Services:
The UAB Office of Disability Support Services is located at the Hill University Center, Suite 409. The number is (205) 934-4205.

Other Useful Phone numbers:
Barnes & Noble Blazer Bookstore (205) 996-2665
International Scholar and Student Services (205) 934-3328
Graduate School (205) 934-8227
Lister Hill Library (205) 934-2230
Mervyn Sterne Library (205) 934-6364
Student Health Services (205) 934-3580
Student Housing (205) 996-0400
UAB Parking (205) 934-3513
UAB Police (205) 934-4434
Emergency 911
Escort Service (205) 934-8772

Public Health Student Association Representative:
Public Health Student Association (PHSA) elections are typically held during the fall term for departmental representatives. Students from each department elect one to two representatives. Meena Nabavi is the staff advisor. Her number is (205) 975-7644.

Computer and Network Access

Computers are available for your use in the Computer Resource Lab (CRL) located on the first floor in the Ryals Building. You need to obtain an access account and an e-mail address (Blazer ID) by contacting the CRL staff at (205) 934-7731. Hardware and software support for the CRL is provided by the CRL staff. It is your responsibility to ensure that the department has your current UAB e-mail address and telephone number. This will enable you to receive important information from the Department regarding School and University deadlines as well as research, internship, and employment opportunities.
Professional Meetings

Student involvement in national public health organizations, as well as attendance at national professional meetings, is encouraged. Below is a list of recommended organizations in which you are encouraged to participate.

- Academy Health .......................................................... www.academyhealth.org
- Alabama Public Health Association ................................. www.alphassoc.org
- American Association of Cancer Education ........................ www.aaceonline.com
- American College of Preventive Medicine ........................... www.acpm.org
- American Diabetes Association ........................................ www.diabetes.org
- American Evaluation Association ..................................... www.eval.org
- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children ...... www.apsac.org
- American Psychological Association ................................ www.apa.org
- American Public Health Association ................................. www.apha.org
- Association for Prevention Teaching & Research .................. www.aptrweb.org
- Association for Psychological Science .............................. www.psychologicalscience.org
- International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect www.ispcan.org
- Society for Adolescent Health & Medicine .......................... www.adolescenthealth.org
- Society for Research in Child Development .......................... www.srcd.org
- Society of Behavioral Medicine ....................................... www.sbm.org
- Society of Public Health Educators ................................. www.sophe.org
- The Obesity Society ........................................................ www.obesity.org

Local Non-Profits

Student involvement in local nonprofits is encouraged. Below is a list of some of the Birmingham area nonprofit organizations. You can also contact the Office of Public Health Practice for more organization and information.

- AIDS Alabama .......................................................... www.aidsalabama.org
- Birmingham AIDS Outreach .......................................... www.birminghamaidsoutreach.org
- Crisis Center, Birmingham ........................................... www.crisiscenterbham.org
- First Light ................................................................. www.firstlightshelter.org
- GASP .......................................................... www.gaspgroup.org
- JBS Mental Health Authority ........................................... www.jbsmha.com
- One Roof .......................................................... www.oneroofonline.org
- Pathways ............................................................ www.pathwayshome.org

Additionally here is a link to a larger sampling of community partners. Please contact Ms. Meena Nabavi for more information.

Seminars

There are a variety of seminars that take place on campus. In the department, we offer monthly seminars. Please look for announcements on the bulletin boards in the student lounge and outside the department suite and via emails from faculty and the Coordinator of Graduate Academic Programs.
### Appendix A: Department of Health Behavior Faculty Research Interests and Contact Information

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<tr>
<td>David Coombs, Ph.D. (Retired)</td>
<td>Mental Health Issues/Suicide Prevention; Community-Based Interventions</td>
<td>RPHB 227 H</td>
<td>(205) 305-9210</td>
<td><a href="mailto:dcoombs@uab.edu">dcoombs@uab.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Susan Davies, Ph.D., Professor</td>
<td>Adolescent pregnancy/ HIV/STI prevention, mental health of men/boys, family</td>
<td>RPHB 227 F</td>
<td>(205) 975-8049</td>
<td><a href="mailto:sdavies@uab.edu">sdavies@uab.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Research Interests and Contact Information</td>
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<td>Faith Fletcher, Ph.D., M.A. Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Health disparities/health equity, improving health outcomes among women living</td>
<td>RPHB 227</td>
<td>(205)934-7067</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Fletch95@uab.edu">Fletch95@uab.edu</a></td>
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<td>HIV research ethics, community-engaged research</td>
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<td>Kevin Fontaine, Ph.D., Professor &amp; Chair</td>
<td>Obesity; Placebo Effects; Ketogenic Diets; Solution-Focused Conversation</td>
<td>RPHB 241 C</td>
<td>(205) 975-8397</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kfonta1@uab.edu">kfonta1@uab.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Frank A. Franklin, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., (Emeritus)</td>
<td>Nutrition Problems and Policies, Pediatrics, School Nutrition Promotion Programs, International Nutrition</td>
<td>RPHB 227</td>
<td>No office phone</td>
<td><a href="mailto:frankln@uab.edu">frankln@uab.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Melissa Galvin, Ph.D., M.P.H. (Emerita)</td>
<td>Community Participatory Research, Hepatitis; Senior Citizens, Health Communications</td>
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<td>(205) 934-6020</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mgalvin@uab.edu">mgalvin@uab.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Peter Hendricks, Ph.D., Associate Professor</td>
<td>Addiction, Novel Interventions, Clinical Trials, Expectancies, Motivation, Positive Psychology</td>
<td>RPHB 434 E</td>
<td>(205) 934-6020</td>
<td><a href="mailto:phendricks@uab.edu">phendricks@uab.edu</a></td>
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<td>Kathryn Kaiser, Ph.D. Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Hunger and Appetite Regulation; Racial, Sex and Social Status Disparities in</td>
<td>RPHB 227 J</td>
<td>(205) 975-9212</td>
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<td>RPHB 227 H</td>
<td>(205) 975-6020</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ckoehler@uab.edu">ckoehler@uab.edu</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Robin Gaines Lanzi, Ph.D., M.P.H., Professor, Graduate Program Director</td>
<td>Reducing Family and Child Health Disparities and Promoting Positive Youth Development; HIV/STI; mhealth; Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR); Parenting and Home Visiting Programs; Faith And Spirituality; Mental Health Needs Of Women And Children</td>
<td>RPHB 227 D</td>
<td>(205) 975-8071</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rlanzi@uab.edu">rlanzi@uab.edu</a></td>
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<td>Ann Elizabeth Montgomery, PhD, MPA, MSW, Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Homelessness and housing; Veterans; universal screening to identify individuals experiencing homelessness and risk; interventions to prevent and end homelessness; vulnerable populations and related health disparities</td>
<td>RPHB 227M</td>
<td>(205) 934-0505</td>
<td><a href="mailto:aemontgo@uab.edu">aemontgo@uab.edu</a></td>
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<td>Greg Pavela, Ph.D. Assistant Professor</td>
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Appendix B:

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE COURSES FOR HEALTH BEHAVIOR MASTER’S STUDENTS**

This is not an exhaustive list of appropriate electives. Other behavioral science courses may be taken as electives with the approval of your advisor. Courses from departments outside of the School of Public Health may be found in The [Graduate School Catalog](#). This is a tentative list and schedule.

**SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BEHAVIOR**

HB 602: Alcohol and Drug Abuse
HB 605: Physical Activity in Public Health
HB 608: Women’s Health and Social Behavior - online
HB 609: African American Health Issues - online
HB 627: GIS for Public Health
HB 635: Communities, Family, & Health
HB 638: Public Health Aging - online
HB 660: Adolescent Health: A Social and Behavioral Science Perspective
HB 692: Principles and Practices of Community Organization - online
HB 706: Energetics: Scientific Foundations of Obesity and Other Health Aspects

**DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY**

EPI 603: Injury – Epidemiologic Principles
EPI 613: Cancer and Epidemiology
EPI 621: AIDS/HIV & STD’s
EPI 635: Genetics in Public Health
EPI 708: Tropical/Infectious Disease

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION AND POLICY**

HCO 608: Reproductive Health
HCO 619: Social Work in Public Health
HCO 628: Qualitative & Mixed Methods Research in Public Health
HCO 631: Public Health Demography
HCO 670: Social and Ethical Issues in Public Health
HCO 677: Patient-Based Outcomes Measurement
### Department of Health Behavior

**MPH Curriculum Planning Worksheet**

**Appendix C:**

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Appendix D:

Please carefully follow the below Instructions for submitting an application for degree for a master's or EDS graduate program.

- All applications for degree must be typed. We cannot accept faxed applications for degree.

- All applications for degree must arrive at the Graduate School with all required signatures (advisor, program director, etc).

- All applications for degree must be submitted with the curriculum planning/advising sheet (list of required courses) from your department. Applications for degree will not be accepted without this form.

- You must be registered for graduate level courses in the semester in which you apply for graduation.

- The graduation fee ($50 for first time application; $25 for reorder applications) will be added to your student account within 2-3 weeks after receipt of your application for degree. Please do not submit a check with this form.

- The Graduate School’s deadline for submitting the application for degree can be found at: http://www.uab.edu/graduate/deadline-dates#graduation. However, always check with your graduate program as some programs have earlier deadline dates and slightly different procedures.

If you have any questions about submitting the application for degree, please contact Marla Jones (mcjones@uab.edu).

Note: The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) application for degree can be found at http://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/nursing-quicklinks/catalogs/115-frontdoor/prospective-student/443-current-student-forms