# 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 career opportunities in local, state, and federal agencies, non-profit/community based organizations, private research foundations, as well as in the academic setting.

Mission of the UAB School of Public Health

The mission of the School of Public Health is to lead in developing, disseminating and applying knowledge to prevent disease and promote health in the human population.

Goal of the Health Behavior MPH Program

The primary educational goal of the Department of Health Behavior MPH program is to teach students 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. It is possible to 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 (Sociology) or 44 (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:

- Explain social and behavioral science theories to public health problems.
- Create theory-based behavior change strategies based on target population needs.
- 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.

Department of Health Behavior Faculty and Staff

Kevin Fontaine, Ph.D.  Professor & Chair
David Coombs, Ph.D., M.P.H.  Associate Professor, retired
Susan Davies, Ph.D.  Professor
Faith Fletcher, Ph.D., M.A.  Assistant Professor
Frank Franklin, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.  Professor Emeritus
Melissa Galvin, Ph.D., M.P.H.  Professor Emerita
Peter Hendricks, Ph.D.  Associate Professor
Kathryn Kaiser, Ph.D.  Assistant Professor
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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:**

*MMP 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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* C= In class; O= Online; CO = Either Option Available; I = On Preceptor site.

*Please note that course availability is subject to change.

**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.***
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9-12 hours

**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](https://www.sph.uab.edu). 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 through Blazer Net. It must be completed online 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.
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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, UAB HireABlazer, 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 you are allowed to register for the internship course, you are responsible for the completion and submission of the "UAB School of Public Health Internship Description and Agreement Form." This is a signed agreement between the student, preceptor, and faculty advisor and is to be submitted via the SOPH InternTrack system. You can log into InternTrack with your Blazer ID and password here. Your faculty advisor and preceptor (site supervisor) are required to approve and sign this document electronically, so it is important that you communicate with them as you complete the form. The hold on the internship course will not be lifted until both your faculty advisor and preceptor have approved the form. You should register under your academic advisor for HB 697 – Internship in Health Behavior.

A minimum of 180 contact hours is required for the MPH internship. MPH students should have completed all public health core courses before registering for an internship. The internship must be completed in one (1) 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

A final grade will be awarded by the faculty advisor and based upon the internship supervisor's evaluation and the student's final products. All internships are graded on a Pass/No Pass basis
Requirements

The student is responsible for the completion and submission of the "UAB School of Public Health Internship Description and Agreement Form." This form documents each person’s responsibilities and expectations, including a description of the learning objectives and MPH competencies of the placement, the activities to be performed by the student, and the anticipated final products. The following final products are required for all MPH students upon completion of their internship:

- Student Midpoint and Final Evaluations
- Preceptor Midpoint and Final Evaluations
- 5-page minimum paper on the internship experience
- Poster and attendance at poster presentation

More information on the final products can be found in the syllabus for the internship course. The final paper and poster should be submitted via InternTrack.

Midpoint through the Internship

The midpoint meeting is an opportunity for you to reflect on where you are in your internship and evaluate what needs to be done for you to gain the most out of your experience. Approximately halfway through the internship, the student and preceptor complete the midpoint meeting evaluation in InternTrack. You should set up a time to meet with your preceptor and faculty advisor to review this information. Your faculty advisor will complete the midpoint meeting confirmation form to confirm the meeting took place.

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. Students will receive detailed instructions on how to create their poster prior to the event. Attendance is mandatory, as it is a required component to the internship experience. Failure to attend (or late arrival) without permission will result in a No Pass grade for the internship course. Alternative Option: Limited exceptions will be made for students still completing their internships out of the state or internationally, completing their residency program at the time of the poster session, or cannot attend due to medical reasons.

Final Paper

All students must complete a written assignment at the end of the internship. The purpose of the assignment is to have the student reflect on the practice experience. This is an opportunity for the student to describe what was done, what was learned, and to place the experiences within the context of the organization, the community and the MPH program. The final paper must be submitted through InternTrack during the last week of class.
Final Evaluations

Both the student and the preceptor will complete an evaluation via InternTrack during the last week of the semester. In addition, the student should also submit the agreed-upon final products to the same designee.

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:
Paul Erwin, M.D., Dr.P.H. is Dean of the School of Public Health.

Ela Austin, Ph.D., M.P.H. is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

April Carson, Ph.D., M.S.P.H. is the Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Office of Public Health Practice
Lisa McCormick, Ph.D., is the Associate Dean for Public Health Practice.

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

Elena Kidd, M.P.H. 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 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
- Safety Escort Service: (205) 934-8772

**Public Health Student Association:**
Since its creation in 1978, the Public Health Student Association (PHSA) has supported the growth of the student experience. With its roots in the foundation of encouraging student involvement, advocacy, and leadership, PHSA has made many powerful strides in promoting the student voice and facilitating interactions between students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Through connecting students, faculty, staff and administrators, PHSA works to promote the School of Public Health, achievements of those in our community, and work that is being done in the field of public health. Students from each department elect one representative to serve for one year.

PHSA Responsibilities Include:
- Fostering an academic, professional, and social environment for students of the School.
- Facilitating an interactive relationship between faculty, staff, alumni, and students of the School.
- Promoting student involvement in the School, university, and community through service, programming, and special events.
- Presenting the suggestions and concerns of the student body to School officials.
- Contributing to the education and welfare of public health students in cooperation with public health organizations on a local, state, and national level.

To learn more about PHSA, please visit their Facebook page or contact the staff advisor, Ms. Meena Nabavi.
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 information.

- AIDS Alabama............................................................. www.aidsalabama.org
- Birmingham AIDS Outreach ......................................... www.birminghamaidsoutreach.org
- Crisis Center, Birmingham ............................................. www.crisiscenterbham.org
- First Light ................................................................. www.firstlightshelter.org
Here is a link to other community partners. 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, 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>Using community-engaged research, qualitative methods and comprehensive evaluation strategies to develop theoretically guided behavioral interventions to influence risk and resilience among youth, families and vulnerable populations</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>Faith Fletcher, Ph.D., M.A. Assistant Professor</td>
<td>Health Disparities/Health Equity, Improving Health Outcomes Among Women Living with HIV/AIDS (WLWHA), Reproductive Health, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (Prep), HIV Research Ethics, Community-Engaged Research</td>
<td>RPHB 227</td>
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<td>Frank A. Franklin, M.D. Ph.D., M.P.H., (Emeritus)</td>
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<td>Melissa Galvin, Ph.D. M.P.H. (Emerita)</td>
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<td>(205) 934-6020</td>
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<td>Peter Hendricks, Ph.D. Associate Professor</td>
<td>Addiction, Novel Interventions, Clinical Trials, Expectancies, Motivation, Positive Psychology</td>
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<td>(205) 934-6020</td>
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<td>(205) 975-9212</td>
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<td>Connie Kohler, Dr.P.H. (Emerita)</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 611: Mental Health as a Public Health Issue - 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 695: Examining Health Inequalities in Social and Behavioral Sciences  
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