Welcome to Health Science Department

The Health Science Department is home to nearly 600 undergraduate and graduate students, 8 full-time, 2 Emeritus, and approximately 35 part-time faculty members. Students and faculty are representative of the university’s diverse population reflecting a wide range of ages, cultural backgrounds, and life experiences. Faculty members are dedicated to teaching, scholarship, and service. Faculty members strive to develop responsible and knowledgeable graduates capable of addressing social and public health problems. The department maintains a strong commitment to research through individual and collaborative efforts. Additionally, faculty members provide visionary leadership for local, statewide, and national professional organizations, governmental agencies, voluntary, and community based organizations.

Mission Statement

The mission of the CSULB Health Science MPH Program is to provide the best graduate education and training in a multiethnic and urban environment to develop highly competent professionals and leaders in community health education and public health. The program strives to afford excellence in teaching, conduct research and provide service to local, regional, national, and international populations living within the surrounding communities, while making a significant contribution towards increasing health equity for underserved populations.
Goals for Graduate Program

To fulfill its mission the department’s ongoing goal is to improve its instruction, research, and service plan. The MPH graduate program aims to:

- Achieve excellence in teaching and learning to bolster competency in the fields of health education and public health in a multiethnic and urban environment to develop diverse professionals and leaders.

- Foster research and intervention programs that tend to the health needs of underserved populations in our community.

- Engage in service activities across various sectors of public health practice, addressing the needs of the profession, university, and the community.

Competencies for MPH degree

Upon graduation, an MPH student will be proficient in Discipline-Specific as well as Interdisciplinary/Cross-cutting core competencies set forth by the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, including:

- Discipline-Specific
- Interdisciplinary/Cross-cutting

In addition to core competencies for Public Health, graduating CSULB MPH students will be skilled in the following Community Health Education competencies, modeled on the advanced-level competencies set forth by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing:

- Synthesize community assessment findings
- Formulate specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-sensitive objectives for community health programs
- Select a variety of strategies and interventions to achieve stated objectives for community health programs
- Use strategies to ensure cultural competence in implementing community health education plans
- Develop data analysis plan for community health research
- Disseminate community health research findings through professional conference presentations
- Promote collaboration among community stakeholders
- Identify potential community partner(s)
- Provide expert assistance for community health programming

About the MPH degree

The MPH requires forty-two (42) units, including three (3) units of electives and up to six (6) units of internship. The degree requirements are listed in the University Catalog.

The program attempts to accommodate student’s busy schedules by scheduling classes from 4-6:45PM and 7:00-9:45PM Monday through Thursday. It may be that a pre-requisite course will be scheduled during the day. While the program will do what it can to meet students needs, students should plan their obligations with the days and times our courses meet, including pre-requisites.