



SCHOOL of  
PUBLIC HEALTH



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**MS Applied Anthropology & MPH in Community Health  
Academic Year 2009-2010**

The School of Public Health and the Department of Anthropology at the University of North Texas have developed a cooperative agreement that allows students to pursue the Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Applied Anthropology. The dual degree program in Applied Anthropology and Public Health offers an opportunity to strengthen collaboration in public health, anthropology and social science research and practice. Public Health is the field of study that focuses on health promotion/education and disease prevention among populations and communities. Medical anthropology is a field that uses anthropological theories as a framework to understand public health issues. Its emphasis on social and cultural influences on health, illness, and healing are central to the shared goals of improving health and social justice to eliminate local and global disparities. This 63 semester credit hour, 2 ½ year program prepares students for careers in research, public health, and public policy planning relating to health and health care in the U.S. or in an international setting. At the end of this program, students will have two degrees: one in applied anthropology and one in public health. The programs share 21 hours and coordinate a practicum/thesis that fulfills both degrees. Students pursuing an MS in Applied Anthropology may count their approved concentration courses in public health as part of their major field in anthropology. By the conclusion of the MS/MPH program, a student will be able to:

1. View health and health care delivery systems from a multidisciplinary perspective.
2. Students are trained to understand the multicultural environment of public health and to respect multicultural community differences.
3. Students are trained in community-oriented health services research techniques. Students are exposed to healthy community research methodologies and may select a community-oriented health project for their internship.
4. Students will develop the skills necessary to assess the need for health care services.
5. Students will develop the skills necessary to evaluate the use of health care services.
6. Students will develop the skills necessary to evaluate the outcome/effectiveness of health care services.
7. At a minimum, students will be trained in survey research, evaluation research using quasi-experimental design, and the appropriate use of statistical tools for various research methods.

**Community Health Curriculum (48 SCH)**

**CORE COURSES: 15 SCH**

BIOS	5300	Biostatistics for Public Health I	3 SCH
EOHS	5300	Environmental Health	3 SCH
EPID	5300	Principles of Epidemiology	3 SCH
HMAP	5300	Introduction to Health Management and Policy	3 SCH
SABS	5300	Theoretical Foundations of Individual and Community Health	3 SCH

**REQUIRED COURSES: 9 SCH**

SABS	5310	Community Assessment	3 SCH
SABS	5312	Community Program Planning	3 SCH
SABS	5316	Public Health Interventions	3 SCH

**ELECTIVE COURSES: 6 SCH**

Students may take any SABS MPH course with approval of their academic advisor.

6 SCH

**CULMINATING EXPERIENCE: 6 SCH**

SABS	5395	Thesis (topic to overlap with ANTH 5800 & ANTH 5810)	6 SCH*
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**UNT-DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY TRANSFER HOURS: 12 SCH**

ANTH	5031	Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods	3 SCH
ANTH	5041	Quantitative Methods	3 SCH
ANTH	5201	Medical Anthropology	3 SCH
ANTH	5210	Anthropology and Public Health	3 SCH

Total hours to complete MPH program: 48 SCH

**ADDITIONAL COURSES REQUIRED BY DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY: 15 SCH**

ANTH	5010	Anthropological Thought and Praxis I	3 SCH
ANTH	5021	Anthropological Thought and Praxis II	3 SCH
ANTH	5050	Pre-Practicum: Problems and Cases in Applied Anthropology	3 SCH
ANTH	5800	Practicum I (topic to overlap with SABS 5395 Thesis)	3 SCH*
ANTH	5810	Practicum II (topic to overlap with SABS 5395 Thesis)	3 SCH*

\* ANTH 5800 and ANTH 5810 meet the SPH requirement for Public Health Practice Experience (SABS 5397-3 SCH). Although students will not enroll in SABS 5397, they must complete a Practicum Portfolio for the SPH Practice Experience, which will include a poster presentation, notebook, and reflection paper. These assignments will be coordinated between the student's anthropology advisor, public health advisor and the Director of the UNTHSC Center for Public Health Practice.