In addition, the College of Public Health offers one undergraduate course taught by Drs. Robin Vanderpool and Richard Crosby. The course is CPH 201, Introduction to Public Health. The course provides the student with basic knowledge about the discipline of public health. After receiving a philosophical and political orientation to public health, students will begin to acquire functional knowledge of the strategies most often applied in public health practice.

The College also offers a Ph.D. program in Gerontology. For more information, visit the Web site at: www.mc.uky.edu/gerontology.

The Master of Public Health degree requires a minimum of 42 credit hours of study for completion. All students must complete 18 semester hours of required core course work and 12 to 15 hours of specialty work in one of the five areas of concentration. In addition, three to six semester hours of field practicum experience are required, depending on previous professional experience in public health or related areas. UK students also complete elective course work in public health. The M.P.H. core course requirements provide a broad overview of the disciplines of public health and the basic principles of public health practice. Specialty course work develops the skills and knowledge upon which to build or enhance a career in public health. Separate M.P.H. tracks are available in each of the five areas of concentration: epidemiology, occupational/environmental health, biostatistics, health behavior, and health services management. A field practicum in a community, a public health facility, a government agency or related setting will represent the culminating experience that will result in a written capstone project paper.

The Doctor of Public Health is a terminal professional degree that will prepare graduates to assume professional leadership responsibilities in local, state, national, and international public health activities. Course work will emphasize the integration and application of new knowledge and theory, and analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to address the public health concerns of the Commonwealth and nation.

Master of Science in Nursing, along with course work equivalent to the five basic core courses in the M.P.H. curriculum. Those applications not meeting the preparation requirements will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Students will complete a curriculum spanning the five core discipline areas offered by the College of Public Health. Typically, a full-time student will require a minimum of three years beyond the master’s degree to complete the program. The program is designed to accommodate non-traditional, working, and part-time students.

The Dr. P.H. curriculum includes:

- Twenty-seven semester hours of required course work in the core curriculum, which consists of two advanced courses in the core public health disciplines (epidemiology, biostatistics, health services management, health behavior, and occupational/environmental health).
- Fifteen hours of professional elective course work.
- A one-hour integrative professional seminar in each semester of enrollment.
- Two supervised public health field experiences.
- An integrated capstone option of either a problem-based or research-based project paper demonstrating appropriate disciplinary understanding.

Applications for admission to the M.P.H. degree will be accepted and considered at any time. There is an application deadline for each program; for current information, consult the College Web site at: www.ukcph.org/. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete, and applications will not be reviewed until all materials have been received.

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