About Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today’s dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities.

About the College of Education and Human Services

With a 100-year tradition of excellence and educational leadership, the College of Education and Human Services offers several advantages for those pursuing a graduate education:

- Outstanding and innovative graduate programs in the education and human services fields with nationally-recognized faculty and accreditation;
- Program faculty and staff dedicated to meeting the unique needs of our graduate population;
- Flexible study for both full-time students and working professionals, including weekend, accelerated, and Web-enhanced course options;
- Facilities that are on the cutting edge of learning and technology, including University Hall, the College’s home, and the largest and most sophisticated building in the University’s history.

Master of Public Health
Graduate Degree Program

Preparing Leaders
in Public Health
Overview

The mission of the Master of Public Health program is to prepare culturally and professionally competent leaders in public health by providing an interdisciplinary, academic and experiential program with a concentration in community health education. Through this program, students will master public health knowledge and skills while developing professional values and dispositions.

Graduates of the program will be prepared for careers as public health leaders in:

- local and state health departments
- public and private health agencies
- community-based organizations
- policy and advocacy organizations
- voluntary organizations focused on specific health issues (e.g., cancer or heart health)
- schools
- health care settings
- other settings in which health monitoring and health education initiatives are implemented

Program faculty members and students collaborate with field-based professionals – based on parity, trust, and mutual interests – to improve the public’s health and advance the standing of the profession.

Program Objectives

The core of the program comprises the five core disciplines of public health: biostatistics, environmental health sciences, epidemiology, health policy and management, and social and behavioral sciences. Community Health Education is a concentration that aims to prepare public health professionals to protect and enhance the health and well-being of populations through health promotion and disease prevention initiatives. Communities may be large or small geographic areas, institutions such as schools or workplaces, groups affiliated by common characteristics (race or ethnicity, religious practices, sexual behaviors, common experiences, etc.), or other groups of people.

The Master of Public Health program has the following objectives:

- To prepare public health practitioners with strong skills in conducting community health needs assessment
- To prepare public health practitioners with effective skills in planning, implementing, evaluating, and sustaining community health education initiatives
- To prepare public health practitioners who are committed to social justice and the elimination of health disparities, and who actively and continually examine their discipline using critical thinking

In addition to the program coursework, each student will complete an internship and community-based project as the culminating experience in the program. A wide variety of projects are possible, such as conducting community health assessments, developing public health resource materials, writing public health proposals, or serving as public health educators. The type of project is dependent on the student’s interests and nature of the field experience. The program recognizes and respects the challenges of balancing work and school; therefore, courses are designed to meet the needs of both full-time students and part-time students who are also working professionals.

Admissions

All candidates must meet the basic admission requirements for graduate study at Montclair State University. Students will be expected to enter into the program in the fall semester of each academic year (applications will not be accepted for spring semester admission). Documents required as part of the application process may be found at www.montclair.edu/graduate.

For further information

http://cehs.montclair.edu/cehs/academic/hns/

Apply online

http://www.montclair.edu/graduate

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for the current academic year may be accessed at:
http://www.montclair.edu/graduate/prospective/tuition.shtml

Montclair State University offers financial aid, scholarships and graduate assistantships. To obtain financial aid information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 973-655-4461.

Information regarding graduate assistantships and scholarships may be found at http://www.montclair.edu/graduate.

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