

## Arkansas Colleges of Health Education

### MPH, Concentration in Rural and Community Health

The Master of Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in Rural and Community Health prepares students to provide, evaluate and communicate guidance that improves individual and population-wide health outcomes. This program provides a thorough background in the key aspects of public health, including epidemiology, policy, administration, environmental health, and biostatistics.

The 21-month MPH distance education curriculum—delivered by our highly experienced faculty—explores a service-oriented approach to community health. The online curriculum promotes **collaborative discussions** among educators and peers of diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and thought.

#### Why Earn Your MPH in Rural and Community Health From ACHE?

Earn your MPH in Rural and Community Health to develop practical skills as a principled public health professional. ACHE is committed to educating and training a diverse group of highly competent and compassionate healthcare professionals. These same values are interwoven through the vision of the MPH program, as we equip our students to actively engage in their community to advance health and well-being.

#### What can a degree in Public Health Rural & Community Health do for you?

Careers in public health can be extremely fulfilling. Once you earn your MPH online, you can **open doors to new career opportunities**. A few career pathways may include:

- Community coordinator
- Outreach specialist
- Public health education
- Disaster relief coordinator
- Clinical research coordinator
- Health care administrator
- Public health project manager

#### Cost

[For MPH tuition information, please click here.](#)

#### Curriculum

The MPH Rural and Community concentration is designed to teach the next generation of public health professionals how to **promote health equity in their communities**. All students enrolled in the MPH program take a common set of core classes designed to give basic skills and knowledge of public health concepts, along with concentration courses designed to deepen knowledge in Rural and Community Health.

As part of the core curriculum, students will complete two final projects:

- The 120-hour Applied Practice Experience (APEX) creates an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned into practice within a professional setting in the student's community.
- The Capstone is a culmination of knowledge, theory, and skills learned throughout the curriculum into a final capstone project.

Completion of all course requirements, including the two final projects, ensures that graduates have attained the MPH with a concentration in Rural and Community Health competencies.

## MPH Rural and Community Health Course Schedule

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### Fall Term 2024

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Foundations of Public Health
Epidemiology for Public Health
Health Behaviors & Theory

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### Spring Term 2025

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Biostatistics for Public Health
Health Communication & Promotion
Community Health Assessment

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### Summer Term 2025

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Policy, Leadership, & Ethics
Diverse Populations in Rural Communities

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### Fall Term 2025

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Social Determinants of Health in Rural Communities
Management for Rural Communities
Leadership in Rural Communities

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### Spring Term 2026

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Capstone
Applied Practice Experience

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*Select two (2) courses from the list below:*

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Maternal & Child Health
Research Methods for Public Health
Disaster Relief & Emergency Response
Environmental & Occupational Health

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