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*MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH*  
PENN'S MPH PROGRAM

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# What is Public Health?

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- Public health is the science and art of protecting and improving the health of communities.
  - Addresses health problems from the standpoint of larger populations.
  - Involves medical care, education, policy, research, and behavioral science.
- A key component of most public health efforts is prevention.



# The Master of Public Health (MPH) Degree

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- A practice degree for professionals intending to work in the field of public health.
- Core skills
  - Biostatistics
  - Epidemiology
  - Environmental and Occupational Health
  - Behavioral and Social Sciences
  - Health Care Policy and Management



# Penn's MPH Program

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- Administered by the University of Pennsylvania Center for Public Health Initiatives.
- Interdisciplinary, involving 8 schools (Medicine, Nursing, Social Policy & Practice, Arts & Sciences, Wharton, Education, Dental Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine).
- Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).



- Opportunities in combined degree programs.
  - » MD-MPH, MSN-MPH, MSW-MPH, JD-MPH, PhD-MPH
  - » Certificate Program in Public Health Studies

# Global Health and Penn's MPH Program

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- Opportunities for global health coursework in a diverse range of disciplines
- Research in international settings
- Global health in our own backyard



# Example: Asian Health Initiative at Penn

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- Underserved communities displaced to the USA from developing nations in Asia
- Public health outreach, research, and community engagement with Asian immigrant communities.
  - Immunization clinics and health fairs.
  - Research on cancer information seeking among limited-English-proficient Asian immigrants.
  - Research on community connectedness and depressive symptoms among Southeast Asian refugees in late life.
  - Community-based participatory research to assess general health indicators in Southeast Asian immigrant communities.
  - Engagement of elder Laotian and Vietnamese immigrants in video production for health-related storytelling and community education about hypertension and health communication.



# For more information

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## Penn Graduate Program in Public Health Studies

<http://www.publichealth.med.upenn.edu/>

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## Penn Center for Public Health Initiatives

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