Public Health

Jefferson College of Population Health is dedicated to preparing you to make a meaningful difference as a public health professional. Our competency-based, integrated curriculum focuses on improving health locally and around the globe.

Through a combination of interactive courses, tailored field work and a student designed capstone project, Jefferson’s public health program will prepare you to have an impactful and rewarding career as a public health professional. Our small class sizes and committed faculty will provide you with the mentoring and support needed to launch your career.

The College of Population Health works closely with our community partners and with Jefferson Health, the clinical arm of Thomas Jefferson University. These collaborations provide you with a unique opportunity to work and learn at the intersection of public health and healthcare delivery.

Jefferson’s MPH program is nationally accredited through the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

“Our program exposes students to the many different aspects of public health. Students get the opportunity to find their passion and sharpen their skills as they prepare to make a difference in the world.”

– Rosemary (Rosie) Frasso, PhD, MSc, MSc, CPH
Program Director, Public Health
Our flexible course schedule allows you to pursue an MPH on an accelerated pathway (LEAP), full-time or on a part-time basis at your own pace (LPHT), or as a dual degree student. Courses are scheduled in the morning, afternoon and evening to allow you to balance training with full- or part-time employment.

The LEAP pathway, our accelerated pathway (<1 year), is ideal if you want to pursue public health training prior to seeking additional clinical training (in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant, advanced practice nursing or other healthcare field).

The full-time LPHT pathway (18 months) is great if you plan to practice public health, or be engaged in research, policy or advocacy in order to take the lead in promoting health across silos.

The part-time LPHT pathway is ideal if you are a working professional looking to advance in your current role or transition into a new one.

Dual Degree pathway is an excellent option if you are already enrolled in medical, social work, nursing, PA, law and pharmacy school (at Jefferson or one of our partner institutions) and wish to augment your skills with public health training. Additionally, if you have recently graduated from a partner institution, you can apply to Jefferson’s MPH program as a dual degree student.

Concentrations
The MPH program offers four engaging concentration options with six elective courses that address specific competencies.

- **Public Health Analytics** focuses on bolstering epidemiological and statistical expertise through advanced coursework, giving you the ability to collect, analyze, interpret and visualize data.

- **Public Health Policy & Advocacy** develops your skillset to promote public health policy at the local, state, federal and international levels.

- **Healthcare Quality & Safety** focuses on integrating public health knowledge and skills into the clinical space. This concentration is of particular interest if you work in, or are intending to enter the medical field or are interested in population health.

- **Public Health Practice** (Generalist) offers the most freedom to choose course options that best align with your career goals.

You are encouraged to select topics related to your area of concentration for your Clerkship and Capstone.

Core Curriculum
The following courses are required of all MPH students:

- Foundations of Public Health
- Fundamentals of the U.S. Healthcare System
- Society, Behavior & the Environment
- Fundamentals of Health Statistics
- Fundamentals of Epidemiology
- Foundations of Policy & Advocacy
- Health Research Methods
- Program Planning, Implementation & Evaluation
- Clerkship-Applied Practice Experience (C-APE)
- Capstone-Integrative Learning Experience (C-ILE)

Graduate Certificate
We offer a Graduate Certificate in Public Health that provides you with the foundational knowledge and skills for public health practice. All six Graduate Certificate courses (18 credits) can be applied to the MPH degree at a later time.

Dual-Degree Opportunities
Dual degree options allow you to apply coursework from other degree programs to the Jefferson MPH program. Medical, social work, pharmacy and law students from across the globe can earn an MPH.

- MD/MPH
- DO/MPH
- JD/MPH
- PharmD/MPH
- MSS/MPH
- MSN/MPH
- PA/MPH
Philadelphia

Public health is part of our history. You can be part of our future.

Philadelphia is one of the most culturally diverse and economically challenged of the nation’s 10 largest cities. Jefferson believes strongly that service learning benefits our students and our community. Jefferson’s public health students learn in the classroom and immediately apply those skills on the ground.

Jefferson College of Population Health is committed to improving health through authentic assignments that bring students into government, community, non-profit and healthcare settings where they can get practical experience.

Our MPH program fosters learning through community-informed Clerkship experiences and mentored capstone projects that have practical application.

Students are presented with real-world challenges and work in and outside the classroom on projects that have real-world impact.

“I have learned and gained so much from this program. The relationships I’ve made and maintained with various faculty members in JCPH have helped me develop my career, and allowed me to carve out a solidified position as public health professional. The program has created opportunities not only for rich and fulfilling course work, but career development and time management skills.”

– Madalene Zale, LPHT (Pre-Jeff LPHT) 
Student, ’18

“My coursework at Jefferson thoroughly covered the social determinants of health, giving me a greater understanding of how one’s background and surroundings impact quality of life and access to health care. We constantly discussed real-world examples of health disparities in class, such as the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, or access to healthy foods in neighborhoods with low socioeconomic status. I aim to incorporate this newfound knowledge with my future clinical skills to better engage and care for my patients.”

– Chris Godissart, MPH ’18
(accelerated <1 year pathway)
Earn your degree from one of the largest and most innovative academic health centers in the country.

**Thomas Jefferson University**  
**We Improve Lives.**

At Jefferson University, we *improve lives* by redefining humanly possible and providing students with exceptional value in 21st century professional education. We are dedicated to educating our students—through interprofessional and transdisciplinary, experiential learning designed for new and emerging fields—and preparing them with the skills they need to succeed and lead, now and in the future of work. We do this through integrated, innovative and forward-thinking programs across our colleges and schools in architecture, business, design, engineering, fashion & textiles, health, science and social science.

College of Population Health students have the extraordinary opportunity to expand their understanding of health care and population health through Jefferson Health, our clinical arm of Thomas Jefferson University. Our academic health center spans 14 hospitals (seven are Magnet-designated for nursing excellence), touching the lives of nearly four million patients annually, includes the NCI-designated Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, and is recognized nationally by *U.S. News & World Report* for its clinical excellence. The Jefferson Health system provides students with numerous collaborative opportunities to gain a real-world understanding of health, health care and the impact of population health management and policy.

**Jefferson College of Population Health**  
**Connecting Health and Healthcare™**

We are the first college of population health established in the United States with an unwavering focus on improving population health in the U.S. and around the world. We train leaders with the knowledge and skills necessary to transform the delivery of health services by working within and across critical stakeholder groups, including:

- healthcare providers and delivery systems
- health insurance companies and third-party payers
- drug and device manufacturers
- government and other regulators and accreditors
- technology companies
- management consulting firms
- community organizations

To accomplish this, we offer graduate programs in all key areas of population health improvement: applied health economics and outcomes research, health policy and administration, healthcare quality and safety, operational excellence, population health intelligence, population health sciences, and public health. We also publish seminal texts and academic journals that define, sustain, and propel our field. We are heavily engaged with leading firms in population health through consulting, research and development, and thought leadership and we host the largest industry-focused annual conference solely focused on population health improvement.

For more information about the College, visit [Jefferson.edu/PopulationHealth](http://Jefferson.edu/PopulationHealth)
ADMISSIONS CONSIDERATIONS:

We review applications using a holistic perspective that carefully considers all available information without imposing specific minimums on any individual requirement. In general, we look for:

- A prior GPA of approximately 3.0 or higher in undergraduate or graduate coursework;
- Competitive standardized test scores near or above the 50th percentile (a waiver available);
- An articulate application essay conveying a passion for the field and commitment to completing the program;
- A resume/CV that demonstrates a trajectory consistent with, or shows promise for, success in the applicant’s chosen degree program; and
- Recommendation letters attesting to the applicant’s ability to be successful in the program.

Ultimately, we look for applicants who have a passion for the work and the ability to successfully complete the program. Please visit our website or contact us for more information.

START YOUR APPLICATION:

- Start your application online anytime at Jefferson.edu/MPH
- Begin classes in September, January or April.

QUESTIONS?

Email us at JCPH.Admissions@Jefferson.edu or call us toll-free at 1-888-71-APPLY (27759)

For more information about the program, please visit Jefferson.edu/MPH