Other Programmes Offered

Master of Medical Science in Public Health (MMedScPH)

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

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Department of Social and Preventive Medicine

The Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, popularly known as SPM, is one of the 25 academic departments that contribute to the undergraduate and postgraduate teaching of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya.

The SPM department, since its inception has produced graduates who now serve with distinction in the Ministry of Health, universities and international agencies both locally and overseas. SPM, with the diversity of academic staff and students, is dedicated to the development of public health and looks forward to the future with vigour and enthusiasm. You are welcome to join us in this exciting endeavour.

Doctor of Public Health

The Master of Public Health (MPH) introduced in 1974 was the first post-graduate programme in public health offered in Malaysia. It was designed to meet the needs of a multipurpose public health specialist equipped with professional and managerial skills, to enable the graduate to work in both the public health environment and hospital settings in Malaysia and developing countries. In 2009, the Doctor of Public Health was introduced as an advanced professional degree in public health.

The Doctor of Public Health programme is an advanced professional degree for those who wish to be leaders in the practice of public health. It is for those who intend to lead health organisations in the public and private health sectors, and also in teaching and research organisations. The programme is oriented towards applied research in public health. The programme comprises of coursework and research in a field of public health.

Year One (24 credits)-coursework

Public Health Core (6 credits)
- Essentials of Epidemiology in Public Health
- Health Policy and Leadership

Research Core (3 credits)
- Research Protocol Development

Internship Core (6 credits)

Specialty (Electives) (9 credits)
(1) Area: Health Services Management
- Human Resource Planning and Management
- Health Law and Ethics
- Health Economics
- Health Logistics Management
- Quality in Health

(2) Area: Family Health
- Women’s Health
- Child and Adolescent Health
- Lifetime Health
- Nutrition and Lactation Management
- Society, Behaviour and Health

(3) Area: Environmental Health
- Environmental Pollution
- Food Technology and Health
- Waste Management

(4) Area: Occupational Medicine
- Human Factor and Ergonomics
- Disability Assessment
- Occupational Lung Diseases
- OSH Management Systems

(5) Area: Epidemiology in Health
- Advanced Epidemiology
- Clinical Epidemiology
- Epidemiology of Communicable Diseases
- Epidemiology of Non Communicable-Diseases

(6) Area: Biomedical Statistics
- Analysis of Rates and Proportions
- Statistical Computing
- Introduction to Meta-Analysis
- Principles of Clinical Trials
- Factor Analyses
- Time Series

Year Two and Three (63 credits)

Research and thesis

International Candidates

International candidates have the option of undertaking research in their countries.

Entry Requirements

MPH from University of Malaya or equivalent qualification approved by the Senate;

The candidate must have a good pass in any of the Master’s Degree;

Have adequate working experience in health related field;

Minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based), or 213 (computer-based), or 80 (Internet-based), or IELTS band 6.