The UCLA School of Public Health provides an opportunity to contribute to a healthier and more prosperous future in Los Angeles, in the nation and around the world.

Each year, 760 students representing every region of the United States and some 35 countries are enrolled in the UCLA School of Public Health. These students are attracted not only by the School’s world-class faculty, but also by the wealth of educational opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, including hands-on internship experiences locally and abroad.

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Faculty in the department represent diverse disciplines related to community health such as the social and behavioral sciences, nutrition, medicine, and a range of fields of research including health education and promotion, international health, child and family health, public health nutrition, life course, women’s health, population and reproductive health and health disparities.

The curriculum integrates basic and public health theories and methods applied to real problems of human populations. Assessment, planning, and evaluation are common themes in the department’s educational programs.

Elective courses for the MPH may be taken entirely within or across clusters in subjects such as aging and life course, child and family health, disaster planning and relief, health promotion and education, health policy, international health, population and reproductive health, public health nutrition, social and behavioral sciences and women’s health.

Doctoral coursework includes theories in Community Health Sciences, research methods and statistics, substantive classes, and four courses in a minor field.

Students gain real-world experience through field placements and can participate in faculty research conducted in the School’s diverse interdisciplinary centers including the Biohyd Program in Population and Reproductive Health, Center for Adolescent Health Promotion; Center to Eliminate Health Disparities; Center for Healthcare Children, Families, and Communities; Center for Public Health and Disaster; Center for Health Policy Research; and Center for Human Nutrition.

Cost of Study

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