

University of California, Berkeley
School of Public Health

HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Mission Statement

The mission of the Graduate Program in Health Policy and Management is to promote the public's health through the preparation of graduates for positions of senior level leadership in health services policy and management, and to conduct research and disseminate knowledge that will advance the organization, financing and delivery of health and medical services.

Learning Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the MPH curriculum with a concentration in Health Policy and Management, students will be able to demonstrate the skills identified in the following areas.

Policy Analysis and Strategic Planning

- Critically assess existing health systems and practices and their political, economic and socio-cultural contexts.
- Develop policy options for the achievement of an agency's or program's objectives.
- Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of policy options from the perspectives of multiple stakeholder groups.
- Gather and organize information on the aspects of the political situation that may affect the ability of an organization to achieve its objectives.
- Apply core biomedical and public health sciences to policy development and policy implementation, including the use of concepts and scientific findings from epidemiology, biostatistics and the behavioral and social sciences.
- Evaluate the effects of health policies.

Management of Programs and Organizations

- Specify organization, department, or program missions and objectives.
- Translate legislative mandates into organizational plans and programs.
- Assess organizational structure and performance.
- Manage organizational change and innovation.
- Use methods of continuous quality assessment, assurance and improvement.
- Conduct economic and financial analyses of health care organizational and benefit plans including managed care.
- Explain budget processes, including basic accounting and fiscal monitoring techniques.
- Conduct cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analyses.

Application Information

- The HPM Program asks that you address in your Statement of Purpose your knowledge of the health care field based on either paid or voluntary experience; your interest in health policy and/or management, including past interest or involvement in management and/or policy relevant activities; and your career goals as related to health policy and/or management. Please limit your statement to 750 words.
- Of your three Letters of Recommendation, at least one should be from someone who knows your academic potential (a former professor or someone who can discuss your intellectual abilities) and one from someone who knows your management, policy analysis, or planning potential (such as a former employer).

HPM Admission Averages for Entering Class 2007

Applicants	121	Admit GRE Quant Scores	72%
Admission Offers	30	Admit GRE Verbal Scores	85%
Offer Rate	25%	Admit Upper-Division GPA's	3.53
Average Age Admits	26 years		

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