**Maternal and Child Health (MCH) PhD Scholar Curriculum – Fall 2024**

**Admission Requirements and Relationship to CHS Curriculum**

* Standard CHS admission criteria, plus an interest in MCH expressed as MCH-oriented career goals, MCH practice/research experience and/or publications, MCH research interests.
* Standard CHS Divisional pre-requisites if no MPH; standard CHS core theory, advanced methods and analytic requirements, using MCH courses in these areas to meet some of these requirements.

**Overview of Program Requirements**

A minimum of 96 semester hours of credit, including up to 32 credits transferred from a master’s degree and 32 credits for dissertation research. Students who waive courses must still accumulate 96 credits to graduate, but the total may be reached with additional research hours or methods courses.

**MCH PhD Scholar Curriculum**

You will follow the CHS PhD curriculum with the following adaptations:

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| 1. *Two MCH core courses if no MPH in MCH:*  |
| CHSC 510 | MCH Inequities and Responses I  | 4 | Sp |
| CHSC 511 | MCH Inequities and Responses II | 4 | Fa |
| CHSC 543 | MCH Policy and Advocacy | 3 | Fa |
| 2. *One MCH oriented analytic course as part of the meeting CHS advanced analytic and advanced research methods requirements:* |
| EPID/CHSC 518 | Epidemiology of Pediatric Diseases | 3 | Fa |
| EPID/CHSC 545 | Reproductive and Perinatal Health | 3 | Fa |
| *3. One-Two MCH electives* |
| *4. MCH oriented dissertation* |

*Please note:* MCH PhD students are eligible to participate in the Chicago Metropolitan Exchange Program (CMEP) of the Graduate College to take relevant courses at Northwestern and the University of Chicago. For more information, please go to the following link (<https://grad.uic.edu/chicago-metropolitan-exchange-program/>).

**MCH PHD STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Career Development/ Leadership & Management Training**

* + CHS students are required to participate in 2 IPHS 595 seminars that focus on professional development and academic/research career skill building.  If CHSC 595 is available, students may register for that instead.

**Leadership Training & Coaching**

* Each MCH PhD student will be required to meet with an MCH Leadership Coach two (2) times throughout their academic career.

**Teaching/Research Training**

Students should consult with their faculty advisor to confirm if specific opportunities meet the Professional Development requirements.

* UIC SPH Office of Research Services hosts several trainings throughout the year. Each PhD student is required to obtain experience in classroom teaching. The teaching experience for doctoral candidates should at minimum consist of planning and leading a minimum of **two classroom sessions**, which maybe online or in-class sessions. These sessions should be evaluated by a faculty member. If students are clear that they will be pursuing a career in academe, they are encouraged to go beyond this minimum.
* It is suggested that all MCH PhD students take the “Foundations of College Instruction” course that is offered through the UIC Grad college (<https://grad.uic.edu/programs/graduate-college-courses/>) or an equivalent course if they are interested in a career in academe.

**FINANCIAL AID**

To the extent possible, we offer financial support upon admission to doctoral students when they express a strong MCH interest in their application (personal statement, work experience, recommendations).

**STUDENT HANDBOOK**

<https://publichealth.uic.edu/current-students/student-handbooks/>