

Application Process

All application materials must be received in the Certificate Office in advance. Remember to include adequate time for letters of reference to be requested and returned.

Application Materials

Application materials needed for approval into the program include an application, two reference letters, a transcript, a two page essay stating why you are seeking this certificate and a one-page biography which includes the student's educational and work Experience. Pre-approved Certificate courses that have already been completed may count towards the curriculum requirements. (This does not include practicum or research projects). Requests to include these courses are made on the application. No more than six hours previously completed at UK can be counted toward the Certificate.

Students must be admitted to the UK Graduate School. Unless you are in a graduate program at the University of Kentucky, you must apply and be admitted to the Graduate School as a Post-Baccalaureate student. Graduate School application deadlines and forms may be obtained by calling (859) 257-4613 or through their website at: <http://www.rgs.uky.edu/gs/>. Submit Graduate School applications directly to the Graduate School. Please note and adhere to the submission deadlines of the Graduate School.

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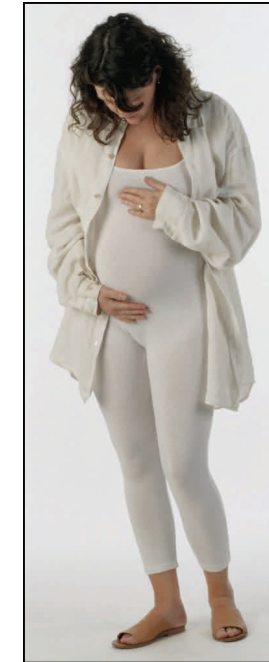


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## Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health



**The Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health** provides a mechanism for public health workers and students admitted to the UK Graduate School to enhance their competencies and skills in Maternal and Child Health.

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The Graduate Certificate in Maternal & Child Health has three objectives:

1. To prepare public health workers to address the multi-factorial Maternal and Child Health (MCH) issues in Kentucky in their workplaces by enhancing public health-related skills.
2. To provide participants with theoretical, practical, and relevant educational experiences in MCH to enhance the health and welfare of children, mothers and families.
3. To provide students with the knowledge and skills to develop, implement and manage MCH programs, prepare budgets, and evaluate the effectiveness of MCH programs.

### Curriculum

The Graduate Certificate curriculum involves a total of 15 graduate credit hours including 6 hours of required courses.

#### **Required Courses:**

**CPH 740** – Introduction to Maternal and Child Health (3 hrs)

**CPH 605** – Introduction to Epidemiology (3 hrs).

#### **Elective Courses:**

**CPH 610** – Injury Epidemiology and Control (3 hrs).

**CPH 641**– Public Health and Anthropology (3 hrs).

**CPH 645** – Food Systems and Malnutrition and Public Health (3 hrs).

**CPH 647** – Research Methods for Health Promotion (3 hrs).

**CPH 648** – Health and Culture (3 hrs).

**CPH 653** – Public Health Law and Policy (3 hrs).

**CPH 660** - GIS and Public Health (3 hrs)

**CPH 718** – MCH Information and Data Systems (3hrs)

**CPH 751** – Introduction to Global Public Health (3hrs)

**CPH 758** – Special Topics in Health Services Management: Health Care Access and Coverage (3 hrs)

**CNU 502** – Obesity: Cell to Community (2hrs)

**FAM 502** – Families and Children Under Stress (3 hrs).

**NFS 516** – Maternal and Child Nutrition (3hrs)

Note: Not all of the classes listed above will be available every semester.

Students of the Graduate Certificate in MCH must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better to progress in the Curriculum and all course work for the Graduate Certificate in MCH must be completed within five years of admission.



With the exception of *CPH 740* – *Introduction to Maternal and Child Health*, courses and credit hours that satisfy the Graduate Certificate can be used to jointly satisfy degree credit hours for a degree (i.e., MPH, DrPH) as well as the Graduate Certificate.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate May not use *CPH 740* for credit in any other Degree program in the College of Public Health.

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### Eligibility-Admission

The minimum Graduate School requirements for admission to a Certificate curriculum are the same as those in effect for post baccalaureate status.

Students who already are or will be enrolled in a degree program, or those who simply apply for post baccalaureate (non-Degree) status in order to complete the Certificate, are eligible to apply for admission. Post-baccalaureate status is not available to non-Kentucky residents or international applicants.

Applicants for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health must be approved for admission by the Certificate Director and Administrator, who shall notify the Graduate School in writing of the student's admission.

A student should apply and be admitted to the Certificate curriculum prior to taking any classes that will be counted towards completion of the Certificate.

Admission to or award of a Graduate Certificate does not guarantee admission to a degree program in the same or any other discipline.



**Maternal and Child Health: improving the health of generations through the MCH Life Course Approach**