

Oakland University's MPH Program's Goals

The program's goals addressing instruction, research, and service are as follow:

Instruction

Goal: To provide a high-quality, evidence-based and community-focused educational curriculum that prepares students for successful careers in public health.

Research

Goal: Engage in theory-based research, including community-based participatory research, to further knowledge and understanding of core public health issues.

Service

Goal: Faculty will launch productive health-related partnerships with relevant organizations.

The program has defined a series of measurable objectives for the goals:

Instruction

Goal: To provide a high-quality, evidence-based and community-focused educational curriculum that prepares students for successful careers in public health.

Objectives:

1. Each academic year, 100% of MPH courses will provide evidence-based instruction in the core public health competencies.
2. Each academic year, at least 60% of MPH courses will deliver service and/or experiential learning opportunities and other community-based participatory practices throughout the curriculum.

Research

Goal: Engage in theory-based research, including community-based participatory research, to further knowledge and understanding of core public health issues.

Objectives:

1. All faculty members will produce at least one scholarly work annually as indicated by peer-reviewed publications, submitted internal/external grants or contracts, or presentations in the public health field.
2. At least 60% of students will engage in student- or faculty-driven research over the course of their study.
3. At least 80% of faculty members will bring their own research into the classroom.

Service

Goal: Faculty will launch productive health-related partnerships with relevant organizations.

Objectives:

1. At least 80% of faculty members will be engaged in at least one productive partnership with a community-based organization.
2. At least 80% of faculty members will be engaged in a productive partnership with a national, state, or local public health organization or non-profit agency.
3. The MPH program will foster engaged relationships through the creation and maintenance of the MPH Advisory Board.
4. At least one faculty member will facilitate a public health service or training event in the local community each year.