



# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

A.U.S. - ACCREDITED GRADUATE INSTITUTION AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) offers a two-year graduate program in Public Health. The MPH from AUA engages experienced health professionals in transformational education and training in population-based approaches to health and health services research, delivery, and evaluation. Our graduates are then prepared to lead in improving health and health services in Armenia, the Caucasus, Europe, and the World. Students completing the two-year program receive the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. CHS also offers MPH+MBA dual degree option, which allows students to complete two degree programs in a reduced period of time.

The primary goal of the program is to train and develop health professionals in the disciplines of public health and management of health care facilities. It offers an integrated approach to develop expertise in managing health programs, assessing the health needs of the people, and translating that knowledge into improved health by designing, implementing, and evaluating programs to meet those needs.



### ABOUT AUA

Deciding to pursue an American master's degree is a big decision; but choosing the best school to meet your needs is even harder. AUA offers excellent U.S.-accredited graduate programs and provides several unique advantages.

- ⌘ A safe, welcoming environment. Armenia offers a warm and hospitable social environment where all cultures are welcome and appreciated.
- ⌘ Motivated students. Students from the U.S., China, Iran, Syria, Georgia, Russia, India and around the world join Armenian students for an increasingly international student population.
- ⌘ Accommodating facilities and services. Facilities, including the new, state-of-the-art Paramaz Avedissian Building, contain services such as wireless Internet and the latest software, the open-stack Papazian library, a cafeteria and health center.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the AUA General Admission Requirements and the MPH Program Specific Requirements.

Applicants are expected to:

- ⌘ Be graduates of a school of medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine or hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing, engineering, the natural or social sciences, or related fields and preferably have two years of practical experience in health care administration or public health service.
- ⌘ Present a Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) of at least 79 on the Internet based TOEFL (iBT), or a score of at least 6.5 on the IELTS. The test must have been taken in the two years prior to the application date.
- ⌘ Present a score in at least the 50th percentile on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) quantitative section. Scores cannot be more than five years old at the time of application.

Students proceed through the program as part of a defined cohort. Students needing to improve their English for the TOEFL and the GRE tests may enroll in special classes in AUA's Department of English Programs. Prospective MPH applicants should arrange to take English classes and take required exams in time for the results to be available by the application deadline.

**For more information on admissions and a list of all required documents, please check the AUA website: [www.aua.am](http://www.aua.am)**

## THE CURRICULUM

The two-year curriculum is organized around a guiding framework which provides students with a conceptual overview of the diverse profession of public health and a team-oriented approach to professional practice. The courses are taught in intensive, sequential blocks, which build upon and integrate with each other.

The first year curriculum provides exposure to the breadth of public health disciplines. The second year curriculum provides advanced training in key methodological disciplines and concludes with a student-directed MPH project.



### First Year Curriculum

The first year curriculum is divided into three modules:

#### Module I: Public Health Problem Solving & Techniques of Problem Investigation

- 1.1 General Principles of PH Problem Solving
- 1.2 Social & Behavioral Sciences in PH
- 1.3 Problem Investigation in Environmental Health
- 1.4 Inferential Biostatistics
- 1.5 Epidemiology

#### Module II: Program Planning, Implementation & Evaluation

- 2.1 Data Management Systems
- 2.2 Health Economics & Finance
- 2.3 Comparative Health Systems
- 2.4 Program Planning and Implementation
- 2.5 Health Services Management
- 2.6 Project Development & Evaluation
- 2.7 MPH Thesis Project Planning

### Second Year Curriculum

Second year coursework concentrates on advanced methods and preparation of the integrating experience project.

#### Module III: Advanced Methodology

- 3.1 Qualitative Research Methods
- 3.2 Survey Research Methods
- 3.3 Intermediate Epidemiology
- 3.4 Biostatistics: Modeling & Sampling
- 3.5 Master's Project Implementation—I

#### Module IV: Synthesis

- 4.1 Training of Trainers
- 4.2 Graduate Research Seminar
- 4.3 Master's Project Implementation—II

The Master's Project is an integrating experience, an opportunity for students to pursue a public health issue of professional relevance in a supervised, supportive setting, which integrates the core tools of public health in the solution of a 'real-world' problem.

## CENTER FOR HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Students in the MPH program are provided with opportunities for hands-on training. In 1995, the Center for Health Services Research and Development (CHSR) was established within the Program to respond to research and development needs in the multidisciplinary field of Public Health. One of CHSR's principle objectives is to provide supervised field training including health status assessments, hospital quality assurance projects, patient and provider satisfaction surveys, development of health education materials, and various training programs. For more information about CHSR, please check the CHSR website at [www.auachsr.com](http://www.auachsr.com)

- ✧ The College of Health Sciences is affiliated with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
- ✧ The College of Health Sciences is a member of the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER). Membership is a testament to the quality of the program, graduates, and increasing international recognition.



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