

Policy Number: 101

Subject/Title: Customized MPH Degree Program for Regional Campus, Dual Degree Students and Dietetic Interns

Effective Date: Effective: September 1, 2011

Policy Statement: UTHealth SPH Regional Campus students and students admitted to **ANY** dual degree program have the option of electing an MPH major **OR** electing the Customized MPH Degree Plan. At the Houston Campus, the Customized MPH is available only to Dual Degree students and those in the Dietetic Internship Program.

By the second semester of study, students electing the customized MPH program should complete a career goal analysis with their advisor and select 10-20 competencies to be met in a public health focus area. These competencies are in addition to the MPH core and cross-cutting competencies.

Components of the Customized MPH Degree Program

- Shared Credit Courses for Dual Degree students – up to 12 credits
- MPH Courses – 5 core courses (16 credits)
- Ethics (1 credit)
- Practicum (3 credits)
- Culminating Experience (3 credits)
- MPH Customized Focus (9-12 credits) and electives (10-13 credits) – customized program intended to deepen a student's knowledge in one or more areas of public health.

Reason for Policy:

Definitions: N/A

Scope and Audience: Regional campus students and Dual Degree students at any campus.

Responsibilities and Procedures:

Admissions Process

Applicants to the Dual Degree programs with an MPH major (e.g., MPH, Epidemiology) are reviewed alongside the other MPH applicants to the MPH major within each Department. Applicants to a Customized MPH at regional campuses, including Dual Degree applicants, are reviewed by the regional campus and by the school-wide UTHealth SPH Admissions Committee. Dual Degree applicants to the Customized MPH in Houston are reviewed only by the school-wide Admissions Committee. The Sr. Associate Dean of Academic and Research Affairs has final approval for all admissions decisions and signs all official admission letters.

Related Policies, Forms and Information: See the Customized MPH Focus Area Identification Form on the [Student Forms](#) webpage.

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