MPH PROGRAM
Community Health Education
ADMISSIONS INFORMATION PACKET
Fall 2015

Application Deadlines:

Early Admissions for both campus and online formats: **February 1, 2015**
Regular Admissions for campus and online formats: **April 1, 2015**
Late Admissions for online format only: **June 1, 2015***
(*on a space available basis)

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A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Dear Applicant:

Our MPH Program was founded in 1970 to prepare community health education practitioners and has been continuously accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) since 1974. CEPH is the independent agency officially recognized to accredit graduate programs in public health. As stated in its mission statement, CEPH assures quality in public health education and training to achieve excellence in practice, research and service, through collaboration with organizational and community partners.

San José State University offers an MPH degree with a specialization in community health education in two formats: on Campus (regular session) and Online (through the College of International and Extended Studies). Both on campus and online students engage in the same rigorous course of study.

MPH Campus Format

To the greatest extent possible, our MPH campus format is designed for working people. Most of the classes meet in the afternoon or evenings, only once a week. Although three of six core courses must be completed during the first three semesters, students are otherwise free to plan out their MPH course of study in a way that meets their interests, resources, and priorities.

It is possible to complete the program in two years going full-time, taking 4 classes per semester, conducting full-time fieldwork during the first summer, and meeting the university's graduation requirement through a comprehensive exam. However, most students are more comfortable completing 42 total units over three years, and some even stretch it out to four or five!

MPH Online format

In recognition of the increasing global need for graduate public health education, our CEPH-accredited MPH program created an online 42-unit, 24-month Online Education option. The MPH online format uses state-of-the-art synchronous web conferencing that includes two-way audio, multi-point video, interactive whiteboard, application and desktop sharing, virtual breakout rooms, and session recording. Online students engage with their professors and peers as if they were in a traditional classroom, but in the convenience of their home or work office.

Online students meet once a year in San José for about five days in August. Otherwise, all online courses, most of which are taught sequentially, are delivered online, where students meet once a week for a live class session via the Blackboard Collaborate learning platform. Course length varies five to seven weeks.

Our graduates build interesting and fulfilling careers across a wide variety of roles and settings across public and private sectors. Many work as health educators in local, county, or state health departments. Others work in topic-specific programs, such as HIV prevention or health services, tobacco control, domestic violence, immunization, student health, violence prevention, cancer control, school-based health education, or environmental protection. Graduates also work within industry and other work settings in employee health promotion or worksite wellness programs, and others have forged new directions in journalism, medicine, and the arts. Each year, one or two of our students decide to go on for doctoral work at other universities. Recent graduates have
completed or are pursuing doctoral degrees at the University of North Carolina, Purdue University, Tulane, the University of Michigan, University of San Francisco, New York University, University of California at Berkeley, and the University of California at Davis. We are proud of our program and particularly proud of our students and alumni!

I hope that this brief introduction, along with the materials in this packet, help you in your review of graduate programs. If you would like to find out more about our MPH program, or have a chance to ask specific questions of a faculty member, we invite you to attend one of our MPH Admissions Information Meetings held on campus and online from October through March. These group meetings are a great way to learn about the program from multiple perspectives and to get more of your questions answered. A calendar of meeting dates and times for 2014-2015 is included in this packet and is updated on our website.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Demers, EdD, MPH
Associate Professor of Public Health
Chair, Health Science & Recreation Department
San Jose State University’s MPH program was founded in 1970 to prepare community health education practitioners to serve the diverse and dynamic communities of Northern California.

Our essential mission is:

To provide professional education that prepares both students and graduates with knowledge, conceptual frameworks, health education and public health competencies, in order to develop programs, build community capacity, and advocate policy for health equity (revised Spring 2012).

MPH Program Goals

The MPH program seeks to attain its mission through carefully planned efforts to address six broad goals. The goals are mutually reinforcing and crosscut the major functions of instruction, research, service, and leadership.

1. Stimulating and practical graduate education in the foundations of public health and the specialized skills of community health education (Instruction).

2. A program environment that honors diversity, civility, honesty, collaboration, engagement, respect, and ethical practice (Instruction, Leadership, Service).

3. Learning that integrates theory, practice, evidence, and lived experience over time, from different sources, and in new ecological contexts (Instruction).

4. Contributions that advance the body of knowledge and resources in community health education and public health through ethical and community-based faculty and student scholarship (Research).

5. Leadership and active participation that contribute to the growth and development of the health education and public health professions (Instruction/Leadership).

6. Continuous engagement of the talents, enthusiasm, resources, and imagination of our program’s faculty and students in collaboration with community partners in projects and service activities that contribute to eliminating health disparities, and promoting social justice and health equity (Service, Leadership).

MPH Core Competencies

In recognition of the increasing cultural diversity of the state of California and regions beyond, our MPH Program is committed to training culturally competent health educators whose backgrounds and skills reflect our changing demography. Specifically, the MPH Program trains health education practitioners who are able to:

1. Analyze and research emerging trends, priorities, and assets to predict future individual and community health needs and opportunities based on historical foundations, societal changes, and current evidence, and to communicate their implications for public health and health promotion policy and practice;
2. Apply concepts and theories of behavior, education, systems, complexity, communication, and ecological frameworks to design, plan, implement, evaluate, and disseminate health education and health promotion interventions and policy in accordance with public health objectives, community needs, and organizational and community goals;

3. Provide technical assistance and act as a health education resource across a broad range of settings to promote community health through community building and organizing with identified stakeholders, including community members, consumers, health practitioners and health care providers, policy and decision-makers;

4. Apply administration principles and skills to manage human, fiscal, capital, and social resources when administering health education strategies, interventions, and programs.

5. Apply quantitative and qualitative data analysis principles and skills to community health education and promotion;

6. Apply the principles and skills of effective inclusive and multicultural communication when working with individuals, groups, organizations, and communities from diverse cultures and backgrounds;

7. Advance public health practice and the health education profession by drawing upon historical and contemporary contributions of the field and applying principles of social justice.

8. Adhere to standards for ethical practice and research based on their personal values and mission statements, institutional mandates, and the Code of Ethics for the Health Education Profession, in order to apply them to fields of public health and community health education.
DIVERSITY IN THE SJSU PROGRAM

MPH Program Diversity Statement

Our diversity honors experiences, visions, choices, and realities. It is open to varied cultures, classes, ages, genders, orientations, and abilities. It acknowledges differences and the sharing of the experiences, challenges, and contributions of those differences.

Our diversity is built on tenets of respect, support, inclusion, and representation. It embraces and honors community, ethnicity, spirituality, sexuality, gender, and culture.

Our diversity provides a philosophical outlook that searches to find the points of interconnectedness among us, and accepts that not all points of view connect.

Our diverse community resolves to create spaces for all voices and stories to be equally shared, heard, and embraced.

The MPH Faculty has long had a commitment to this kind of diversity. We hope that it is evident in the courses we teach, the environments we co-create with our student partners, in the MPH community we assemble each year, and in the projects we select on campus and in our community work. We very much look forward to continuing to search for those “points of interconnectedness” among us.
The SJSU MPH Program at a Glance

Our program was established in 1970 by Dr. Sam Radelfinger. San Jose State University’s MPH Program in Community Health Education is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), the independent agency officially recognized to accredit graduate programs in public health. Our MPH Program has been continuously accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health since 1974. CEPH is the private, nonprofit organization, with the American Public Health Association and the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health as its two corporate members, which accredits all Schools and Programs of Public Health. CEPH’s mission “assures quality in public health education and training to achieve excellence in practice, research and service, through collaboration with organizational and community partners.” The Council's objectives are:

1. to promote quality in public health education through a continuing process of self-evaluation by the schools and programs that seek accreditation;
2. to assure the public that institutions offering graduate instruction in public health have been evaluated and judged to meet standards essential for the conduct of such educational programs; and
3. to encourage - through periodic review, consultation, research, publications, and other means - improvements in the quality of education for public health.

The MPH program is housed in the Department of Health Science and Recreation, which is part of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Other departments within CASA include Aerospace; Hospitality; Tourism Management; Justice Studies; Kinesiology; Nutrition, Food Science and Packaging; and Occupational Therapy. Schools within our college include Journalism & Mass Communications, Library & Information Sciences, The Valley Foundation School of Nursing, and Social Work.

The Faculty

The MPH program benefits from the faculty’s active community-based orientation. All MPH faculty members have ongoing research and/or service projects – many of which involve MPH students in one way or another. The MPH faculty is active in the leadership of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), American Public Health Association, the Association of Accredited Public Health Programs (AAPHP), the National Board of Public Health Examiners, and other professional organizations.

MPH faculty members also play key roles in college and university administration. For example, in recent academic years; Dr. Edward Mamary was past-chair and member of a university General Education Advisory Panel (GEAP), Dr. Anne Demers is past-chair and a current member of San José State’s Veterans Advisory Committee, past-chair of the College Curriculum Committee, and past member of the All University Teacher Education Committee, and Dr. Kathleen Roe was Coordinator of the university’s WASC accreditation Educational Effectiveness Review and Lead Writer of the Educational Effectiveness Report. This degree of university involvement and
leadership serve to connect the MPH program to central university and college structures and perspectives. It also provides a discernable health education process orientation to the university, which has been noted and appreciated by higher level officials.

We are also fortunate to have experienced public health professionals, as part-time faculty members, who teach specific courses in the MPH program.

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**THE MPH PROGRAM LEADERSHIP**

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**Dr. Anne Demers, Chair, Department of Health Science and Recreation**

Anne Demers earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz; an MPH from San José State University; and an Ed.D. with an emphasis in Organizations and Leadership from the University of San Francisco. She is a member of San José State University’s Veterans Advisory Committee. She has many years of experience in the study of organizations, social systems, education, and community change. Her research interests are in qualitative methodology, and the related areas of disenfranchisement from community, actions that compromise mental health, and evaluation of the policy and service interventions designed to help people re-integrate into communities. She is a content expert in the area of mental health and the challenges facing veterans and their loved ones. Her research has been funded by California Endowment, the Iraq Afghanistan Deployment Impact Fund, and she is currently a Co-Principal Investigator on **Exploring Intimate Partner Relationship Issues among Veterans and Their Partners on College Campuses in California**, funded by Blue Shield of California Foundation. She has co-developed curriculum to assist veterans - in their transition from military to civilian life - and their loved ones - in supporting their veterans. She designed two courses to assist veterans with transition and reintegration - **Warriors at Home: Succeeding in College, Life and Relationships** and **Writing for Professionals: Skills for Veterans**. Dr. Demers is the MPH Campus Coordinator. She teaches HS100 Writing Workshop for Veterans, HS145 Community Mental Health, HS271 Theoretical Foundations in Public Health Education, HS276 Community Organization, HS293 Public Health Leadership and is one of the faculty advisors for graduate projects and theses. Dr. Demers’ work has been published in the mental health literature, and she has been an invited keynote speaker and presented her work at numerous professional conferences, including the American Public Health Association. In addition, she has been an invited speaker at various local, state, and national summits, including the Department Of Defense Task Force on Veterans’ Mental Health; the Northern California Grantmakers Briefing on veterans’ issues; Combat to Community: A Community Summit on the Mental Health and Wellness of Veterans and Their Families; and The Aspen Institute’s Veterans Initiative.

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**Dr. Jane Pham, Campus Coordinator**

Dr. Jane Pham received her BS in Biological Sciences at UC Irvine, an MPH from San José State University, and her PhD in Epidemiology from UC Davis where she was the recipient of the Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship and the Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program’s Cornelius Hopper Diversity Award. Her research interests primarily focus on cancer epidemiology, cancer registry data and demography for population-based cancer epidemiology, determining how race, immigration, and cultural factors influence disease risks and outcomes, models of change in disease risk over time, spatio-temporal clustering and the social environment, global cultural perspectives on cancer, and effects on screening and treatment choices. Prior to joining SJSU as a tenure-track Assistant Professor, she was an epidemiologist at the California Prevention Institute of California (formerly Northern California Cancer Center), where she examined gastric cancer incidence for Asian subgroups in California, investigated clinical and cultural factors that may play a role in the decision-making process among Asian women with early-stage breast cancer, developed methods for imputation of missing birthplace information using Social Security Number, and created an acculturation index by combining US Census variables. This acculturation index has begun to serve as a valuable data resource within the California Cancer Registry for researchers to identify ethnic enclaves and for investigating patterns of disease by community acculturation. She has served as an international health consultant for the American Cancer Society in Hanoi, Vietnam, interfacing with the Ministry of Health, NGOs operating in Vietnam, and Vietnamese press to advance health reporting focused on
tobacco control, new smoke-free laws, and policies being enacted in Vietnam. She is currently a co-consultant on a grant providing counsel on survey sampling methodology and statistical analysis to the Public Health Department of the County of Santa Clara. Dr. Pham teaches Principles of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Computational Public Health Statistics to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Kevin Roe, MPH, Online Coordinator

Kevin Roe received his Master of Public Health in Community Health Education from San Jose’ State University in 2003. He teaches in the undergraduate Health Science program and graduate MPH program, with a focus on the introduction to public health and health promotion, program planning and evaluation, and professional development. Prior to coming to San Jose’ State he spent 30 years in professional practice, specializing in areas of health and wellness for the LGBT communities, including hate crimes and police/community relations, HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, and gay men's health. Mr. Roe was a founding staff member and Associate Director of Magnet, a gay men’s community health center in San Francisco (for which he received a commendation from the SF Board of Supervisors); prior to that he was an Evaluator/Project Manager with the Community Health Studies Group, evaluating the HIV prevention community planning process in San Francisco, as well as other community planning projects in the San Francisco Bay Area. His qualitative research includes Photovoice examinations on the impact of long-term HAART therapy on HIV+ gay men in San Francisco, and the HIV prevention needs of African American non-gay identified MSM. Mr. Roe is a member of the American Public Health Association (PHEHP section, HIV section, and the LGBT Caucus) and the Society for Public Health Education.

MPH PUBLIC HEALTH FACULTY
(Tenured, Tenure-track, or Full-time)

Dr. Monica Allen

Monica Allen completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences and Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Education at Loma Linda University. She also received a California State Secondary School Teaching Credential in Health Science at the Loma Linda University School of Education. In 2005, she was awarded the Chancellor’s Fellowship to study for a Doctor of Public Health Degree at the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health. In addition to the degree, she completed the requirements for the Multicultural Specialty Certification. Monica has experience in a variety of health agencies, intern as an HIV/AIDS educator for the Riverside County Department of Public Health, serving as the Prenatal Access Coordinator for the Orange County Health Services Agency, and a tobacco educator for the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health. She was the Director of Physician Relations for Chapman Medical Center in Orange, California, working on Managed Care contracts for the hospital’s Independent Physician’s Association. Monica spent more than 5 years as the Health Education Manager for the Inland Empire Health Plan, where she developed, implemented and evaluated programs in Asthma, Diabetes, Injury Prevention, Smoking Cessation, and Weight Loss for the Plan’s 200,000 members. She also served as the plan’s Cultural and Linguistic Services manager, providing training to the plan's contracted providers, developing and monitoring the program's policies and procedure, and overseeing the translation of all the plan's member materials. Monica joined the American Cancer Society (ACS) in 2002 as the National Planner, her primary role being to assist in the development, distribution and implementation of the Statewide Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. She also served as a Mission Delivery Director in the California Division, evaluating Mission Delivery programs and services, coordinating activities of the State Cancer Plan, and serving as lead staff for the Division’s Clinical Trials recruitment projects. She volunteered for two years as the chair of the California ACS African-American/Black Outreach team and one year as the chair of the Wellness team. For three years, Monica volunteered as the Director of the Reach and Teach Tutorial Program in West Oakland, which served 40 students weekly in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Monica’s research interests include health disparities, health promotion in diverse communities, and health policy. Her dissertation, titled “Exploring Motivations and Expectations of Christian Churches in Public Health Partnerships,” highlights her interest in faith community and public health partnerships.
Dr. B. Burt Gerstman

Bud Gerstman earned his Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University of California at Davis, and his M.P.H. in Epidemiology from the University of California at Berkeley. He also has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Cornell University and Bachelors degree in biology from Harpur College (State University of New York Binghamton). Dr. Gerstman teaches Principles of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Computational Public Health Statistics, and a variety of upper division and lower division undergraduate classes. He has been at SJSU since 1990. Before that, he was an epidemiologist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and a Fellow at the US Public Health Service Epidemiology Training Program. He has taught at the NIH Graduate School Foundation for the Advancement of Science, has won numerous awards, and is widely published. He is author of two best-selling textbooks and numerous peer-reviewed articles which have been published in top-level public health and biomedical journals. The third edition of his epidemiology text (Epidemiology Kept Simple, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford) will be released in 2012; the first edition of his biostatistics text (Basic Biostatistics: Statistics for Public Health Practice, Jones and Bartlett, Sudbury, MA) has been an international success. Dr. Gerstman's is currently conducting research in hormonal contraceptive safety and, separately, in diagnostic procedure reliability. He continues to be active in several other research areas, including drug safety, the history of public health, public health surveillance, and complementary and alternative care. He serves on several data and safety monitoring boards. The URL for Dr. Gerstman's web site is www.sjsu.edu/faculty/gerstman.

Dr. Edward Mamary

Edward Mamary earned his DrPH degree from the University of California at Berkeley and his MS degree from Hunter College, CUNY. He joined the Health Science Department in 1998 and was awarded tenure and promotion to associate professor in 2004 and promoted to full professor in 2008. Dr. Mamary teaches Environmental Health, Groups and Training, Applied Data Analysis and a new undergraduate Environmental Health class. He also is one of the Department’s MPH Thesis and Graduate Project advisors. In 2009, Dr. Mamary was a visiting professor at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Prior to coming to SJSU, he worked for many years as an evaluation specialist for the San Francisco STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, one of four national centers funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Mamary has consulted on a number of projects, including – a local evaluation for The Partnership for Public Health (PPH) - a five-year initiative funded by the California Endowment to foster ties between California communities and public health departments; HIV needs assessments for the Mountain Counties AIDS Consortium, Contra Costa County, San Mateo County, and Kern County; an assessment of smoking among people living with HIV for San Francisco General Hospital; building evaluation capacity for community-based HIV prevention programs in the City and County of San Francisco; and an impact evaluation for the California State Occupational Lead Safety Program. He also served as co-principal investigator, along with Dr. Anne Demers, for a CSU collaborative grant, Assessing Priorities and Creating Opportunities for Training California’s Public Health Workforce. Dr. Mamary, along with alum Jacqueline McGirt-Taylor, was co-principal investigators on a research project funded by the Universitywide AIDS Research Program, University of California. The main goal of the research was to conduct in-depth interviews regarding HIV risk with African American men who have sex with men and who do not identify as being gay. The second year of the project engaged a sub-set of participants in a Photovoice Project. You can view the Ourlives Photovoice Project at www.ourlivesphotos.com. Dr. Mamary also conducts primary care effectiveness reviews for the Ryan White CARE Act Grant Program. He was past co-vice president of national SOPHE and co-chair of SOPHE’s faculty caucus and is currently on the board of the Association of Accredited Public Health Programs. Dr. Mamary was also a past Co-president of NC-SOPHE. He also served on the National Board of Public Health Examiners.

Dr. Kathleen Roe

Kathleen Roe earned all three of her degrees from the University of California at Berkeley: a BS in sociology with a minor in Afro American Studies (1975), an MPH in community health education (1980), and a doctorate in public health (1985). She joined the Health Science Department in 1988 and was awarded tenure and promotion to full professor 5 years later. In 2002, she was named the Outstanding Professor of San José State University. Prior to becoming department chair in 2001, she was the MPH Director (1989 – 2001). Dr. Roe teaches one MPH course: HS 277 Multicultural Communication for Health Professionals, for both campus and online students. Over her career, Dr. Roe has been involved in many community-based education and research projects. Her current focus is Salud Familiar en McKinley - an integrated set of community-based, participatory activities involving her large undergraduate course (HS 104 Community Health Promotion) and the students, staff, and families of McKinley Elementary School, just two miles from campus. Her other priority for the past several years has been the Intercambio of the Health Science Department,
the McKinley community, and a pueblo of artisans in Arrazola, Oaxaca, Mexico. For over 12 years she was the process evaluator for the San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council, many of those years with her brother and partner, Kevin Roe. Since 2007, Dr. Roe has been a frequent Visiting Professor at the University of Reykjavik in Iceland. Dr. Roe is a frequent speaker at conferences and trainings, including most recently a plenary speaker at the CDC's annual Communications Conference in Atlanta (September 2010), the North Carolina Public Health Association/NC SOPHE Annual Meeting (October 2010), and Robert Wood Johnson's New Connections conference in Princeton, New Jersey (June 2011). In the past 18 months, she has presented twice at both the International Union of Health Promotion and Education World Congress in Geneva, Switzerland and the Community University International Expo in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada (both trips with students). She was also selected for the university’s delegation to the Salzburg Seminar in Salzburg, Austria during Summer 2011 and the SJSU delegations to two conferences of the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) in AY 2010-11. Dr. Roe is widely published, most recently in the areas of health disparities, community-based evaluation, and quality assurance in professional preparation. She is a founding Associate Editor of the Circle of Research and Practice department (with Brick Lancaster of CDC) of Health Promotion Practice and a founding member of the Academy for Health Equity. Dr. Roe is active in national and regional public health organizations. She served as Co-Chair of the National Task Force on Accreditation in Health Education for several years and as a member of The Health Trust's Grants Committee. She is a Past-President of the Society for Public Health Education (1999-2000) and has held numerous elected offices in the Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section (PHEHP) of the American Public Health Association. Dr. Roe is the recipient of the APHA PHEHP Section's Early Career Award (1995), the SOPHE Mentor of the Year Award (2001), and the Northern California SOPHE Dorothy Nyswander Leadership Award (2001), the SOPHE Distinguished Career Award (2006), and the Distinguished Career Award of APHA's Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section (2008). Under her leadership, the Health Science Department was the recipient of the 2004 SJSU Provost's Award for Student Team Service Learning, the 2005 Open Society Award of the National Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), the 2007 CASA Assessment Award, the 2008 Provost's Award for Community Collaboration, and the 2009 Provost’s Award for Team Project (the latter two for her projects at McKinley School). Dr. Roe was honored to be selected by Provost Carmen Sigler to be the Coordinator and Lead Writer of the university’s recent accreditation report on Educational Effectiveness and was the recipient of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts’ Faculty Award for Commitment to Equity and Diversity. In May, Dr. Roe was thrilled when Dean Charles Bullock selected Salud Familiar as the 2011 recipient of the prestigious Dean’s Award, the highest recognition of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Dr. Roe was unanimously elected to a third 4-year term as Department Chair in May 2009.

Dr. Van Ta Park

Dr. Van Ta Park is a tenured Associate Professor in Health Science at San José State University. She teaches HS 135 Health Issues in a Multicultural Society, HS 162 Health Care Organization, HS 262 & HS 262D Health Services Organization, and HS 295D Research Design and Methodology. Her primary research interest is to address issues related to racial and ethnic minority health and healthcare disparities, especially among at-risk Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander women. Her research areas include mental health, substance use, and intimate partner violence. She investigates the barriers and facilitators to accessing mental health and related treatment, and the effectiveness of innovative and culturally appropriate treatment approaches in health care settings. Her current studies include investigations: (1) on the barriers and facilitators to use of mental health services among Native Hawaiian women; (2) of the roles of race/ethnicity and socio-cultural aspects on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders’ mental and substance use health services and experiences; and, (3) on perspectives of postpartum depression among Asian Indian women. She has been a recipient of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Loan Repayment Program, Health Disparities award since 2008. Dr. Ta Park was a National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) postdoctoral fellow in Substance Abuse Treatment and Services Research at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Department of Psychiatry from 2006-07. She completed her doctoral studies in Health Policy and Management with a concentration in social and behavioral sciences at The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, where she was a recipient of the Sir Arthur Newsholme Scholarship. Her dissertation research focused on the prevalence of and factors related to depression and the utilization of mental health/substance use services among Asian and Pacific Islander mothers in Hawai`i. She also has a Master’s in Public Health (MPH) with a concentration in Health Promotion, a B.S. in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Southern California (USC). Prior to pursuing her doctoral degree, she worked for three different non-profit organizations in Los Angeles County primarily addressing health care access and health equity issues affecting Asian and Latino Americans as well as the uninsured and underinsured. Dr. Ta is a refugee from Vietnam, a 1.5 generation Chinese American, and is the oldest of four.
Dr. Miranda Worthen

Miranda Worthen earned her PhD in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley. She earned her BA from Harvard and her MPhil in International Development from Oxford University. Dr. Worthen grew up outside of Boston, MA and has been living in the Bay Area since 2006. Her research has primarily been in conflict or post-conflict countries, and she has had the opportunity to work in several countries in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Dr. Worthen has been working with young mothers who were child soldiers since 2003. She co-ordinated a multiyear participatory action research study in Sierra Leone, Liberia and northern Uganda that helped these young women and their children re integrate into their communities. She has published and presented widely on this study. Dr. Worthen has also published and presented on her research on prostitution and sex trafficking in Nepal and India. Her current research includes two California-based projects. The first project is a multidisciplinary study examining mental health and anger problems among United States military service members and veterans. For this study, Dr. Worthen interviewed Bay Area veterans about their experiences coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan. An article on these veterans’ experiences living with their parents after military service was published in May 2012 in Contemporary Family Therapy. She also is collaborating with colleagues to conduct a longitudinal study of Reserve and National Guard service members and their mental health needs. For the second project, Dr. Worthen is working with the Native American Health Center (NAHC), an organization serving urban Indians throughout the Bay Area, to evaluate a youth wellness and suicide prevention intervention. She has also been assisting NAHC in developing a long-term evaluation strategy for all their wellness programming.

Our Students

Each year we admit a new cohort in each of the MPH campus and online formats. Each cohort consists of approximately 25 students. Our students represent new or re-orienting professionals with public health values and aspirations. To be eligible for admission, applicants ideally have a minimum of two years of work experience in health education or a related field, and a compelling reason for wanting to study community health education. They must also demonstrate, through their backgrounds, previous training, or life experiences, extraordinary potential to contribute to the diverse and multi-talented public health workforce so needed in the 21st century.

Our students have ranged in age from 23 to 60+. They have experience in community-based organizations, health education and health promotion, health care, education, worksites, private industry, health policy, health departments, social services, government, and biotechnology industries. We have had students who speak Vietnamese, Swedish, Tagalog, Spanish, Arabic, Hmong, Cantonese, Mandarin, Punjabi, Russian, Ukrainian, Farsi, French - and English - and many have lived or worked outside of the United States. They are extraordinary in their serious orientation to graduate study, their commitments to the communities they represent and care for, and their desire to contribute to public health.

THE MPH COURSE OF STUDY

The Curriculum

The MPH program is based on the curricular elements identified by CEPH for graduate programs in public health. We offer a MPH degree with a specialization in community health education. The 42 minimum unit curriculum is organized around a health education core (16 units), public health core (22 units), and fieldwork (4 units).
MPH COURSES

Health Education Core Courses

- HS 200 Contemporary Practice: Public Health, Health Promotion, and Community Health Education (2 units)
- HS 201: Groups and Training: Theory and Practice (2 units)
- HS 271: Theoretical Foundations of Public Health (3 units)
- HS 272: Health Promotion Planning and Evaluation (3 units)
- HS 293: Leadership for Health Professionals (3 units)
- HS 269: Applied Data Analysis (3 units)

Public Health Core Courses

- HS 261: Epidemiology (3 units)
- HS 262: Health Services Organization (2 units)
- HS 263: Principles and Skills of Health Administration (2 units)
- HS 265: Environmental Health (3 units)
- HS 267: Computational Public Health Statistics (3 units)
- HS 276 Community Organization and Health Promotion (3 units)
- HS 277 Multicultural Communication for Health Professionals (3 units)
- HS 295 Research Design and Methodology (3 units)

Fieldwork

- HS 291 Series: Fieldwork Seminar and Fieldwork Practicum and Professional Development (4 units).
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MPH PROGRAM

Is the San José State University MPH program accredited?

Yes. The MPH program was established in 1970 and first accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) in 1974. CEPH is the only organization that is approved by the federal government to accredit Graduate Public Health Programs and Schools of Public Health. Our graduate program has been fully accredited continuously since 1974.

Here is a listing of the CEPH accredited MPH programs and schools: http://www.ceph.org/

Why is a CEPH accredited MPH degree important?

Earning an MPH degree from a CEPH accredited academic institution is very important. Many federal, state, county, and local governments and agencies require that job applicants possess an MPH from a CEPH accredited institution. For example, the California Department of Health Services requires that applicants for the Health Education Consultant position must have "Possession of a master's degree with specialization in public or community health education awarded on completion of a program of study accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health sanctioned by the American Public Health Association" (see: www.dpa.ca.gov/textdocs/specs/s8/s8333.txt)

What is the emphasis of San José State University’s MPH program?

The emphasis of our MPH program is Community Health Education. Our students take the same core public health courses (such as epidemiology, biostatistics, administration, and environmental health) as all public health students in the U.S., except that the majority of our students' coursework, and the focus of the program, is the philosophy and methods of community health education and health promotion. Our curriculum emphasizes the theories and skills necessary to promote public health with individuals, groups, organizations, and communities through educational programs and prevention initiatives, community organizing, capacity building, and policy advocacy. Students seeking MPH degrees with specialization such as epidemiology or health care administration should consider other programs or schools.

What is the primary difference between the SJSU MPH Campus and Online formats?

SJSU has one accredited MPH program, offered in two formats. The online format uses a cohort model where students progress through the course of study with the same students for 2 years. The campus format offers students the flexibility of completing the program full-time in 2 years or part time in 3 to 7 years. The primary difference between the two is one of curriculum delivery – online format versus traditional on-campus format. In addition, the online format is entirely self-supporting. All online format expenses are paid from student tuition, whereas the regular campus program is primarily supported through state funds and student tuition and fees. The online format is offered through the SJSU College of International and Extended Studies (IES) division and
courses are offered through Special Session. However, the University awards only one MPH degree - your diploma will NOT indicate which format of the MPH program you attended.

Who teaches in the SJSU MPH Program?

The CEPH accrediting body requires that a significant proportion of the courses both in campus and online, be taught by the regular full-time MPH program faculty -- all dedicated career professors. Our part-time faculty is derived from very experienced public health professors and professors from outside of SJSU. Some of these instructors are located in other academic institutions and some in professional public health settings. All of the instructors, including the regular MPH faculty, bring both strong academic preparation and community-based experience to their instruction.

How does the SJSU Online MPH format differ from other online MPH programs?

First of all, very few accredited public health schools or graduate public health programs offer an MPH degree specializing in community health education almost entirely online. Most offer a combination of both online and classroom instruction, and in some cases require students to come to campus at least once if not twice each semester. The SJSU MPH program requires one five-day campus visit per year. Many online programs are asynchronous – students do not have interactive lectures with their professors. Our program is synchronous – students interact with one another and their professor online once a week. The best way to find out about these differences is to learn as much as you can about each institution, whether or not they are CEPH accredited, and then decide which learning environment and approach would be best for you.

How many units are required?

The formal course of study requires 42 semester units which includes a fieldwork practicum.

How long does it take to complete the MPH program?

The campus format takes, on average, between two to five years to complete. The online format takes two years and courses are taken sequentially, not simultaneously, in five to seven week periods per course.

Can I get academic credit for work experience?

No, you cannot get academic credit for work experience.

Can I get academic credit for courses I have already taken?

The policy for academic credit transfer is different for the two formats. A description of each is below.

**Campus Format.** Up to nine units of previous coursework may be approved for transfer credit as long as they were not counted towards a previous degree. These units must come from San José
State University, SJSU Open University, another academic institution, or a combination of both. Credit is only available for equivalent courses, as demonstrated by the course syllabus content, course learning objectives, textbooks used, and assignments. For example, let’s say you attended a graduate public health program in Boston and completed a 3-unit graduate course in environmental health but moved to the Bay Area for employment reasons. Since you were not able to complete your MPH degree in Boston, and with appropriate review of the course’s syllabus, content, and assignments, your Boston course would very likely transfer to the SJSU MPH program since environmental health is also required at SJSU. Approval of previous units is done on an individual basis by MPH Faculty Advisors after admission and requires review and approval by the Graduate Studies Division. HOWEVER, since we do not have electives in the MPH program, you must still enroll in other courses for which you receive academic credit and pay the tuition fee. Your previous academic work will substitute for the required MPH course work.

Online Format. Applicants to the online MPH are reminded that all MPH students must complete 42 units through San José State University. If graduate public health coursework has been completed elsewhere but did not count towards a completed degree, it is possible to petition the department for permission to waive the equivalent course (no more than 3 courses, 9 units). The student must demonstrate that the course objectives and products are essentially the same in the two courses and must have received a minimum B grade for the course(s) under consideration. If transfer credits are permitted, students will be required to enroll in other SJSU courses for the number of units approved for transfer. This provides an opportunity for specialized study, a graduate project, or other independent work to support graduate preparation in public health. The possibility of transfer credit and substitute coursework must be discussed with the Program Coordinator before completion of the first three courses.

Can I enroll in MPH courses prior to being admitted? No. Only students who have been accepted to the MPH program can take the MPH courses.

What are the academic expectations of the MPH Program?

In one word: Commitment!
There is a heavy reading and writing load, as is typical of most public health graduate programs. Generally, students will read approximately 800 pages per course and have several writing assignments. Students can expect to spend at least 10 to 20 hours per week for each class. In effect, students must have excellent time-management skills and be able to balance their professional, personal, and academic commitments.

Potential applicants to the online format must recognize that this format is a very serious, fast-paced academic experience that is taught by career professors and public health practitioners. For most courses, there is a one-week break between each course. There is a two-week break during late December and early January and a two-week break in late July. Most classes, but not all, will have a once-a-week live class session, using the Blackboard Collaborate learning platform. Students are expected to have good computer skills and easy and consistent access to the internet.

Is a thesis or project required?
A thesis or project is an option for campus students, but not for online students. Most campus and all online students fulfill the university’s Graduation Culminating Experience Requirement through a comprehensive exam.

**What is the cost?**

For campus students, fall semester 2015 registration fees can be found at [http://www.sjsu.edu/bursar/fees_due_dates/tuition_fees/fall/index.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/bursar/fees_due_dates/tuition_fees/fall/index.html).

For online students, the minimum cost is $24,150 for the 42 unit program, at a rate of $575 per unit, but the expected cost may rise slightly for fall 2015. The rate will be fixed for the cohort admitted in fall 2015, throughout their 42 unit program, regardless of any increases after fall 2015. The instructional fees do not include the cost of books and travel to SJSU (3 trips). The tuition is the same regardless of in-state, out-of-state, or international residency. The tuition is considerably lower than other CEPH accredited MPH Programs. Other CEPH accredited MPH Programs offered online range from approximately $36,000 to $74,000. The cost for an SJSU MPH online degree is substantially lower!

**Why is there a late admissions date for the online format and not the campus format?**

The online format is held in special session, allowing us to extend admission offers later than we can for campus, when applicants must be accepted sooner. However, applicants are encouraged to apply for early or regular admissions – **a late admission is on a space available basis only.**

**How can I find out more about the field of Health Education and Public Health?**

Talk with health educators and public health professionals in your community. You can also visit public health and health education websites for more information. SJSU faculty, alumni, and students are active participants in many of the organizations listed below:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MPH ADMISSIONS

Is it possible to apply to both the campus and online formats of the SJSU MPH program?

No. Applicants may only apply to one format.

Is it possible to start the MPH program in the Spring Semester?

No. Students are admitted for the Fall semester only.

Why should I apply for early admissions?

Any applicant may apply for early admissions. If you are not accepted during the early admissions period, your application is automatically considered for regular admissions. Many applicants who don’t meet early admissions criteria are subsequently offered admissions — it all depends on the number of applications we receive in a given admissions cycle. The admissions committee does not penalize or deduct points for not having been accepted during the early admissions period.

What are the program admission criteria?

The basic academic prerequisite is a baccalaureate degree, with an overall minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in the last 60 semester or quarter-equivalent units. Strong writing skills and evidence of quantitative ability (through previous grades, and/or GRE scores) are also very important. Beyond a strong academic preparation, we look for people with multicultural experiences and those with a clear commitment to public health as demonstrated through their work or volunteer experiences and described in their application statement of purpose. Two years of post-baccalaureate health related work experience is preferred.

What should I say in my Statement of Purpose?

The statement of purpose is the centerpiece of your application to the MPH program. It should clearly convey to the MPH Admissions Committee your reasons for wanting to study community health education and acquire an MPH degree at this point in your life. There is no required format for the 1-2 page statement. However, you will want to summarize the path you have taken so far, your goals and vision, and the commitments you bring to public health. Your statement should clearly explain why you have decided to pursue graduate training in community health education and why you would like to study at SJSU. Be specific, use examples, and craft this document carefully.

What should I include in my resume?

Include everything that will help us understand the work you have been doing, your academic preparation, and your orientation to public health. You may include both paid and volunteer work experience, but please be sure to indicate time periods, including month and year you began and ended your work/volunteer experience, and whether the work was full-time or part-time. Be thorough and comprehensive, as this will help the admissions committee to assess your qualifications.
Who should write my letters of recommendation and is there a standard form?

People who know your professional, academic, and/or volunteer experience work and potential should write your letters of recommendation. There is no standard form, but the people who write the letters should use their own letterhead and clearly indicate how and when they have observed your abilities. It is best to submit at least one letter from a professor and one or two from former or current employers. If it has been many years since you were in college, you can submit two letters from former or current employers. Two letters are required, but you are welcome to submit up to four letters, if you wish. The letters can be sent directly to the MPH Program or mailed with your complete application packet to the program. If you do the latter, please ask the writer to seal the envelope and sign over the back flap. If you are relying on your volunteer work as a primary example of your community health experience, you must get a letter from your supervisor on letterhead.

Is experience as a health educator required for admission?

The MPH curriculum assumes that students have had at least a few years of work experience in health education, community-based programs, or other public health and health care settings. Work or volunteer experience in the health field is very important, as our courses build on students' professional experiences. However, our experience has shown that people come to the field of public health from many different career paths. The most important thing is that you explain in your application how your experience and academic preparation have led you to pursue an MPH degree and why you want a degree from San José State University.

Do I have to take the GRE?

GREs are required of all applicants unless they have earned a master’s or doctoral degree from an accredited U.S. or Canadian institution. If you took the GRE, but did not complete a graduate degree, you must retake the GRE if your scores are older than five years. SJSU’s ETS institution code for GRE is 4687 – indicate public health for department.

How important are the GREs?

GRE scores are one of the indicators of an applicant's readiness and skills for graduate level work. The Admissions Committee considers GRE scores along with earned grades (particularly in social science, health, and math courses), work experience, and the statement of purpose. Although there is no GRE score cut-off point, very low GRE scores will influence our admissions decisions, especially the verbal and writing scores, since excellent writing skills are a critical part of earning an MPH degree.

I earned my degree outside the U.S.; must I take the TOEFL or IELTS exam?

Students with fewer than three years of full time study where English is the primary language of instruction are required to demonstrate their English proficiency via the IELTS or TOEFL exam. The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) with a minimum score of 7.0 is required for all students who graduated from a higher education institution outside of the U.S., where the primary language of instruction was not English. The TOEFL can substitute for the
International applicants must demonstrate English proficiency through an exam. The minimum score required is 213 (computer based), 80 (internet based), or 550 (paper based). The SJSU Graduate Division will accept ONLY the exam given by the Education Testing Service. TOEFL exams given by other colleges, language training programs, etc. will not be accepted. All test scores must be less than 2 years old. Test scores must be sent directly from the ETS office (SJSU institution code is 4687).

The English-language proficiency exam requirement is waived only if the student has 1) received a BS or MS degree from an accredited U.S. institution, or 2) Completed 3 years full-time school in a U.S. institution.

The most current admissions information for International applicants can be found at the SJSU GAPE site
http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/prospective_students/international/

Who makes admissions decisions?

The MPH Admissions Committee is made up of at least two MPH Program Faculty members. This committee reviews all applications and identifies applicants who meet the program’s admissions requirements. However, offers of admission to the university can only be made by SJSU’s Graduate Division. The MPH Program cannot accept any student who has been denied admission by the Graduate Division due to low grades or, for international students, a low TOEFL score.

How can I find out the status of my application?

It is your responsibility to make sure that all materials are sent to the Health Science and Recreation Department on time. Be sure to make copies of everything! The MPH program will make every effort to notify you by email about the status of your application documents.

When can I expect to hear the decision?

Complete applications received prior to February 1st are eligible for Early Admission Decisions. Admissions decisions will be made on a space available basis in late February for early admissions decisions and then from late March through June, 2015 for regular admissions. Please do not call or email the Health Science and Recreation Office for decision information.

What are the most common reasons why people are not admitted to the program?

There are four most common reasons: 1) low grades, 2) insufficient relevant work experience, 3) poorly written statement of purpose, and 4) lack of space due to limited enrollment capacity. Overall GPA in previous college coursework must be a minimum 3.0 for admission to the MPH program. As we review each applicant, we look at the overall GPA as well as earned grades for courses in the social sciences, health, and math/statistics. A pattern of low grades (anything below a B) in any of those course areas could negatively affect an MPH application. Work and/or volunteer experience is also very important and perhaps the most common reason that interested applicants are not eligible for admission. Most MPH students have had significant work experience (or sustained volunteer work) in community-based programs, health education, or the health field in
general. In addition, to the above, the program is limited to accepting approximately 25 students per cohort.

**If admitted, how do I get oriented?**

Soon after you receive your email letter of acceptance, you will receive information about either the campus or online orientations held at SJSU. Online students will also receive information about online training activities related to our university’s online learning platforms.
MPH ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Application Deadlines
New students are admitted to the MPH program only once a year to begin during the fall semester.

Early Admissions for both campus and online formats: February 1, 2015
Regular Admissions for campus and online formats: April 1, 2015
Late Admissions for online format only: June 1, 2015*
(*on a space available basis)

Application Guidelines

You must apply to one format only. Applicants may not apply to both the campus and online formats. Please note: Applicants admitted into either format may not ‘transfer’ to the other format after they are accepted.

Overview of the Admissions Process: Please note that you submit two separate (parallel) applications – one to the university and the other to the MPH program. Read and follow the instructions below completely. Failure to submit all required materials to the appropriate office by the designated deadline will automatically disqualify the application. Be sure to send information to the appropriate office - information sent to an incorrect address will not be forwarded.

Step #1: ONLINE MPH PROGRAM APPLICATION DATA FORM: Submission of an MPH Program Application Data Form available by clicking the following URL (if it fails to direct you to the site, then copy the URL into your browser):

https://sjsu.qualtrics.com//SE/?SID=SV_25Le656dKevnAy1

Note: Your application will be considered incomplete if you do not complete the online MPH Program Application Data Form

Step #2: UNIVERSITY APPLICATION: Complete your university graduate admission application by going online: http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/. Please be sure to complete the appropriate application – our campus format is listed separately from the online format (listed under “special session”). Before exiting the website, you must print a copy of your university application to submit to the MPH program.
After submitting your CSUMentor application online, you will receive an **application confirmation number** from CSUMentor. You will need your **application confirmation number** in order to access your San Jose State University Graduate Admissions and Program Evaluations (GAPE) application information.

**Step #3:** Submit all required university application materials to the San Jose State University Graduate Admissions and Program Evaluations office that handles all graduate admissions. Applicants must be admitted to the University’s Graduate Division in order to begin the MPH program. Be sure to check that you have included all the required materials. Information about graduate admissions can be found at [http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/prospective_students/](http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/prospective_students/).

**Step #4:** **MPH PROGRAM APPLICATION:** Submit an additional set of application materials to the MPH program in the Health Science and Recreation Department. There is no specific form used for MPH admissions. Your first correspondence with our Department should include, in one packet, a copy of your SJSU Graduate Admission Application, your statement of purpose, résumé, and a cover letter detailing when the other items (i.e., transcripts, letters of recommendation, GRE scores) will be received if they are not included in your packet.

We will establish a MPH Application Folder for you as soon as we receive your first packet of materials. Once the folder is established, we will add any letters of recommendations that are mailed directly to our office throughout the application period. Please note that no materials will be added after any designated closing date. GRE scores must be reported to the Department Office either in hard copy or electronically. SJSU’s ETS institution code for both GRE and TOEFL is **4687** – indicate public health for department.

**NOTE:** All application materials become the property of SJSU – no materials will be returned to the applicant. **Re-applicants must submit all new material.**

Checklist of required materials:

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Admissions Decisions

MPH admissions decisions are based on several factors, including academic preparation, work experience, evidence of commitment to public health, potential for contribution to the field, and the overall quality of the application. If applying to the online format, we are also looking for applicants who recognize the personal commitment and discipline that an online education approach to learning will require for successful completion of the MPH degree. This learning method is appropriate for those who have good time management skills and can properly blend their personal and professional lives with the fast-paced demands of online learning. Please be assured that all of the materials in your admission folder will be thoughtfully reviewed by our MPH Admissions Committee.

Our goal is to admit a cohort of approximately 25 highly dedicated individuals, ready for graduate work, and committed to the principles and approaches of social justice, community health, advocacy, and health promotion. We particularly value diversity, practical community or health education experience, strong academic skills, and upper division course work in the health, social, and behavioral sciences.

Registration: If you are offered admission to the University, and the MPH Program, you will receive an electronic letter of admission from SJSU and an emailed letter from the MPH Program. You will be able to use the same MYSJSU website to see when you will receive your registration appointment date for course registration. Course registration and paying of student account bills are all done online. Please note that students have 14-days to pay for their courses after completing the online registration. The Registrar will drop you from your courses if payments are late.
Additional Guidelines for International Applicants

The SJSU MPH Program welcomes applications from international students, as we recognize that health professionals in other countries need access to graduate public health degrees in order to address the increasingly complex public issues that they encounter. Below are some important facts to keep in mind as you consider the SJSU MPH Program. They are based on some of the questions received from potential international applicants.

- Visit [http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/prospective_students/international/] for updated information regarding international applicants.

- International Students and Online Learning: Under U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) rules (Revised effective 1/1/03; 67 FR 76256), F-1 visa students cannot be accepted to the SJSU MPH online program because all MPH course are delivered online and F-1 students cannot enroll in more than one online class (or three credits) per academic semester/quarter.

- The SJSU MPH Program does not offer graduate assistantships or scholarships, regardless of residency.

- International students should plan on spending approximately 7 days in San José in mid-August 2015, 2016, and 2017. There are no other days required in the USA.

- **The GRE is required of all applicants who have not earned a previous accredited graduate degree from a U.S. or Canadian university.** The USMLE test cannot substitute for the GRE.
MPH Admission Information Meetings

Interested in a career in community health education? Want to learn more about SJSU's MPH program? Curious about how to prepare the best application and which format (campus or online) is best for you? Then join us for one of the SJSU MPH Admission Information Meetings.

Several informal information meetings are held between October and March – all meetings will discuss both campus and online formats. They are open to anyone considering a graduate program in public health and community health education. You will get a chance to meet or speak with an MPH faculty member. No need to pre-register, but an RSVP would be appreciated.

**On-campus meetings:** Signs with the exact meeting location will be posted outside Room 407 in MacQuarrie Hall, (next to the 7th Street (South) Garage). Click on the link below (or copy the URL to your web browser) for directions and a map of the campus: http://www.sjsu.edu/map/

**Important:** Please RSVP for campus sessions by clicking on the following link (or copy the URL to your web browser):

https://sjsu.qualtrics.com//SE/?SID=SV_8kWiZcqnwUJvWBf

**Online meetings:** All sessions are held using WebEx; audio participation by phone is also possible. The dates and times for online sessions are below; all session are held during Pacific Standard Time (PST):

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To obtain a link to an online session please contact Kevin Roe, Online MPH Coordinator at Kevin.Roe@sjsu.edu

**Prior to attending, please check MPH Website for any meeting changes:**

http://www.sjsu.edu/hsr/academicprograms/mph/admissions/index.html
Meetings are hosted by any combination of faculty, students, and alumni.

**MPH Information Meetings for Prospective Fall 2015 Applicants**

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