Community and Behavioral Health

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**Graduate degree:** Ph.D. in community and behavioral health  
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The Department of Community and Behavioral Health examines the relationship between human behavior and community health and focuses on creating effective strategies for change. Community and behavioral health students learn how to design, implement, and evaluate interventions directed toward identified public health problems in communities.

The Department of Community and Behavioral Health advances teaching, research, and practice in four strategic areas: rural health; community engagement and participatory approaches; theory-based culturally informed intervention development, implementation, and evaluation; and social justice, health equity, and health disparities.

Department faculty members come from a variety of disciplines within the social and health sciences, drawn together by an interest in health behavior and promoting healthy communities.

In addition to the Ph.D. degree in community and behavioral health, the department offers a subprogram for the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree. See "M.P.H. Subprogram" below.

**M.P.H. Subprogram**

The Department of Community and Behavioral Health offers a subprogram for the Master of Public Health degree.

The M.P.H. subprogram in community and behavioral health prepares public health practitioners for a variety of positions related to intervention development, implementation, and evaluation using community participatory approaches with a focus on decreasing health disparities and inequities.

For detailed information about the M.P.H. degree, see the Master of Public Health, M.P.H. in the Catalog.