The Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) is recognized as the primary professional degree in public health. The objective of Iowa’s M.P.H. program is to provide education and practical training in public health to students who will be leaders in their respective communities. The program is appropriate for individuals who already have professional experience and/or training in public health as well as for those whose expertise lies outside of public health.

Students may earn the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) as a single degree, or they may pursue one of several combined degree programs. The College of Public Health offers combined M.P.H./professional degree programs with the Carver College of Medicine and the Colleges of Law and Pharmacy. It also offers two programs in collaboration with the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University. See "M.P.H./D.V.M. (Iowa State University)" and descriptions of the combined degree programs under Combined Programs [p. ] in this section of the Catalog.

Undergraduate students can pursue a M.P.H. degree in the following subprograms: biostatistics, community and behavioral health, epidemiology, occupational and environmental health, or policy. Undergraduate students work with their undergraduate advisor and the College of Public Health Undergrad to Grad (U2G) coordinator to determine eligibility. In addition, the College of Public Health collaborates with Grinnell College, Cornell College, and Coe College to offer bachelor’s degrees and Master of Public Health programs for undergraduate students who would like to earn an M.P.H. degree.

The Master of Public Health program is offered by the College of Public Health; the degree is awarded by the Graduate College.