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Dual Degree Programs 2024-2025 Student Handbook

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Statement about COVID-19 at ColoradoSPH

The Colorado School of Public Health ended its vaccination requirement, effective July 1, 2023. ColoradoSPH is operating on a hybrid model, with some areas operating remotely and in-person activity permitted, as specified by the school or unit. Masks are not required of vaccinated and boosted individuals at this time. ColoradoSPH students and ColoradoSPH at CU Anschutz staff and faculty are no longer required to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

For the latest updates related to university operations and for resources, please visit the COVID-19 page of your home campus' website.

CUAnschutz: <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/coronavirus>

CSU: <https://covid.colostate.edu/>

UNC: <https://www.unco.edu/student-health-center/health-topics/covid-information.aspx>

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus guidance policies remains in effect for everyone – regardless of vaccination status – who has COVID-19-like symptoms, tests positive or may have been exposed to a COVID-19 case. Anyone fitting these categories is asked to follow the protocol listed for each category under the Guidance section of the COVID-19 Protocols & Resources website:

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/coronavirus>.

For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 metrics, best practices, and data at the CU Anschutz Campus, please visit <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/coronavirus/covid-19-dashboard>.

Policies are Subject to Change

Colorado School of Public Health handbooks comprise the policies and procedures relevant to enrollment and completion of ColoradoSPH programs at the time of publication in August of 2024. These policies are reviewed annually and are subject to change at that time or more often, if necessary.

Students are expected to adhere to the academic policies and procedures of each academic program, school, and university in which they are enrolled. Dual degree students need to be aware of and adhere to the policies in this handbook, as well as the policies for the other program in which they are enrolled. Dual degree students should familiarize themselves with policies associated with each of their academic programs.

Please bring any questions, concerns, or policy discrepancies to the attention of program staff.

A Message from the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs



Welcome to the Colorado School of Public Health!

It is with great pleasure that I greet you as the newest members of our academic community. Your decision to join us marks the beginning of an exciting and impactful journey toward improving public health and health equity, and advancing the well-being of our community, and other communities around the world.

We are a collaborative School dedicated to fostering an environment where you can thrive both academically and personally. Here, you will have access to innovative learning opportunities, cutting-edge research, and a supportive network committed to your success. Throughout your time with us, you will engage in rigorous coursework, collaborate on meaningful projects, and develop the skills necessary to address some of the most pressing health challenges of our time.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources and opportunities available to you. Participate in research projects, join student organizations, attend seminars and workshops, and seek out mentorship and networking opportunities. These experiences will not only enhance your education but also help you build a strong foundation for your future career in public health.

As you embark on this new chapter, remember that you are not alone. We are here to support you every step of the way. Together, we will work towards a healthier, more equitable future for all.

Once again, welcome to the School of Public Health. We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to witnessing all that you will achieve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madiha Abdel-Maksoud". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Madiha Abdel-Maksoud, MD, PhD, MSPH
Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs

Colorado School of Public Health

Overview

The Colorado School of Public Health is a collaborative school of public health with the University of Colorado, Colorado State University, and the University of Northern Colorado. It is the first school of public health in the nine-state region of the Rocky Mountain West.

Emerging infectious diseases, chronic diseases, emergencies, lifestyles, the environment, disparities, and various other factors impact the health of our communities. The Colorado School of Public Health aims to meet the challenges that our communities face by preparing a public health work force with the skills, research, knowledge, and values necessary to advance the health of our communities. The combined faculty, located at the three partner institutions, is at the forefront of various health issues and research, proactively addressing and improving the lives of our children, adults, and aging populations.

As part of our commitment to meeting the training and research needs of the public health workforce, the Colorado School of Public Health offers educational programs that include master's, doctoral, residency, and certificate programs. Descriptions and materials are available through the Colorado School of Public Health website.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Colorado School of Public Health is to promote the physical, mental, social, and environmental health of people and communities in the Rocky Mountain Region and globally. The mission will be accomplished through collaborations in education, population-based research, and community service that bring together institutions, agencies, and diverse populations.

Vision Statement

The Colorado School of Public Health (ColoradoSPH) will become one of the nation's premier institutions for public health education and research, with top recognition for its work in selected areas and an outstanding reputation for delivering education, training, and service programs that are based in science, proven in practice, and adapted through creativity to meet pressing population health needs.

Diversity Statement

The Inclusion, Diversity and Health Equity mission of the Colorado School of Public Health is to build a diverse and representative academic community, which recognizes the importance of social and economic justice in relation to health. The ColoradoSPH will work to build an inclusive, culturally competent institution, which includes the environment, policies and procedures, faculty, staff, leadership, and student body.

Accreditation

The Colorado School of Public Health received school-wide re-accreditation in June 2016 from the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). CEPH is an independent agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit schools of public health and public health programs outside of schools of public health. As an accredited school of public health, graduates at the masters and doctoral levels are eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health examination.

Administration

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General Information & Policies

Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA)

Purpose of FERPA

FERPA deals specifically with students' education records, affording them certain rights with respect to those records. For purposes of definition, education records are those records, which are:

1. Directly related to a student and
2. Maintained by an institution or a party acting for the institution.

FERPA gives students who reach the age of 18 or who attend a post-secondary institution the right to inspect and review their own education records. Furthermore, the right to request amendment of records and to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from these records shift from the parent to the student at this time.

FERPA applies to the education records of persons who are or have been in attendance in post-secondary institutions, including students in cooperative and correspondence study programs, videoconference, satellite, Internet, or other electronic forms. FERPA does not apply to records of applicants for admission who are denied acceptance or, if accepted, do not attend an institution.

Directory Information

FERPA directory information is information contained in your education record that generally would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Under current CU Denver policy, the following information is designated as directory information:

1. name
2. address, telephone number, and email address
3. dates of attendance
4. registration status
5. class
6. major
7. awards
8. honors
9. degrees conferred
10. photos

Although these items are designated by CU Denver as directory information, only a limited amount of this information is routinely disclosed by CU Denver officials, and the University retains the discretion to refuse to disclose directory information if it believes such disclosure would be an infringement of your privacy rights.

Nondisclosure of Directory Information

Students may ask the University not to publicly disclose directory information. Please note, however, that if you elect for nondisclosure of directory information and are seeking employment, the Registrar's Office cannot release your enrollment, degree status or major to anyone unless you come to the Registrar's Office with a photo ID.

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Forms to prevent disclosure of directory information can be obtained at The Anschutz Medical Campus Registrar's Office or via the Registrar's website at: <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar/student-resources/forms>

Questions regarding your rights under FERPA should be directed to the Registrar's Office:

Anschutz Medical Campus:

Phone: 303-724-8059

Fax: 303-724-8060

Email: Registrar@CUAnschutz.edu

For additional information regarding FERPA, please visit the complete policy on the Registrar's website at: <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar/student-resources/ferpa>

Immunization Policy

To ensure that a minimum standard of public health and safety is provided for our faculty and students, all students matriculating into any ColoradoSPH program are required to provide proof of immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella, and tuberculosis through CastleBranch. Other immunizations via CastleBranch are due at least two weeks prior to the start of a student's first term in the program. Students who do not submit immunization records at the specified time may experience a hold on future registration and/or be administratively withdrawn from classes until proof of immunizations has been received.

Health Insurance Requirement

Full-time MPH students (definition of full-time for health insurance purposes varies from campus to campus) are required to have a university student health insurance plan unless proof of comparable coverage can be verified. Students are required to have insurance at their home campus only. If a student wishes to waive the insurance requirement due to comparable personal coverage, they may do so by petitioning the student health office at their home campus. Students at the Anschutz Medical Campus enrolled in one or more credit hours are required to have health insurance. Part-time students at CSU and UNC may also be eligible to purchase a student health insurance plan. Please check with the student health office on your home campus for more information.

Background Check Policy

Students matriculating into any ColoradoSPH program (including non-degree) are required to pass a criminal background investigation. The background check is conducted during the admissions process through CastleBranch. Students are required to pay a non-refundable processing fee for conducting the background check. Students who work at the university also need to submit the processing fee and complete the student background check, as additional criteria are specified beyond that required for employment. This must be completed before course registration can begin.

Student Academic Honor and Conduct Code

Education at the Colorado School of Public Health (ColoradoSPH) is conducted under the honor system. Matriculation at ColoradoSPH implies the acceptance of, and adherence to, the ColoradoSPH Student Academic Honor and Conduct Code. All students who have entered graduate and health professional programs should have developed the qualities of honesty and integrity, and each student should apply these principles to his or her academic and subsequent professional career. All students are expected also to have achieved a level of maturity always reflected by appropriate conduct.

Although it is not possible to list every situation that violates the ColoradoSPH Student Academic Honor and Conduct Code, the following examples provide a frame of reference.

1. Academic Honesty

Students should adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity. Examples of behavior that violate these standards include, but are not limited to: plagiarism (including the undocumented or improperly documented use of internet and web-based information), cheating, copying solutions from solutions manuals or from tutors, and using it as your own work, citing references not used in your work, illegitimate possession and/or use of examinations, violation of the ethical standards for conducting research, and falsification of official records.

2. Professional Conduct

As future health professionals, students should also adhere to the highest standards of professionalism. Examples of unprofessional conduct include misrepresentation of effort, credentials, or achievement in either the academic or professional setting; any action that compromises the quality or safety of patients, study participants, or the public; violation of patient or study participant confidentiality; institutional review board (IRB) violations; forgery, alteration, or misuse of any university document, record, or instrument of identification; disorderly, lewd or indecent conduct; disrespectful communications in all forms including verbal, written, and email; failure to be accountable or take responsibility for one's actions; and any other conduct unbecoming a professional public health practitioner, researcher, or educator.

3. Alcohol and Drug Use

Excessive alcohol and/or drug use compromises the student's ability to learn and to practice as a public health professional and thus is considered unprofessional conduct. Students who misuse alcohol and/or drugs should seek assistance from services available on campus or elsewhere. The sale of drugs or the possession of narcotics (unless prescribed by a medical doctor) is against the law. To minimize the potential for excessive alcohol use at campus functions, students must adhere to current University [policy](#) governing the consumption of alcohol on campus.

4. Respect for the Rights and Property of Others

Students should always conduct themselves in a manner that recognizes the rights and property of others. Examples of prohibited behavior include theft, damage to University or personal property of others, disruption of educational or other activities on campus, illegal use of University facilities, sexual harassment, physical assault, violation of academic honesty standards in a way that affects other students or faculty, such as in a group or collaborative project, and any conduct that threatens the health or safety of others.

5. Adhere to all state and local public health and safety orders and campus public health and safety policies.

Students are responsible for knowing and following all health and safety orders and policies. Examples include the wearing of face coverings, guidelines for social gatherings and events, quarantines, isolation, orders to shelter in place, and any other public health and safety orders and policies.

Any student found to have committed acts of misconduct (including, but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, misconduct of research, breach of confidentiality, or illegal or unlawful acts) will be subject to the procedures outlined in the Honor Code.

Additional information regarding the ColoradoSPH Honor Code can be found online at:
<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/calendars-policies>

Academic Grievance Policy

The Colorado School of Public Health (ColoradoSPH) recognizes that a student may have grievances about different aspects of his or her academic program. ColoradoSPH is committed to addressing these grievances promptly and professionally and reaching a fair resolution through a formal and unbiased process. In the statements below, "Associate Dean" refers to the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Student Rights

All ColoradoSPH Students have the right to:

1. Competent instruction
2. Access to instructors outside of class during a specified set of office hours or by appointment
3. Clearly understand the grading system by which he or she will be judged, and expect that the grading system as determined by the instructor will be adhered to for the duration of the course
4. Be treated with respect and equality
5. Be treated fairly according to standards stated within the student handbook and each course syllabus

If a student feels as if they have been denied one of the above rights, that student may file a formal grievance with the school.

The full Academic Grievance policy can be found online at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/calendars-policies>

Non-Discrimination Policy Statement

The University of Colorado, including ColoradoSPH, will not discriminate against any applicant, student or employee because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, creed, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The university and ColoradoSPH will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants, students, and employees are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, creed, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The University of Colorado Non-Discrimination Policy can be found at: <https://www.cu.edu/regents/Policies/Policy10A.htm>

Sexual Misconduct Policy Statement

It is the policy of ColoradoSPH to maintain the community as a place of work, study, and residence free of sexual harassment or exploitation of students, faculty, staff, or administrators. All forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, are prohibited on campus and in any of the

School's programs. ColoradoSPH is committed to taking appropriate action against any member of the University community who violates the policy. No retaliation will be taken against any individual for making a legitimate complaint. It is a violation of the ColoradoSPH policy to knowingly make a false accusation. For more information, please refer to the Title IX overview:

<https://www1.ucdenver.edu/offices/equity/university-policies-procedures>

Policy on Pregnancy and Parenting

The Colorado School of Public Health does not discriminate against any student based on pregnancy, parenting status, or related conditions. Absences due to medical conditions relating to pregnancy will be excused for as long as deemed medically necessary by the student's doctor and the student will be given the opportunity, wherever possible, to make up for missed work. Students needing assistance can seek

accommodation from the Office of Disability, Access, and Inclusion (disabilityaccess@cuanschutz.edu) or the Title IX Liaison for ColoradoSPH (Dani Brittain, Danielle.Brittain@cuanschutz.edu).

Email Policy

Email is an official means of communication for ColoradoSPH students. All official email related to enrollment at ColoradoSPH (including, but not limited to, financial aid, billing, transcripts, school announcements) will be sent to each student's assigned CU email address.

(name@cuanschutz.edu), regardless of the student's home campus. Students are responsible for checking their CU email on a regular basis. The student Academic Honor and Conduct Code should be followed when using university email and other forms of university electronic communication and devices.

Students with a home campus of CSU or UNC should also frequently check their home campus email accounts as any correspondence specifically from their home campus will be sent to that email address.

For questions regarding your CU email account, please contact the Anschutz Medical campus OIT Department at (303) 724-HELP or visit their website at: <https://www.ucdenver.edu/offices/office-of-information-technology>

Identification/Access Badges

Students are required to have an electronic security photo ID badge for the safety and protection of all faculty, staff, and students on campus. Additionally, this badge allows students access to buildings and computer labs, as well as parking surfaces.

Badge applications for the CU Anschutz Medical Campus are issued to the ID Badge Office by the education staff prior to the start of a student's first semester in the program. Students should pick up their badges at one of the badging pickup days or make alternate arrangements with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (coloradosph.studentaffairs@cuanschutz.edu)

Students with a home campus of CSU or UNC should contact their campus education staff to inquire about ID badges on those campuses.

Establishing Residency

The requirements for establishing residency for tuition purposes are defined by Colorado law. The statutes require that a qualified individual must be domiciled in Colorado for the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the term for which resident status is claimed.

A person's tuition classification status is initially determined using the Verification of Residency form submitted during the application process for admission. If a person is classified as a "nonresident," they must wait until they are eligible for a change in tuition classification and then file a petition for the change. Petitions that are denied may be appealed.

For more information regarding establishing residency, please visit the CU Anschutz Medical Campus Registrar's website at: <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar/residency>

Tuition and Fees

Each semester, ColoradoSPH students receive a single bill for ColoradoSPH tuition and fees from the CU Anschutz Medical Campus Bursar's Office, regardless of their home campus affiliation (CU, CSU, UNC). At the time of matriculation, all students are charged the university matriculation fee,

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background check fee, and enrollment deposit. Fees associated with the student's primary campus, such as academic support fees and RTD fees are also assessed.

When students take courses at a campus other than their primary campus, there are no additional general fees for taking courses outside of the primary campus, but course-specific fees may still apply. All students, regardless of their home campus, must follow the CU Anschutz payment policies and deadlines. Additional information regarding fee and billing policies can be found on the bursar's website at:

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/student-finances/billing-payments>

A breakdown of tuition and fees per campus can be found on the ColoradoSPH website at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/cost-of-attendance>

Students must follow the published drop/add deadlines to receive a tuition refund for any dropped courses. For courses dropped before the semester's drop/add deadline, full tuition and fees will be refunded.

Courses dropped after the semester's drop/add deadline will be considered withdrawals and will not be refunded tuition and fees. For more information on dropping or withdrawing from a course, see "Registration Policies" in this handbook.

The Academic Calendar, which specifies deadlines, including the drop/add deadline, can be found on the ColoradoSPH website at: <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/calendars-policies>

For students who have been approved to take a course(s) at the downtown CU Denver campus, the ColoradoSPH tuition rate will be charged for those courses, unless the student is enrolled in a dual degree program with the downtown campus. The ColoradoSPH tuition rate may be different than the downtown UCD campus rate.

Employee Tuition Benefit

Employees of the University of Colorado and their dependents may be eligible for up to nine credit hours per year to be used towards University of Colorado courses on a space-available basis. When employees are using the tuition benefit, registration can only occur no more than 7 days prior to the start of the semester or on or after the first day of classes for tuition to be waived. For registration of dependents, please see the link below, as new policies for dependent registration are in development. Students who violate this policy are at risk of losing their tuition benefit. For the entire policy, restrictions, and forms, please visit the Payroll and Benefit Services website: <https://www.cu.edu/pbs/tuition-benefit/>

Employees on the CSU and UNC campuses using their employee tuition benefits may transfer a maximum of 20 credits of approved public health coursework taken at a ColoradoSPH partner institution during the time of employment. Of these 20, a maximum of 10 non-degree credits are allowed prior to program matriculation.

Please note that CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus waivers may only be applied to courses at CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus. ColoradoSPH's CU Anschutz students cannot use waivers for CSU and UNC courses.

Employees at CSU and UNC have their own system for tuition waivers. For more details, reference the links below.

UNC: <https://www.unco.edu/human-resources/employee-resources/benefits/>

CSU: <http://www.hrs.colostate.edu/benefits/study-privilege.html>

By university policy, tuition waivers are accepted on a space-available basis. Some courses, particularly core courses, have been reaching their enrollment caps with tuition-paying students, therefore, there has not been space for students using tuition waivers. Students who wish to use a tuition waiver and who must take these courses in a particular semester should consider paying tuition for these core courses and using tuition waiver credits for other courses that have more space available.

The courses likely to fill before waiver-using students can register include BIOS 6601, BIOS 6602, BIOS 6611, BIOS 6612, CBHS 6610, CBHS 6612, EHOH 6614, EPID 6626, EPID 6630, EPID 6631, HSMP 6601, PUBH 6600.

By university policy, tuition-paying students (including non-degree students) receive higher registration priority than students using tuition waivers.

Please visit the employee tuition benefit webpage for more information: <http://www.cu.edu/employee-services/benefits/employee-tuition-benefit>

Financial Aid

All financial aid, regardless of a student's home campus (CU, CSU, UNC), is processed through the CU Anschutz Medical Campus Financial Aid Office. All ColoradoSPH students interested in applying for financial aid should do so through the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. Detailed information can be found at: <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/financing-your-education>

For financial aid purposes, full-time status is considered five credits per fall, spring, or summer term. Part-time is considered 3 credits per fall or spring term and 2 credits per summer term.

Registration Policies

All students – regardless of home campus affiliation (CSU, CU, UNC) – should register for ColoradoSPH courses through UCD Access at <https://portal.prod.cu.edu/UCDAccessFedAuthLogin.html>. Students must have a CU email address to access the registration system.

ColoradoSPH students may register for courses offered at any of the three partner institutions, bearing in mind the home campus credit requirements (MPH and certificate students, see "Minimum Credit Hour Requirement at Home Campus" in this handbook). While the add/drop deadline and tuition payment deadline are the same for all campuses, the start of classes at each campus may be different, so it is important that students are aware of campus-specific dates and deadlines.

Semester start and end dates for each campus, as well as registration deadlines, can be found on the ColoradoSPH Academic Calendar at <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/calendars-policies>

Auditing Courses

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus does not allow auditing of courses. Students may register for a course for "No Credit," but must pay the full tuition and fees. Students must designate "No Credit" by the appropriate deadlines as set forth by the Registrar's Office. No Credit forms are available from the CU Anschutz Medical Campus Registrar's Office: <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar>

Late Registration

Students wishing to register for a course after the drop/add deadline must get the approval of the course

instructor and Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. If late registration is approved, a late registration fee of \$60 will be assessed. Students should use the Registration Form on the CU Anschutz Registrar's website to request late registration on a course here:

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar/register>

Dropping & Adding a Course

The drop/add period usually extends 1-2 weeks into the semester from the first day of classes and is typically shorter in summer semesters. Please consult the ColoradoSPH Academic Calendar for exact deadlines. You may drop or add a class during the drop/add period using the registration system in the UCD Access portal: <https://portal.cusys.edu/UCDAccessFedAuthLogin.html>

After the drop/add deadline has passed, discontinuation of course enrollment will be considered a withdrawal, and will follow policies detailed in "Course Withdrawal Policy" below. Withdrawal will result in 0% tuition reimbursement and a corresponding grade of "W" (withdrawal) will be reflected on the transcript.

Please note that for courses with start dates that vary from the regular academic calendar (e.g., some summer courses are compressed to short time frames that start after the summer drop/add deadline), students may avoid a tuition penalty if they withdraw before the 2nd class meeting.

Permission to register for or withdraw from a course after the drop/add period without a tuition penalty will be granted only in the presence of extenuating circumstances and require the approval of the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Drop/add deadlines can be found on the ColoradoSPH Academic Calendar at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/calendars-policies>

Registering for Courses on Other CU Campuses

ColoradoSPH students can register for UC Denver (downtown) campus courses with the UCD Access registration system, given that any prerequisite requirements are met. For more information about tuition and fees for courses taken at non-ColoradoSPH campuses, see "Tuition and Fees" in this handbook. If the student wishes to apply to a course taken at UCD downtown toward MPH program requirements, he or she must secure faculty advisor approval **prior** to taking the course. See "Electives outside ColoradoSPH" below.

Students who would like to enroll for a course on the Boulder or Colorado Springs campuses **do not** register on UCD Access. Instead, they must complete the *Concurrent Registration Form* found on the Anschutz Medical Campus Registrar's Office at: <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar>

Approval from both the host and home campuses is required. After all signatures have been obtained, the completed form should be returned to the CU Anschutz Medical Campus Registrar's Office for processing. Students must be registered for at least one course on their home campus to add a concurrent class on either the Boulder or Colorado Springs campuses.

Leave of Absence

Students who need to interrupt their coursework for a semester or more, either because of academic requirements for a dual degree program, or because of extenuating circumstances such as prolonged illness, maternity/paternity leave, or extreme personal hardship, may request a leave of absence.

Please note:

- Students must have completed at least one semester in the MPH program and must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above to be eligible for a leave of absence.
- Leaves of absence are valid for no longer than one year.
- Time spent on leave does not increase the maximum allowable time limit to complete the degree program.

Students desiring an extended break in progress toward their degree (more than the one year allotted by a leave of absence) should withdraw from the University and reapply for admission when they are ready to resume coursework. Upon possible readmission, any courses older than five years will need to be validated before the course(s) will count towards the degree requirements.

A leave of absence can be requested using the *Leave of Absence Request Form* on the ColoradoSPH website at: <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

Any leaves of absence from the MPH program must be approved in advance by the Campus / Concentration Director and the Associate Dean for Academic & Student Affairs.

Course Withdrawal Policy & Timeframe

Withdrawal from a course is a formal discontinuation of the course after the drop/add period, and results in a grade of "W" on the student's official transcript. If attendance in a current course is discontinued without an official withdrawal, the student's transcript will reflect the grade earned for that course.

Withdrawals from courses are not eligible for tuition reimbursements.

- 100% reimbursement will be granted if a ColoradoSPH course is dropped before classes begin or during the drop/add period (see ColoradoSPH Academic Calendar for semester deadlines)
- There will be no reimbursement for withdrawal after the drop/add period and a grade of "W" (withdrawal) will be reflected on the transcript.

In the case that extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control, such as a death in the family or medical issues, necessitate withdrawal from coursework after the drop/add deadline, students may be considered for a tuition reimbursement.

Please note that the Academic Calendar for the ColoradoSPH does not necessarily align with other programs that are part of a dual degree program, and often does not align across all three campuses of the ColoradoSPH. Therefore, students should carefully check the ColoradoSPH academic calendar for drop/add deadlines each semester.

Grading Policy

All coursework must be completed on time. Exceptions are considered only under special circumstances (either academic or personal-beyond the student's control), and terms of exception must be agreed upon in advance by the instructor. Without prior agreement, the instructor will assume that the student's work is unsatisfactory, which will be reflected in the student's grade.

If special arrangements are made for extenuating circumstances, the student can be assigned a grade of "I" (incomplete). For more information, see "Incomplete Coursework" below.

Students **must receive grades of B- (2.70) or higher in all core courses (including Practicum and Capstone/Research Paper Credits), as well as in all concentration-required courses.** Any course in which a grade below a B- (2.70) is received is not acceptable to be counted toward fulfilling program requirements for master’s or doctoral programs; these courses may be used to fulfill elective credits only.

If a student receives a grade below a B- in a core or required course, they may re-take the course once to secure a passing grade. For courses taken twice, both course grades will be included in calculation of cumulative grade point average (GPA) and will appear on the student’s transcript. Course credits for repeated courses may be counted only once toward satisfying credit requirements for the degree. If the course is a pre-requisite to another course, the student must obtain special permission from the instructor if they wish to enroll in the advanced/subsequent course before re-taking the pre-requisite.

Grading System

For the calculation of grade point average (GPA), the following point assignments are used at the CU- AMC and CSU campuses:

Grades	Non-Grade status in course
A = 4.0 A- = 3.70 (A+ is not given in this system)	IP – In progress used for Practicum and Research Paper credits
B+ = 3.30 B = 3.0 B- = 2.70	I – Incomplete (Converts to an “F” if not completed after a maximum of one year)
C+ = 2.30 C = 2.00 C- = 1.70	W – Withdrawal (used for courses dropped after the drop/add period)
D+ = 1.30 D = 1.00 D- = 0.70	
F = 0.00	

At the UNC campus, only whole grades are given (A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0.0)

Some courses use a Satisfactory (S)/Unsatisfactory (U) grading system. These grades are not included in the student’s GPA.

Students should expect that a clear grading rubric will be presented at the beginning of each course and used in determining their grades. Upon request by a student, the course instructor should provide evidence to support the student's grade.

Students may access their grades in ColoradoSPH courses via UCD Access; grades are not mailed or distributed by the ColoradoSPH or the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Incomplete Coursework

In the case that a student cannot complete a course during the regular semester, the student may request an incomplete or “I” grade in the course, which will enable the student to complete the course on a timeline agreed upon by student and instructor.

Students must gain approval from the instructor of the course in which they are seeking an incomplete prior to the end of the academic term by completing the Request for a Grade of Incomplete Form found on the ColoradoSPH website at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

A substantial amount of work must have been satisfactorily completed before approval for an incomplete grade is given. Students will be granted no more than one year in which to finalize incomplete coursework and solidify their grade. If the coursework is not completed in that timeframe, a grade of "F" will automatically be applied to the student's transcript.

Students who have been approved for an incomplete grade and need to continue the course should **not** re-register for the course on UCD Access, because this will cause duplicate tuition to be charged. If an 'incomplete' grade has been approved and continued access to online materials (i.e., Canvas) is needed, please contact the Office of Academic & Student Affairs. ***Students should not re-register for the course to gain access to online course materials.***

Academic Probation

If a student's cumulative GPA across courses that will be applied to their program falls below 3.0, they will be placed on academic probation. The student will have two terms (fall and spring) in which to raise their cumulative GPA to 3.0. If a student on probation does not raise their cumulative GPA after these two terms, they will be subject to termination upon the recommendation of the associate dean for academic and student affairs. Students who demonstrate progress towards this goal but are unable to sufficiently raise their GPA over the allotted two terms, may request an extension of the probation period. Extensions will also be considered in the case of extenuating circumstances and will be granted at the discretion of the associate dean for academic and student affairs.

Termination from the Program

The Office of Academic Affairs will notify students who are terminated from their ColoradoSPH program for reasons of academic performance or misconduct. Such notification will include the reasons for termination and the right of appeal. Appeals must be made within 14 calendar days of receipt of the notice of termination. The Dean of the ColoradoSPH will consider appeals and determine results.

Any student who is terminated from a ColoradoSPH program following unsuccessful academic probation or failure to meet program guidelines for satisfactory academic progress may reapply for admission to the program after one year and with evidence of better preparation. Such evidence might include the successful completion of graduate courses taken elsewhere or other steps taken to overcome deficiencies that led to termination. The student's application will be considered equally with other applications but will not be given special consideration.

Withdrawal from the Colorado School of Public Health

Students who wish to withdraw from the ColoradoSPH must submit a University Withdrawal Form to the office of the registrar.

https://www1.ucdenver.edu/docs/librariesprovider266/forms/withdrawal-form_official-university.pdf?sfvrsn=add3a5b9_2

Dual Degree Program Information and Policies

Dual Degree Tuition Policies

Please note that the Academic Calendar for the ColoradoSPH does not necessarily align with other programs that are part of a dual degree program, and often does not align across all three campuses of the ColoradoSPH. Therefore, students must carefully check the appropriate calendars for drop/add and tuition payment deadlines each semester.

For students in dual-degree programs, tuition rates and mechanisms for paying will vary by program as shown below. The ColoradoSPH tuition rates are paid for all ColoradoSPH courses.

Program	Typical Schedule
DDS/MPH	Tuition for both programs paid in full through CU Anschutz bursar
DNP/MPH	Tuition for both programs paid in full through CU Anschutz bursar
DPT/MPH	Tuition for both programs paid in full through CU Anschutz bursar
DVM/MPH	Pay CSPH tuition through bursar, DVM tuition through CSU
MD/MPH	Tuition for both programs paid in full through CU Anschutz bursar
MPA/MPH	Tuition for both programs paid in full through CU Anschutz bursar
MSW/MPH at DU	ColoradoSPH tuition paid through CU Anschutz bursar, MSW tuition paid through DU
MSW/MPH at CSU	ColoradoSPH tuition paid through CU Anschutz bursar, MSW tuition through CSU
MURP/MPH	Tuition for both programs paid in full through CU Anschutz bursar
PharmD/MPH	Tuition for both programs paid in full through CU Anschutz bursar

Financial aid for dual degree students will be processed through the same mechanisms as tuition; please consult the table above to determine whether financial aid and tuition for both programs in your dual degree will be processed through CU Anschutz or through each of your programs separately.

Dual Degree Registration Policies

Dual degree students are required to begin coursework during the semester for which they are initially accepted. This coursework can be in either or both of the student's programs. Failure to begin classes during the initial semester of acceptance will result in a withdrawal of the student's admission status and students will need to reapply to the program during a subsequent admission cycle to be reviewed for re-admittance.

Continuous Enrollment

Students enrolled in a dual degree program have a maximum of five years to complete both degrees and must maintain continuous enrollment from matriculation to completion of their programs. Continuous enrollment requires that a student enroll in at least one credit hour each fall and spring semester until completion of the MPH program (summer term is excluded from this requirement). Dual degree programs within the CU system allow for enrollment in coursework for either program to count towards continuous enrollment, while those outside the CU system do not. Due to the scheduling constraints of each dual degree program, some programs use a formal leave of absence to allow students to distribute coursework across semesters or years. Please see the following table of continuous enrollment and leave of absence schedules for specific procedures for each program.

Continuous Enrollment and Leave of Absence Schedules

Program	Typical Schedule
DDS/MPH	Maintain continuous enrollment by enrolling in at least one credit hour in either program each fall and spring semester between matriculation and graduation. Students who matriculate to both the DDS and MPH at the same time will receive both degrees simultaneously; students who apply to the MPH after matriculating in the DDS will receive the DDS degree when they complete degree requirements and will be awarded the MPH subsequently when all MPH requirements are met.
DNP/MPH	Maintain continuous enrollment by enrolling in at least one credit hour in either program each fall and spring semester between matriculation and graduation.
DPT/MPH	Applicants for the MPH program must be current DPT students on track to successfully complete their second professional year of the DPT curriculum. Students would then take a formal leave of absence between their second and third years of the DPT to complete the MPH coursework.
DVM/MPH	Complete MPH coursework during first 12 months of the program, then apply for a Leave of Absence from the MPH while completing DVM coursework. MPH is awarded at the end of the second year.
MD/MPH	Take a formal leave of absence from MD program between third and fourth years, and complete MPH in three semesters (summer, fall, and spring). When MPH coursework is complete, finish remaining MD coursework. Both degrees are awarded at the completion of the MD.
MPA/MPH	Maintain continuous enrollment by enrolling in at least one credit hour in either program each fall and spring semester between matriculation and graduation
MSW/MPH at DU	Begin MSW coursework at DU, then take a leave of absence from MSW program to enroll in MPH. Enroll in four consecutive semesters of MPH coursework before applying for a leave of absence from ColoradoSPH to complete remaining MSW coursework. Both degrees are awarded in the semester that the student has completed all requirements for both programs.
MSW/MPH at CSU	Begin MSW coursework at CSU, then take a leave of absence from MSW program to enroll in MPH. Complete MPH coursework in one year before applying for a leave of absence from ColoradoSPH to complete remaining MSW coursework. Students in the Advanced Standing program will begin in the MPH. Both degrees are awarded in the semester that the student has completed all requirements for both programs.
MURP/MPH	Maintain continuous enrollment by enrolling in at least one credit hour in either program each fall and spring semester between matriculation and graduation
PharmD/MPH	Take a formal leave of absence from PharmD program between third and fourth years, and complete MPH in three semesters (summer, fall, and spring). When MPH coursework is complete, finish remaining PharmD coursework. Both degrees are awarded at the completion of the PharmD.

In addition to the above described leaves of absence that are required for academic purposes in some dual degree programs, students may encounter extenuating circumstances that necessitate taking a leave of absence from all academic work. A formal leave of absence of up to one year may be requested through the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at the ColoradoSPH. This leave of absence can be for a maximum of one year and is effective across all programs at the University of Colorado Denver and Anschutz Medical Campuses. A separate leave of absence should be requested for dual degrees that involve another campus or university. See additional information under “Leave of Absence” in this handbook.

Competencies for MPH Graduates of ColoradoSPH

A list of all competencies for the MPH, including those specific to each concentration and focus area, is available at the following link: <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/degrees-and-programs/master-of-public-health>

Successful Completion of the MPH

Successful completion of the MPH requires a grade of B- (2.70) or higher in all core courses, capstone project/research paper credits, and all required concentration-specific courses – as well as an overall cumulative GPA of B (3.0) or higher for all courses applied toward the MPH degree.

Successful completion of the MPH program requires a minimum of 42 semester credit hours of approved coursework to be applied to the MPH, some of which will be coursework from the other program in the student’s dual degree. Students seeking dual degrees are expected to complete both programs within five years.

Please note that concentration-specific requirements are subject to change. Students are held to the requirements in place when they matriculated into the MPH program.

MPH Core Courses

Graduate level courses approved by the Colorado School of Public Health Education and Curriculum Committee are offered at each of the three partner campuses. Students may take courses at any of the campuses, provided they observe the minimum 24 credit hour home campus requirement. Equivalency of core MPH courses across campuses has been established and the table below indicates which courses are considered equivalent and when they will be offered for the academic year.

Core Area	CU Anschutz	UNC	CSU
Biostatistics	BIOS 6601 Offered: Summer, Fall	CHBH 6120 Offered: Fall	PBHC5600 Offered: Fall
Epidemiology	EPI 6630 Offered: Fall, Spring	CHBH 6200 Offered: Spring	PBHC 5700 Offered: Fall
Environmental Health	EHOH 6614 Offered: Fall, Spring	CHBH 5500 Offered: Spring	PBHC5300 Offered: Spring
Community and Behavioral Health	CBHS 6610 Offered: Summer, Fall	CHBH 5090 Offered: Fall	PBHC5500 Offered: Fall, Spring
Health Systems, Management & Policy	HSMP 6601 Offered: Fall, Spring	CHBH 6350 Offered: Fall	PBHC 5200 Offered: Spring
Foundations in Public Health	PUBH 6600 Offered: Summer, Fall, Spring	CHBH 5200 Offered: Fall	PBHC 5160 Offered: Fall

Some concentrations require students to take a higher-level core course. Students should check the requirements for their concentration before registering for courses.

Important: Students should register for only ONE of each of the six core courses – registering for an additional equivalent course is not permitted. If multiple equivalents of the same course are completed, the student will only be allowed to count one class towards completion of the program requirements. Students who plan to take more advanced courses in a particular department should generally take the version of the core course offered by that department. For example, a student planning to take EPID

6631 (Analytical Epidemiology) at the CU Anschutz Campus should take EPID 6630, which is listed as a prerequisite for EPID 6631, rather than taking the equivalent course at another campus.

ColoradoSPH Course Book

The ColoradoSPH Course Book, which provides descriptions of all ColoradoSPH approved courses at all three campuses, is available at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/courses-and-registration>

Students may take ColoradoSPH-approved electives in any area, and are encouraged, when possible, to explore courses in all departments and at all campuses that might be in their areas of interest. Many electives are offered on alternate years, so it is important to register for courses of interest when they are available. Note that for dual degree students to finish their programs in the minimum allowable credits, there are generally very few or no elective credits needed.

Electives Outside ColoradoSPH

Students may explore options for graduate-level elective courses outside of ColoradoSPH. If a student wants to take an elective course outside ColoradoSPH that has not yet been approved for the dual degree (see “Approved Courses and Curriculum” in this handbook) advisor approval must be obtained **prior to** registering for the course(s) using the ColoradoSPH *Elective Outside CSPH Course Approval Form* at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

The request should be submitted to the student’s academic advisor or concentration director before being submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for final approval. *Students are expected to take the majority of their electives from MPH course offerings already approved and available across the three ColoradoSPH campuses.*

Independent Study

Students enrolling in an independent study must complete an *Independent Study Request Form* found on the ColoradoSPH website at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

This form outlines the learning objectives, plan of action, and evaluation of student work. This request must be approved by the Faculty Advisor/Concentration Director and submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs. Once approved, a permission number to register for the course will be sent to the student from the Office of Academic Affairs.

- Credit hours assigned to an independent study vary from 1-3, with 1 or 2 credits being the norm for any given independent study project. Please note that **no more than 3 total credits of independent study are allowed to count towards the MPH degree, unless written approval by the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs is given prior to registration for additional credits**
- Students must complete a scope of work, and the faculty advisor and student will develop a grading rubric and approved number of credits for the scope of work.

The person assigning the grade for an independent study must have a regular faculty appointment in the ColoradoSPH. If the supervisor does not have a ColoradoSPH faculty appointment, the student should arrange for their faculty advisor to assign the grade.

International Travel and Coursework

Due to COVID-19, international travel is subject to formal approval of your planned destination. At the time of this writing in July 2021, this process is currently being updated. Students planning international travel as part of ColoradoSPH coursework are encouraged to reach out to the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs as early as possible to ensure they are aware of the most recent policies. Travelers are required to follow CDC travel and safety precautions and observe any protocols in place at your destination.

Students who intend to travel internationally as part of independent study coursework, practicum, or capstone projects, are required to take International Travel and Health (EHOH 6633) in advance of their travel. Students traveling with a ColoradoSPH class or those with extensive international fieldwork experience may request a waiver of this requirement. Waivers are granted at the discretion of Madiha Abdel-Maksoud, MD, PhD, MSPH (Madiha.abdel-maksoud@cuanschutz.edu) and Dani Brittain, PhD (Danielle.brittain@cuanschutz.edu).

Applying Prior ColoradoSPH Course Credit to the MPH

Courses taken at a partner institution prior to matriculation into the MPH program, in which a grade of "B-" or higher was achieved, may be applied toward the MPH, given that the courses have previously been approved by the ColoradoSPH Education and Curriculum Committee (ECC). Please note the following stipulations to this policy:

- A maximum of 9 non-degree course credits taken from within Colorado School of Public Health prior to program matriculation can be applied toward the MPH program.
- No more than 21 credit hours of ColoradoSPH certificate coursework can be applied to the MPH program (of these 21, no more than 9 credits can be from a non-degree status taken prior to certificate matriculation).
- If pursuing a specialty (non-Public Health Sciences) certificate and the MPH concurrently, a maximum of 9 credit hours can be applied to both programs.
- Students who complete a specialty certificate (all certificates aside from the Certificate in Public Health Sciences are specialty certificates) and then pursue an MPH must meet the requirement of completing a minimum of 48 credits with only 9 credits shared between the specialty certificate and the MPH.
- Credit for courses expires five years after the course is completed. Certificate courses will only be applied to the MPH program if they are within this five-year time limit.

- Employees at partner institutions are allowed to apply a maximum of 20 credit hours of approved public health coursework taken at a ColoradoSPH partner institution but taken outside the ColoradoSPH (typically the case when students are using employee tuition waivers at UNC and CSU). Of these 20, a maximum of 10 credits can be non-degree status, taken prior to matriculation in the MPH program.

Transferring Credits to MPH

Courses completed at any accredited institution (partner or non-partner) taken as either a non-degree or degree-seeking student that have **not** been previously approved by the ECC may be accepted on a case-by-case basis by the student’s concentration director and Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs. After reviewing details of courses to be considered for transfer with your MPH concentration director, the following steps should be taken:

1. Obtain and complete a Transfer Credit Approval form from the Office of Academic Affairs (<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>). Obtain the written approval of your academic advisor and/or concentration director. Usually, this will require providing the course syllabus.
2. Return the signed form, syllabus, and an original transcript from the transferring institution to the Office of Academic Affairs at least one term prior to your anticipated graduation. Courses may not be transferred into the MPH in the student’s final term.
3. The Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs will approve or disapprove the request.
4. If approved, the form will be processed for inclusion on the student’s official transcript.

Prior coursework taken within the CU system is not considered transfer coursework; it is automatically included on the student’s transcript. If a student wishes to apply prior CU coursework that has not previously been approved by the ECC toward a ColoradoSPH degree, they may request approval of those courses using the General Petition form on the ColoradoSPH website. Students may transfer a maximum of 15 credits into the MPH program.

Applying Shared Credits to the MPH

Students in dual degrees housed outside CU systems (CU Denver, CU Boulder, CU Colorado Springs) must transfer approved credits taken through their other program in order to count them towards the MPH. Students must submit the Transfer Request form with an official transcript from the other institution in advance of graduation. This transcript should reflect all coursework previously approved by ColoradoSPH to be applied toward the MPH portion of your degree.

Students in dual degrees housed within CU Systems will have approved credits automatically transferred and applied to their MPH. For clarification, see the table below.

Program	Transfer Credit Process
DDS/MPH	No action required
DNP/MPH	No action required
DPT/MPH	No action required
DVM/MPH	Submit transfer request form with official complete CSU transcript. Submit no later than with graduation application
MD/MPH	No action required
MPA/MPH	No action required
MSW/MPH at DU	Submit transfer request form with official complete DU transcript. Submit no later than with graduation application.

MSW/MPH at CSU	Submit transfer request form with official complete CSU transcript. Submit no later than with graduation application.
MURP/MPH	No action required
PharmD/MPH	No action required

To see a list of courses for each dual degree program that have been approved for application toward the MPH, please see section “Approved Courses and Curriculum Notes” in this handbook.

Course Waiver Policy

MPH Core Course Waiver Examinations

If a student believes that they, in previous coursework or through significant prior work experience, achieved the competencies and learning objectives for a core course, they may request to take a comprehensive examination, the passage of which will allow the student to waive the requirement to take that course.

Tests for each of the five core courses will be offered once each year, before the start of Fall term. Requests for the core course waiver examination must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs by the date of the student’s home campus orientation. Request forms are available here:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

Students who pass a core course waiver examination still need 42 credits (or more, depending on concentration) to graduate. Students are strongly encouraged to replace the credits from a waived core course with a higher-level course in the same discipline. Students should consult with their academic advisors regarding selection of coursework to replace waived core courses.

Waiving other required coursework

If a student believes that they, in previous course work, learned the content of a required course outside the MPH core, they may request to waive the course. The student must consult with the instructor teaching the course and provide evidence of previous work completed in that subject area. Upon approval by the instructor, the student’s concentration director and the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, the student may substitute the required course with an equivalent number of hours in a higher-level course in the same subject area, or with an elective course upon approval by their concentration director. This will be documented in the student’s academic file. Students should use the General Petition Form on the ColoradoSPH website to document their request.

Please note that when a course is waived, the student must still complete at least 42 credit hours (or more, depending on the concentration) required to complete the MPH degree

Advisors & Planning

Students will be assigned a faculty advisor after they have been fully matriculated into the MPH program. Students are assigned to advisors within their declared concentration or to the program director at their respective campus. Those students enrolled in a custom concentration, rather than in a standard MPH concentration, will be advised by the associate dean for academic and student affairs. Students and advisors are given the following expectations regarding advising opportunities:

- New students should attend the orientation session at the appropriate campus for their MPH program. In addition, all new students are invited to attend the CU Anschutz Medical Campus orientation. The

goal of these orientations is to provide new MPH students with an overview and connection to the full resources of the ColoradoSPH, as well as to provide time for concentration-specific program requirement review, and introduction to the administrative systems.

- New students and advisors should meet at least once in the student's first semester with the goal of reviewing student's goals and interests and, most importantly, to draft a program of study, with particular attention to the first year of study.
- Subsequent meetings or check-in opportunities are expected to vary across students. It is generally good practice to arrange at least one annual meeting, occurring either in-person or by phone or email.
- Students must obtain approval for their capstone project, research paper and/or independent study from their Faculty Advisor and/or Concentration Director in advance of starting those projects or registering for the related credits. The faculty advisor's role is to assure that the project meets the Capstone/Research Paper expectations for the student's concentration and to provide mentorship as needed during the completion of the project.
- At the time of Capstone Project/Research Paper approval, the student's faculty advisor and/or Campus/Program Director should review the student's overall progress and readiness to graduate.
- Student progress is monitored by concentration directors, program directors, and the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs for determination of high academic achievement as well as for concerns related to academic probation.

Students may request to change advisors by contacting the appropriate concentration director and ensuring that the Office of Student Affairs is notified of the change. If you are unsure who your advisor is, please contact your department administrator or concentration director.

Custom Concentrations

All dual degree students complete a concentration. Students in all dual degrees may select any MPH concentration. Completing a dual degree often presents challenges in course scheduling and sequencing, making it difficult for a dual degree student to complete all required courses for a particular concentration. Therefore, dual degree students are also allowed to create a custom concentration. Often, the custom concentration is close, but not identical, to an existing MPH concentration, with one or two necessary substitutions to make it feasible in combination the other degree program. If a student chooses to complete a custom concentration, rather than an existing concentration, the student must complete the "Custom MPH Request Form" available at the link below, and have the custom concentration approved by the associate dean of academic and student affairs by the end of their first semester of MPH coursework.

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

Transfer of Concentration/Focus Area

Students can request a change in concentration/focus area (without a change in home campus) at any time during their MPH program. However, this is subject to the approval of the office of academic affairs and both concentration/program directors involved.

Please note that if a student changes their concentration/focus area, it is expected that they meet both the home campus and concentration credit requirements. To change concentration/focus area, complete the Concentration Campus Declaration form at:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

Students should carefully consider any changes to their campus or concentrations after the first year of study,

as later changes may necessitate a student taking more than the required 42 credits.

Practicum Requirement

The Colorado School of Public Health is committed to providing students with practical experience in public health settings. The MPH practicum experience is intended to support student growth, both personal and professional, while building connections with the community and contributing to community needs. The experience is intended to provide students an opportunity to develop professional skills by leading a project in a public health setting that contributes to an unmet need of the host site.

Practicum Goals

- Apply classroom theory, knowledge, skills and techniques to a professional work setting.
- Enhance and develop skills needed to function as a professional in a public health setting.
- Work on a specifically defined public health problem or issue related project that is salient to the host site.
- Participate in a setting that allows the student to explore future career decisions.
- Engage in professional self-assessment and personal reflection.
- Build a personal network of professional leaders in public health.
- Connect with local and state public health agencies, other community-based organizations, and community-based participatory research projects, which serve the public’s health to create support for the public health community and future recruitment opportunities.

Program	Program-specific Requirements
DDS/MPH	Complete standard MPH practicum course
DNP/MPH	Satisfied by Advanced Public Health Nursing Practicum (NURS 6752)
DPT/MPH	Complete standard MPH practicum course
DVM/MPH	Complete standard MPH practicum course
MD/MPH	Complete standard MPH practicum course
MPA/MPH	Complete standard MPH practicum course
MSW/MPH at DU	Complete MPH practicum course; project selection must satisfy requirements for both MPH and MSW practicum
MSW/MPH at CSU	Complete standard MPH practicum course
MURP/MPH	Complete standard MPH practicum course
PharmD/MPH	Complete standard MPH practicum course

Practicum Prerequisites:

To register for a ColoradoSPH practicum experience, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Successfully complete the Foundations in Public Health course (PUBH 6600 at CU Anschutz Medical Campus and the University of Northern Colorado, or PBHC 5160 at Colorado State University).
2. Successfully complete 18 credits including a minimum of three core courses.
3. Be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. Obtain approval of concentration director, faculty advisor, or program director (please check with home campus for specific requirements).
5. Attend a practicum orientation session during the semester prior to registering for the practicum course (dates/times will be provided via email) and complete a practicum proposal.

Capstone Project Requirements

The culminating experience for the MPH program is a capstone project that benefits the community or particular target population. The capstone project requires completion of the coursework and presentation of the final product to ColoradoSPH faculty and students at the Public Health Forum held each semester.

Capstone Preparation: The first term of the capstone will occur within each department (see table below) and will be directed by department faculty. Students completing a custom concentration should speak to their dual degree advisor to determine which department’s capstone preparation course would be most appropriate. Each student is expected to produce a well-developed capstone project proposal by the end of Capstone Preparation, which will be approved by the student’s capstone instructors for implementation. Once approved by the capstone instructors, the capstone project proposal will be submitted to the faculty director of practice-based learning.

Concentrations by Department	
Department/Campus	Concentrations*
Biostatistics and Informatics	Applied Biostatistics
Community and Behavioral Health	Community and Behavioral Health; Maternal and Child Health; Leadership and Public Health Practice; Population Mental Health & Wellbeing
Environmental and Occupational Health	Environmental and Occupational Health
Epidemiology	Epidemiology
Health Systems, Management and Policy	Health Systems, Management, and Policy
CSU	Animals, People, and Environment; Epidemiology, Global Health and Health Disparities; Health Communications; Physical Activities and Healthy Lifestyles, Public Health Nutrition
UNC	Community Health Education

*"Global Public Health plus" concentration students will be housed within their primary concentration

Capstone Integration: In this term, students will implement and present their capstone project, with support from Capstone Integration faculty and peer groups. Capstone Integration culminates in a final written product and an oral and poster presentation at the school’s public health forum.

The following are dual-degree specific requirements related to the MPH capstone.

Program	Program-specific Requirements
DDS/MPH	Complete MPH capstone project/course, integrating concepts from both programs.
DNP/MPH	Satisfied by the DNP capstone project (NURS 8030 and NURS 8050); must present at Public Health Forum
DPT/MPH	Complete MPH capstone project/course integrating concepts from both programs.
DVM/MPH	Complete MPH capstone project/course.
MD/MPH	Complete MPH capstone project/course, or substitute Mentored Scientific Activity (MSA) given the project addresses required public health competencies. Must present either MSA or capstone at Public Health Forum.
MPA/MPH	Complete MPH capstone project integrating concepts from both programs.

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MSW/MPH at DU	Satisfied in PUBH 6615; project selection must address required public health competencies; must present at Public Health Forum
MSW/MPH at CSU	Complete MPH capstone project/course
MURP/MPH	Complete MPH capstone project/course, integrating concepts from both programs.
PharmD/MPH	Complete MPH capstone project/course. Student may use research or policy development conducted in an elective Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE).

Publishable Paper Option:

Students who wish to write a publishable paper for academic credit must register for 2 “research paper” credits. The publishable paper should relate to a student’s academic goals and professional interests, as well as demonstrate the student’s ability to integrate competencies and concepts from the student’s concentration and the breadth of public health and to work independently at the master’s level, with the product of the work being a paper worthy of being submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. Publishable papers are expected to require substantial collaboration, oversight and review by co-authors and faculty advisors and the number of credits reflects this expected effort. After completing most of the program (at least 30 credits of course work), students writing a publishable paper should:

- Identify a ColoradoSPH faculty advisor who is willing to supervise the publishable paper.
- Prepare a proposal for a project in consultation with the faculty advisor and other relevant persons engaged in the paper. This must include the proposed research questions, hypotheses, summary of work to date, outline of analytic plan, list of collaborators, possible journals for submission and timeline, and grading rubric.
- Complete the *Publishable Paper Request Form*. This should be reviewed/approved by the faculty advisor and the student’s concentration director and submitted to the Office of Student Affairs with a copy of the proposal.
- Once approval is secured, the student registers for 2 “Research Paper” credits (PUBH 6651), which can be taken as a block or as single credits over time (these credits come from the elective credit allotment).
- It is expected that the final research paper will be in an acceptable form for submission and will be submitted to a peer-reviewed scientific journal before a grade is given for credit.

Graduation/Convocation

Application to Graduate

Dual degree students must apply for graduation from both programs in which they are enrolled. To apply for graduation from the MPH, students are required to complete the ColoradoSPH Application for Graduation by the published date for the semester in which they intend to complete degree requirements (see ColoradoSPH Academic Calendar for specific deadline dates):

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students/academic-forms>

The student’s faculty advisor and the Office of Academic Affairs approve the completed application. Additionally, students must apply for a diploma for their intended semester of graduation through the UCDenver Access portal by the specified deadline:

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar/diplomas-graduation/apply-for-graduation/apply-for-graduation>

Commencement Ceremonies

A commencement ceremony is held twice a year in May and December for the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. All graduates from all schools and programs at CU Anschutz for that academic year, plus the following summer, are invited to attend. In addition, ColoradoSPH also offers a separate convocation ceremony in May for ColoradoSPH graduates.

CSU and UNC home campus students are also invited to participate in their home campus ceremonies.

Official regalia must be worn to participate in these ceremonies. Additional details will be posted on the website and emailed to students prior to the event.

Diplomas

Diplomas are mailed from the Anschutz Campus Registrar's office 8-10 weeks after final grades are posted and degrees are awarded. Students will be notified via email when diplomas are available.

Academic Calendar

Please visit the ColoradoSPH website for the current ColoradoSPH Academic Calendar.

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/calendars-policies>

Approved Courses and Curriculum

The following section includes curriculum details and coursework approved in each dual degree program for application to the MPH degree. Students may request approval for courses not listed here by contacting the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs.

MD/ MPH Dual Degree

Medical school credits are calculated differently than MPH credits, with each medical school credit being equivalent to 0.54 MPH credits. Medical school credits are thus counted towards the MPH with this conversion, so a MD/MPH student would need 17 eligible medical school credits in order to fulfill 9 MPH credits. The MD Health and Society curriculum (completed by all MD students) is used to satisfy the 9 elective credits required for the MPH.

DVM/ MPH Dual Degree

Students are allowed to apply up to 12 credits of approved DVM coursework towards the MPH degree. Courses approved to apply to the MPH include:

- VM 637 Veterinary Bacteriology and Mycology (2 credits)
- VM 638 Veterinary Parasitology (2 credits)
- VM 639 Veterinary Virology (2 credits)
- VM 648 Food Animal Production/Food Safety
- VM 707 Emerging Issues in Animal Health (1)
- VM 714 Veterinary Preventive Medicine (4 credits)

Students in the Animals, People and the Environment (APE) concentration may transfer in: VM 648 to meet their food safety course requirement; VM 707 to count toward the infections/zoonotic disease track; and VM 714 and VM 637 to count toward APE elective requirements.

Students in the Epidemiology (EPI) concentration may transfer in: VM 707 and VM 714 to count toward the epidemiology elective requirements.

Students in Global Health and Health Disparities (GHHD) may transfer in: VM 648, VM 714 and VM 707 to count toward GHHD electives.

Should a DVM/MPH student choose a MPH concentration other than the three described above, the DVM courses would be reviewed for relevancy to the concentration and a plan would be determined for how the DVM credits could apply to concentration requirements.

All other approved DVM courses, within the 12-credit transfer limit, can be applied to the MPH degree general electives.

MURP/MPH Dual Degree

As stand-alone programs, the MPH is 42 credits and the MURP is 54 credits. Both degrees are awarded for a total of 72 credits between the two programs. The MPH program accepts up to 9 credits from MURP course work to count towards elective credits, and the MURP degree accepts 18 credits from the MPH towards elective credits. Approved courses that can be counted towards the MPH include:

- URPL6200 Land Development Regulations (3 credits)
- URPL 6205 Plan making (3 credits)
- URPL 6250 GIS for Urban Planning (3 credits)
- URPL 6260 Advanced Geo-Spatial Methods (3 credits)

URPL 6365 Parks and Public Spaces (3 credits)
URPL 6399 Sustainable Urban Infrastructure (3 credits)
URPL 6400 Community Development (3 credits)
URPL 6405 Urban Housing (3 credits)
URPL 6500 Environmental Planning and Management (3 credits)
URPL 6555 Transportation, Land Use, and the Environment (3 credits)
URPL 6560 Transit, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6600 Regional Growth and Equity (3 credits)
URPL 6615 Small Town, Rural and Tourism Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6645 Disaster/Climate Change Planning (3 credits)
URPL 6650 International Development Planning: Theory and Practice (3 credits)

MPA/MPH Dual Degree

As stand-alone programs, the MPH is 42 credits and the MPA is 39 credits. Both degrees are awarded for a total of 60 credits between the two programs. The MPH program accepts up to 9 credits from MPA course work to count towards elective credits, and the MPA accepts up to 12 MPH credits as electives. Approved courses that can be counted towards the MPH include:

PUAD 5002 Organizational Management and Behavior (3 credits)
PUAD 5004 Economics and Public Finance (3 credits)
PUAD 5006 Public Service Leadership and Ethics (3 credits)
PUAD 5310 Principles of Policy Design (3 credits)
PUAD 5650 Public Service in Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3 credits)

DNP/MPH Dual Degree

As stand-alone programs, the MPH is 42 credits and the DNP is 43 credits. Both degrees are awarded for a total of 61 credits between the two programs. The MPH program accepts up to 6 credits from DNP course work to count towards elective credits, as well as the DNP Advanced Public Health Nursing Practicum (NURS 6752) to fulfill the practicum and the DNP Project I & II (NURS 8030 and NURS 8050) to replace the two 1-credit MPH capstone courses. The DNP accepts up to 14 MPH credits towards electives. Approved DNP courses that are counted towards the MPH electives include:

NURS 6633 Advanced Public Health Nursing (3 credits)
NURS 6800 Leadership, Financial Management and Innovation (3 credits)

MSW/MPH at Colorado State University

The stand-alone MSW requires 62 credit hours for the regular 2-year program and 39 credits for the accelerated 1-year program, while the stand-alone MPH is 42 credits. Students may earn both degrees in a total of 89 credits or 69 credits for the regular or accelerated MSW, respectively. A total of nine MSW credits can be counted as 9 credits of MPH electives. The following MSW courses may be taken to fulfill the 9 elective credits:

SOWK 520 – Social Welfare Policy (3 credits)
SOWK 530 – Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice (3 credits)
SOWK 531 – Anti-Oppressive Principles and Pedagogy (3 credits)
SOWK 600 – Research Methods (3 credits)
SOWK 605 – Evaluation in Social Work (3 credits)
SOWK 633 – Mezzo and Macro Social Work II (3 credits)

MSW/ MPH at University of Denver

DU is on the quarter system. As stand-alone programs, the MPH is 42 semester credits and the MSW is 90 quarter credits. With the MSW/MPH dual program, students will complete 75 quarter credits at DU, and 33 semester credits at ColoradoSPH. The MPH program will accept up to 15 quarter credits (equivalent to 10 semester credits) towards the elective credits that are required for the MPH degree. Approved courses that are counted towards the MPH include:

For two-year MSW students:

SOWK 4006 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SOWK 4020 Integrated SW Practice for Social Justice
SOWK 4120 Social Policy Analysis, Advocacy and Practice
SOWK 4132 Power, Privilege and Oppression
SOWK 4201 Evidence for Practice
SOWK 4325 Evolving Perspectives and Trends in Health and Wellness
SOWK 4900 Methods for Evaluating Practice/Programs

For advanced standing MPS students:

SOWK 4132 Power, Privilege, and Oppression
SOWK 4201 Evidence for Practice
SOWK 4325 Evolving Perspectives and Trends in Health and Wellness
SOWK 4370 Community and Organizational Change
SOWK 4670 Policy Development and Analysis
SOWK 4723 Social Work Practice in Health
SOWK 4752 Trauma Assessment & Intervention
SOWK 4760 Resource Development and Fundraising
SOWK 4790 Human Sexuality
SOWK 4900 Methods for Evaluating Practice/Programs

PharmD/MPH Dual Degree

As a stand-alone program, the MPH is 42 credits. The PharmD/MPH allows PharmD students to apply 9 credits of PharmD coursework to the MPH, reducing the number of credits required within the ColoradoSPH to complete the MPH to 33. Approved PharmD courses that are counted towards the MPH as elective credits are:

PHRD 5965 Patient Centered Communication (4 credits)
PHRD 6065 Evidence-based Medicine and Literature Evaluation (3 credits)
PHRD 7045 Public Health and Health Outcomes (3 credits)

DDS/MPH Dual Degree

As a stand-alone program, the MPH is 42 credits. The DDS/MPH allows PharmD students to apply 9 credits of DDS coursework to the MPH, reducing the number of credits required within the ColoradoSPH to complete the MPH to 33. Approved DDS courses that are counted towards the MPH as elective credits are:

DSCD 7730 Dentistry for Adults with Special Healthcare Needs(.1-5)
DSCD 7711 Gerontology and Geriatrics Health Care (.1-5)
DSCD 7710 Behavioral Health Sciences (.1-5)
DSCD 5501 Community Public Health 1 (.1-5)
DSRE 8806 Critical Appraisal of Translational Literature (.1-5)

DSCD 7705 Clinical Transformations: Interprofessional Education(.1-5)
DSCD 7706 Clinical Transformations: Interprofessional Education (.1-5)

DPT/MPH Dual Degree

The DPT is a 2 ½ year, 116 credit-hour professional program and the MPH is a 2 year, 42 credit-hour program. The dual degree will use public health-oriented coursework from the DPT curriculum (9 credits) to count toward the 9 hours of electives in the MPH. Approved DPT courses that are counted towards the MPH as elective credits are:

DPTR 5141 Human Growth and Development
DPTR 5161 Psychosocial Aspects of Care I
DPTR 5162 Psychosocial Aspects of Care II
DPTR 5171 Health Promotion and Wellness I
DPTR 5621 Evidence-Based Practice
DPTR 5711 Professional Development I
DPTR 5731 Health Care Delivery I
DPTR 6712 Professional Development II
DPTR 6713 Professional Development III
DPTR 6732 Health Care Delivery II

Relevant ColoradoSPH Websites

School Site:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu>

Program Site:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/education/degrees-and-programs/dual-degree-programs>

Academic Catalog

<https://catalog.cuanschutz.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/colorado-school-public-health/dual-degree-programs/>

Academic and Student Affairs Resources:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students>

Other Websites Relevant to Dual Degree Students

DDS Program Site

<https://dental.cuanschutz.edu/prospective-students/programs-of-study/doctor-of-dental-surgery>

DNP Program Site

<https://nursing.cuanschutz.edu/academics/graduate-programs/masters-dnp-phd/dnp-mph-dual-degree>

DPT Program Site

<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/physical-therapy-program/education-programs/doctor-of-physical-therapy>

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DVM Program Site

<http://csu-cvmb.colostate.edu/dvm-program/Pages/default.aspx>

MD Program Site

<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/education>

MPA Program Site

<https://publicaffairs.ucdenver.edu/programs/public-affairs-programs/master-of-public-administration>

MSW at DU Program Site

<https://socialwork.du.edu/academics/master-social-work-programs/denver-campus-msw>

MSW at CSU Program Site

Master of Social Work - Social Work (colostate.edu)

MURP Program Site

<https://architectureandplanning.ucdenver.edu/architecture/academics/urban-and-regional-planning/master-of-urban-and-regional-planning>

Key Contacts

To find the contacts for any staff or faculty at ColoradoSPH please visit:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/directory>.

Student Organizations

Student Council

The ColoradoSPH Student Council is our primary student leadership organization. The Student Council is involved in planning events and promoting public health in their local communities. Each campus has its own student council, and all three work together on volunteer and learning opportunities and school events. Council members are devoted to serving as representatives of the school, developing relationships with community organizations, and involving students at all three campuses in public health activities. Take charge of your ColoradoSPH experience!

For information regarding Student Council, visit:

[Student Organizations & Programs | Colorado School of Public Health \(cuanschutz.edu\)](#)

Emerging Leaders

A one-day conference for students planned by students. As a participant, you will learn and collaborate among your peers on the chosen theme of the conference. Students can also join the planning team to gain experience planning a conference.

Contact: Katherine Brumfield | Katherine.Brumfield@cuanschutz.edu

National Public Health Week

Get involved on your home campus to help plan for this national event for the ColoradoSPH community.

All students can attend events during this week (typically the first week of April) on all three campuses and experience the strengths each has to offer.

For information regarding National Public Health Week visit:

<http://www.nphw.org/>

Involvement in Public Health Organizations

Public health students are encouraged to become involved in state, regional, national, and international organizations by becoming student members, submitting proposals for presentations, and other professional activities. The following is a list of organizations students may consider:

American Public Health Association (APHA): <http://www.apha.org/>

Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA): <http://www.cehaweb.com/>

Colorado Public Health Association (CPHA): <http://www.coloradopublichealth.org/>

Colorado Society of Public Health Educators (SOPHE): <http://www.sophe.org/>

CU Anschutz Medical Campus: Student Services/Programs

Colorado School of Public Health: <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/>

Student Resources

Academic calendar, schedule of classes, handbooks, forms, & more:

<https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/resources/for-current-students>

Information Technology Bldg. 500, 3rd Floor 303.724.4732

Email: ColoradoSPH.studentIT@ucdenver.edu | <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/offices/office-of-information-technology/get-help>

UCD Access

<https://passport.ucdenver.edu/login.php>

Online Course Access

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus uses a robust online learning system, Canvas.

Online course materials can be accessed at:

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/CUOnline/OnlineCourses/Pages/CourseLogin.aspx>

A student guide to using Canvas can be found at: <http://guides.instructure.com/m/4212>

Registrar Forms

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar/student-resources/forms#tuition>

Registrar's Office

Education 2 North, 3rd Floor

Phone: 303-724-8059

Email: registrar@cuanschutz.edu | <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/registrar>

Financial Aid Office

Education 2 North, 3rd Floor

Phone: 303-724-8039

Email: FinAid@CUAnschutz.edu | <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/student-finances/financial-aid>

Bursar's Office

Education 2 North, 3rd Floor

Phone: 303-724-8032

Email: Bursar@ucdenver.edu | <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/student-finances/billing-payments>

Bookstore

The CU Anschutz Bookstore has been operating under more restricted hours with the Covid-19 pandemic. You can always visit the bookstore online. Listed below are the regular, non-pandemic hours and the link to the bookstore online.

Hours: Monday – Thursday (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) | Friday (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Phone: 303-724-2665 (4-BOOK)

Location: First floor of Education 2 South.

<https://cuanschutz.bncollege.com/shop/cu-anschutz/home>

Breastfeeding/Chestfeeding Support and Resources

CU Anschutz has designated lactation rooms on campus, listed on the [Anschutz facilities website](#). UHealth also hosts breastfeeding support groups, on campus and throughout the state, where you can meet other moms, ask questions, and address concerns with a lactation consultant. For more information, visit their page here: <https://www.uhealth.org/services/womens-care/pregnancy-childbirth-newborn-care/breastfeeding-support/>

For more information on all CU lactation support and resources, visit this page:

<https://www.ucdenver.edu/offices/equity/support-resources/pregnancy-lactation-2>

Campus Safety

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus is committed to the safety and security of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. When extreme winter weather conditions develop, the university's normal business operations can be affected. Students, faculty, and staff can check local broadcast news media (television and radio) for announcements about closures or schedule adjustments. The university also provides emergency-related information, as appropriate, on a toll-free phone line 1-877-INFO-070 (or 1-877-463-6070); online at <https://www1.ucdenver.edu/police/alerts>; and via the Rave emergency notification tool. Students can register for this free text and voice messaging service by clicking the "Get Rave" button on the right side of the aforementioned page.

University Police

12454 E. 19th Place, Bldg. U-09

Phone: 303-724-2000 (main office) | 303.724.4444 (non-emergency)

Email: Police.comment@ucdenver.edu (non-emergency)

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/police>

Accommodations for Disability: Virtual and In-Class

University of Colorado Anschutz is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities to students with documented disabilities (e.g., mental health, attentional, learning, chronic health, sensory, or physical). To ensure access to this class, and program, please contact the Office of

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Disability, Access, and Inclusion (disabilityaccess@cuanschutz.edu) for disability services to engage in a confidential conversation about the process for requesting reasonable accommodations in the classroom and clinical settings.

Accommodations are not provided retroactively. Students are encouraged to register with Disability Resources and Services as soon as they begin their program. The Colorado School of Public Health encourages students to access all resources available through Disability Resources and Services for consistent support and access to their programs. More information can be found online at: <https://www.cuanschutz.edu/offices/office-of-disability-access-and-inclusion>

Office of Student Outreach and Support

The Office of Student Outreach and Support is here to support students who are experiencing difficulties related to mental health, safety concerns, interpersonal conflict, adjusting to college, family emergencies, feelings of isolation, or anything else which may impact their ability to be successful. Case managers collaborate and consult with students, parents, faculty, staff, and other campus resources to best address the needs of each student. Services offered include providing intervention and advocacy, on-campus resources and referrals, assistance with medical withdrawals, navigating the university system, and follow-up services and support.

Students can connect with the case manager for ColoradoSPH students, Kelly Tyman, by emailing her directly at kelly.tyman@cuanschutz.edu. For more information or to submit a report, visit: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofColoradoDenver&layout_id=26

Library

The Anschutz Medical Campus Health Sciences Library is at 12950 East Montview Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80045, directly north of the Fitzsimons Building (previously Building 500). There are extensive online resources available to all students through the library. On-campus library access for students who need it is available via badge access 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The library remains closed to the public and others do not have a CU Anschutz badge.

For more information on the library, visit: <https://library.cuanschutz.edu/about/hours>

Electronic Security ID Badge Office

Students must have an electronic security photo ID badge for the safety and protection of all faculty, staff, and students on campus. Additionally, this badge allows you access to buildings after hours, computer labs, library, and parking should a student decide they need a parking pass.

Upon matriculation, the Student Affairs staff issues badge applications for all incoming ColoradoSPH students. In fall 2022, new students will need to submit information for their badges (e.g., a passport-style photo) to the Office of Student Affairs for processing. New students should follow the badging instructions in the Inside ColoradoSPH Canvas course and may contact the Office of Student Affairs at ColoradoSPH.StudentAffairs@cuanschutz.edu with additional questions. The Student Affairs staff will notify students when they are able to pick up a badge.

If a badge expires and needs to be renewed, students should contact the ColoradoSPH Office of Student Affairs.

Those who already have an ID for the Anschutz campus due to a pre-existing role as faculty or staff on campus do not need to be issued a new student ID.

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Students with a home campus of CSU or UNC should contact their respective campus staff to inquire about badge procedures.

Gender Inclusion Resources

Primary and Preferred Name Changes: Students who wish to use a different name than their legal name while on campus may change their legal name, or register a preferred name, which appears on unofficial transcripts, class, and grade rosters, in Canvas, and some other places as legally allowed. For more information, visit:

https://www1.ucdenver.edu/docs/librariesprovider266/forms/cuanschutznamerecordupdate-revo5-18.pdf?sfvrsn=98d3a5b9_2

All-gender restrooms on campus: Maps of all-gender bathrooms on the Anschutz and Denver campuses can be found on the Office of Equity website, visit: <https://www1.ucdenver.edu/offices/equity/support-resources/all-gender-resources>

CU Anschutz Campus Opportunities

The ColoradoSPH offers students opportunities to attend various public health presentations and events. Schedules can be found on our website at: <https://coloradosph.cuanschutz.edu/news-and-events/events>

Grand Rounds

Grand Rounds are held throughout the week every month and feature presentations by faculty, preventive medicine residents, and health professionals from the community. A seminar schedule will be posted on the school's website. Students are highly encouraged to attend.

For more information, visit: <https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/medicine/calendar/grand-rounds>

Lockers

Locker usage on campus is facilitated by Educational Support Services. More information regarding locker usage can be found on their website at:

Parking and Transportation

General parking questions: 303-724-2555

After hours: 303-724-4444

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/offices/facilities-management/transportation-parking-maps>

CU Anschutz Student Services

The Office of Campus Student Services' mission is to enhance student life within the University of Colorado Denver at the Anschutz Medical Campus by providing excellence in specific non-academic and academic student services.

Ed 2 North Building, 3rd Floor, Room 3200

Phone: 303-724-2866

Monday- Friday: 8 AM – 6 PM

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/student>

Veteran Student Services

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is a "Military Friendly" university, committed to providing service men and women with a high-quality education catered to your distinct needs. The OVSS represents Active Duty, Reservist, National Guard, Veteran and VA Dependent students.

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Hours: Wed & Thu: 8 AM - 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Location: Ed 2 North, 3rd Floor, Room P28-3207
Phone: 303-724-9649
<https://www.ucdenver.edu/veterans>

Ombuds Office

The Ombuds Office is a resource available to all members of the University community to provide informal conflict resolution. The Ombuds Office provides a forum for prompt, impartial, and confidential discussion for individuals to review options for informal resolutions of differences. The primary goal of the Ombuds person is to ensure that employees and students receive fair and equitable treatment. The Ombuds Office provides confidential and independent services to the university community. For more information, visit:
<https://www1.ucdenver.edu/offices/ombudsoffice>

Ombuds Contact Information:
Location: Building 500, Room 7005C
Phone: 303-724-2950

Melissa Connell | Director CU Anschutz Ombuds Office
Email: melissa.connell@cuanschutz.edu

Lisa Neale | Associate Director CU Anschutz Ombuds Office
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus Ombuds Office
Email: lisa.neale@cuanschutz.edu

Student Health Insurance Office

All degree-seeking students enrolled in one or more credit hours must enroll in the School's Student Health Insurance Plan unless they can prove enrollment in another comparable insurance by submitting a selection/waiver form by the deadline date. For more information, visit:
<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/student/health-wellness/student-health-insurance>

Location: Ed 2 North, Room 3208
Phone: 303-837-2127 | Email: studentinsurance@cuanschutz.edu

Student Mental Health Services

The **Student Mental Health Service** provides comprehensive and confidential mental health services for all enrolled Anschutz Medical Campus students. Psychiatric issues treated include depression, anxiety/stress, bipolar disorder, drug, and alcohol dependence, eating disorders, marital difficulties, family crises, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Treatment modalities include individual psychotherapy, couples counseling, and/or medication.

The central number for the Mental Health Service is 303-724-4716. For after-hours, please call Colorado Crisis Services at 1 (844) 493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You may also go to a local crisis center for evaluation, which can be found on the Colorado Crisis Services website. More information is available at <https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/psychiatry/programs/student-resident-mental-health>

Behavioral health services are also offered at the **Campus Community Health** located within the Anschutz Health and Wellness center. Services provided include acute stress management; triage,

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assessment and treatment of disorders such as bipolar disorder, drug, alcohol, or eating disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorder, domestic violence, sexual assault, and trauma; individual, couple, family, and group counseling; medication prescription, monitoring, and support; testing for attention and concentration issues; outside referrals.

Modified Hours of Operation: Tuesdays 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (closed 1-2 for lunch)

To schedule an appointment call 303-724-6242 or email smhservice@ucdenver.edu

The **Phoenix Center at Anschutz** provides free, confidential support services, prevention education, and resource referrals for relationship violence, sexual violence, and stalking.

You can call their 24/7 hotline for free and confidential options, emotional support, and resources at (303) 556-CALL (2255). To make an appointment, call (303)724-9120. You can find more information at www.ThePCA.org.

Writing Center

The Writing Center provides one-on-one and small-group assistance to undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students from the Anschutz Medical Campus. In the Center, trained graduate and post-graduate consultants offer help with writing of all kinds, including research essays, proposals, dissertations, capstone projects, C.V.s, manuscript drafts, grants, personal statements, residency applications and more.

Location: Health Sciences Library, Room 1204

Phone: 303-724-4143

Schedule an appointment: <https://ucdenver.mywconline.com/index.php>

For more information, visit: <https://clas.ucdenver.edu/writing-center/>

International Admissions

International Admissions welcomes and assists over 700 international students and accompanying family members representing over 60 countries enrolled in more than 100-degree programs. On this highly diverse campus, students will have many opportunities to engage in exciting curricular, multicultural events, and share perspectives in the classroom and beyond. To schedule an appointment with an advisor, students should call 303.315.2382, email iss@ucdenver.edu or visit: <https://www.ucdenver.edu/offices/international-affairs>

Colorado State University: Student Services/Programs

Colorado School of Public Health: <http://publichealth.colostate.edu/>

Records and Registration

The CU Anschutz Medical Campus: <http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/registrar/Pages/default.aspx>

Important Forms

CU Anschutz Medical Campus Registrar's Office:

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/anschutz/studentresources/Registrar/StudentServices/Pages/Forms.aspx>

Colorado School of Public Health Forms: <https://publichealth.colostate.edu/academic-forms/>

Financial Aid

CU Anschutz Medical Campus:

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/anschutz/studentresources/FASO/school-pages/Pages/public-health-students.aspx>

Academic Computing & Networking Service (ACNS)

ACNS is the primary computer, networking, and email resource on the CSU campus:

<http://www.acns.colostate.edu/>. Whether it's for help accessing your CSU email account or connecting to the CSU wireless system, you can find general IT help in the Morgan Library, by emailing help@colostate.edu or by calling 970-491-7276.

Adult Learner and Veterans Services

Colorado State University offers support to veterans through their Adult Learner and Veterans Services office: <https://alvs.colostate.edu/>. Adult Learner & Veteran Services (ALVS) supports the transition, education, leadership and involvement of adult learners and student veterans to strengthen academic achievement and, ultimately, graduate from Colorado State University. As the founder of SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society, ALVS is the host of the national headquarters.

All Gender Restrooms

CSU is re-signing its single-stall restrooms to indicate they are all-gender restrooms. The locations of all-gender restrooms are shown on the CSU interactive map, under the "Inclusive Resources" tab: <https://maps.colostate.edu>

Breastfeeding Support and Resources

CSU faculty, staff, and students who are nursing mothers have access to lactation rooms on campus. For information about lactation spaces and room scheduling, visit this website:

https://www.fm.colostate.edu/lactation_rooms

Career Center

The CSU Career Center can assist students in looking for jobs, internships, or networking opportunities.

<http://career.colostate.edu/>

Conflict Resolution & Student Conduct Services

<https://resolutioncenter.colostate.edu/conflict-resolution/>

CSU Bookstore

Students taking classes at CSU can use the CSU Bookstore website to see what texts are required for a given class. Students will need to enter the CSU course number into the search system as opposed to the corresponding ColoradoSPH course number.

<http://www.bookstore.colostate.edu/>

CSU Graduate School

<http://graduateschool.colostate.edu/>

Links to resources on campus life at the graduate level (<http://graduateschool.colostate.edu/campus-life/>) and resources surrounding the CSU Graduate School's commitment to diversity and inclusion (<http://graduateschool.colostate.edu/diversity/>) ***Please note that MPH students **will not** follow the specific CSU graduate school deadline, policies and procedures listed on this site and should, instead, follow deadlines/policies/procedures set forth by the ColoradoSPH

CSU Health Network

<https://health.colostate.edu>

All enrolled students who pay the Student Health Fee and Counseling Fee are eligible to access care at the CSU Health Network, regardless of their insurance status. Students are not required to be enrolled in the CSU SHIP in order to access care at the CSU Health Network. For more information, see:

<https://health.colostate.edu/eligibility-and-service-charges/>

Student Health Insurance

All graduate students with CSU as their home campus, who are enrolled in at least 6 resident instruction credit hours (regardless of which ColoradoSPH campus the course is offered through), are automatically enrolled in the CSU Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) each semester and are subject to the mandatory health insurance requirement. In order to opt out of enrollment in the CSU SHIP, students must demonstrate proof of comparable coverage via the online waiver request process. Once you have a CSU ID number and email account and are registered for 6 or more credits, you will receive emails to your CSU email account explaining the health insurance waiver process.

This email will also contain a direct link to the online portal where you can submit your health insurance waiver electronically. Students granted a waiver in the fall semester will be automatically waived in the spring semester too. All waiver and opt out requests must be made no later than September 11, 2019. If you are enrolled in 6 or more credits in each semester and do not waive or opt out of the plan, your CSU student account will be billed for the premium. For more information, see: <https://health.colostate.edu/health-insurance-requirement/>.

Students who are enrolled in 5 or fewer credit hours are not subject to the mandatory insurance requirement and will not be enrolled in the CSU SHIP unless they directly request to be enrolled through the online portal on the [CSU Health Network website](https://health.colostate.edu/student-health-insurance/): <https://health.colostate.edu/student-health-insurance/>.

Mental Health Services

For students experiencing a situational problem, an immediate crisis, or who have a longstanding mental health concern, assistance is available through the CSU Health Network counseling services <https://health.colostate.edu/about-counseling-services/>. The counseling staff includes licensed psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and licensed professional counselors, as well as graduate student staff from each of these disciplines. All counseling is confidential. No information is released to anyone without written consent except in the case of a life-threatening emergency or when it is otherwise required by law. For questions or to speak with a counselor please call 970.491.6053.

Case Management

Student Case Management & Referral Coordination provides crisis prevention and intervention services. In difficult situations such as medical, mental health, behavioral, personal, or family crisis, illness, or injury a student or family may find it difficult to navigate the resources and services available. Student Case Managers consult with students, faculty, staff, families, and providers to offer guidance on the next best steps. <http://www.studentcasemanagement.colostate.edu>

Disability Services

Information on the disability services available through CSU can be found through the [Student Disability Center](#). Any student who is enrolled at Colorado State University and who self-identifies as having a disability is eligible for support from the Student Disability Center. Specific accommodations are determined individually for each student and must be supported by appropriate documentation

and/or evaluation of needs consistent with a particular type of disability.

Food Assistance Programs

Students facing issues of food insecurity can access the Mobile Food Pantry, Pocket Pantries, and other resources through CSU's Rams Against Hunger program: <https://lsc.colostate.edu/slice/slice-engagement/rams-against-hunger/#1542737786186-6ff89612-c87d>

International Student Services

The Office of International Student and Scholar Services promotes international educational exchange by providing immigration documentation, advising, cross-cultural programming and orientation for international students, scholars, and their family members. Our strong belief is that a vibrant international academic community enriches the city and campus and is an essential component to understanding our role within the world community. For information on services available to international students please review the website for the International Student and Scholar Services: <http://isss.colostate.edu/>. The office can be reached at 970.491.5917.

Library

CSU libraries can be accessed through <http://lib.colostate.edu/>. The Health Sciences Library on the Anschutz Medical Campus can be accessed through <http://hslibrary.ucdenver.edu/>

Off-Campus Student Services

Off-Campus Life helps students moving or living off campus to have a successful transition and integration into the Fort Collins community. <https://ocl.colostate.edu/>

Office of the Vice President for Diversity

The [Office of the Vice President for Diversity](#) (VPD) fosters an inclusive environment that promotes and nurtures diversity, broadly defined, at Colorado State University. Our goal is to further develop an environment where all members of the University community are welcomed, valued, and affirmed.

Parking Services

The Parking Services website provides information on parking areas on campus, parking permit fees for students, and the permits can be purchased online. <http://parking.colostate.edu/>

Pride Resource Center

The [Pride Resource Center](#) provides resources and support for all CSU community members to explore and increase their understanding of sexual/romantic orientation, gender, and identity intersection.

Recreation Center

Through the Campus Recreation site, you will find information on the recreation center, classes, intramural sports, sport clubs and other topics. As a CSU student taking 6+ credits your membership to the recreation center is included in your student fees. <https://csurec.colostate.edu/>

Research Integrity and Compliance Review Office

CSU has a long-standing reputation for ethical conduct of research in all areas and takes pride in the quality and quantity of research performed on its campuses. The Research Integrity & Compliance Review Office (RICRO) aids researchers, staff, and the faculty oversight committees in maintaining an ethical environment for activities in the following research and teaching areas:

<https://www.research.colostate.edu/ricro/>

Protection of animal subjects

- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- Ethical use of controlled substances - Drug Review Committee (DRC)
- Protection of human participants - Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- Responsible use of bio-hazardous agents and rDNA - Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)

Student Legal Services

Student Legal Services offers legal assistance in matters pertaining to housing, family matters, wills, real estate, traffic matters, employment matters and other issues. <http://sls.colostate.edu>

The Institute for Learning and Teaching

The Institute for Learning and Teaching offers professional development programs and activities, supports research on learning and teaching, offers colloquia on the scholarship of teaching and learning, and promotes collaboration within and across disciplines. <http://tilt.colostate.edu/>

Women and Gender Advocacy Center

The [Women & Gender Advocacy Center](#) provides programs and resources focusing on all genders, social justice, and interpersonal violence prevention. Additionally, WGAC provides advocacy and support for victims of sexual violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and relationship violence.

University Police Department

Bicycles ridden or parked on the CSU campus must be registered with the campus police. The fee for registration is \$10 and the registration form can be completed online. <http://police.colostate.edu/>

Writing Center

The Colorado State University Writing Center is a free service open to Colorado State University students, faculty, and staff and the local Fort Collins community. Our goal is to engage our community in conversations about writing; to that end, we provide face-to-face and online consultations for writers in all disciplines working on all types of writing from traditional research papers to electronic texts such as websites and blogs. For more information on specific services check out the website at <http://writingcenter.colostate.edu>. The Writing Center is in Eddy Hall, room 23, and can be reached at 970-491-0222.