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**Student Objectives**

Graduates of the MPH program are expected to be able to:

- Articulate the principles that are basic to public health, including methods for assessing the determinants of the population's health;
- Communicate effectively with colleagues, in and out of public health, and the lay public, about the scientific principles that form the basis of the discipline;
- Analyze published literature in public health, including the application of relevant aspects of epidemiology and biostatistics;
- Explain the variability in access to care and public health resources, including the workforce in the United States and abroad;
- Articulate the role of psychosocial factors as they relate to personal behavior, public health communications, education and impact;
- Describe the major environmental health hazards, their effects on individuals, their assessment and development of policies for protection of the public's health;
- Serve as a resource for information on health services, including aspects of healthcare financing and outcomes measurement;
- Delineate the legal and ethical principles that inform public health practice.

# Public Health Link

JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH E-NEWS

## MPH Program Spotlight

The Dean of Jefferson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) announced recently that the public health program has been given a new name and will make several other important changes beginning in September of 2007. The public health program is no longer a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) program. It is a Master of Public Health Program and will issue MPH degrees.

The credit requirement for the MPH degree will rise to 42 credits, up from 40 credits. In addition, starting in September, 2007, students may enroll in a "One Year Plus" program in which they may complete their MPH coursework in a single year, and may complete a final project during a second year.

These changes set the stage for growth of the MPH program. The degree was changed from MSPH to MPH because, across the country, MPH is the more typical name for generalist programs like the JCGS program. All new students who enter the program will graduate with the more familiar MPH degree. Current students will have a choice of the two degrees, either the MPH or the MSPH. Students who already were conferred the MSPH degree will retain that designation.

The name change is one of a series of changes to the Jefferson program that is being implemented over the next six months. The credit requirement for graduation will expand to 42 credits for new students entering the program, up from 40 credits which is the current graduation requirement. The credit change is based on the standards set by the Council for Public Health Education, the accrediting body for programs and schools of public health. Currently enrolled students will still be permitted to graduate

with 40 credits; new students will have the 42 credit graduation requirement.

There will be a "One Year Plus" program that will start in September 2007. Under this program, students may choose to take all of their MPH coursework in a single academic year, leaving only a final project to be completed during the second year. This option is expected to be of special interest to students enrolled in other Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) graduate programs like medicine, nursing, or health professions. It will facilitate the opportunity for TJU students to earn joint degrees in these areas and public health. The students will require one additional year of formal education, and a final project completed during their elective time in a second year.

Widener University Law School and JCGS have formally agreed to establish the first joint degree programs in law and public health. Two new joint degrees will be offered: a JD-MPH degree for students who are pursuing their Doctor of Jurisprudence, and an MJ-MPH degree for students who are pursuing their Master of Jurisprudence. Many of the students in these joint degree programs are expected to choose the "One Year Plus" option.

The two to four year option will be retained despite the addition of the

"One Year Plus" program. Part-time students who prefer a part-time schedule will still be able to work toward the MPH degree at



### Master's Degree in Public Health

The Public Health Program at Thomas Jefferson University offers:

- An easily accessible and safe location in center city Philadelphia
- Conveniently scheduled classes
- A program that you can complete at your own pace in 2 to 4 years
- Meaningful research and clerkship programs with opportunities in the community and abroad

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their own pace. These students are typically already employed and in the workforce. It is expected that the "One Year Plus", and the two to four year option, will coexist. Students may be sitting side by side in the same classroom.

Other curricular changes that will begin in September 2007 include four new course requirements: a Program Planning and evaluation course; a Capstone seminar, an additional course in Health Policy and Management; and a Qualitative Methods course for those students who choose not to take the course in Applied Regressions. Students who are already enrolled at this time, may fulfill the existing requirements, and do not need to complete the new requirements.

—Mona Sarfaty, MD

### Registration Reminder

Students can register online for courses in the Summer and Fall terms. To view a list of courses being offered, along with their day, time, and location, visit: <http://www.jefferson.edu/jcgs>

### Save the Date!



The JCGS graduation ceremony will be on Friday, June 1st, 2007.

### Public Health Thesis Presentations

April 19th,  
12-3PM, 407 JAH  
Presenters:  
Phillip Marone  
James Airoidi  
Leah Beck  
Francine Hanley  
Lauren Rittenberg  
Abiola Samuel  
Carla Thomas

## 4th Annual SAPHE Awards Luncheon

Jefferson Alumni Hall  
Thursday April 5th, 2007,  
12 PM—1 PM (*lunch provided*)

12:00 – 12:05 Welcome—  
*Ahmad Naim, President Jeff SAPHE*

12:05 – 12:20 MPH Program  
Update—  
*David B. Nash, MD, MBA, FACP, Dr.  
Raymond C. and Doris N. Grandon  
Professor and Chairman Dept of  
Health Policy, JMC*

12:20 – 12:25 Speaker Introduction—  
*Rickie Brawer, PhD (c), Associate  
Director, Office Community Health,  
TJUJH*

12:25 – 12:35 Awards Ceremony  
Excellence in Community Service  
Award  
Awarded to the leader of a local  
community-based organization for  
their efforts to improve the lives and  
health of Philadelphians.  
*JoAnne Fisher, MSS, Executive  
Director, Maternity Care Coalition*

Georganne K. Buescher Memorial  
Faculty Recognition Award  
Awarded to recognize the efforts and  
services of a faculty member.  
*C. Victor Spain, DVM, PhD, Adjunct  
Faculty, JCGS*

Service Recognition Award—TBA

12:35 – 12:55 Keynote Address—  
*JoAnne Fisher, MSS, Executive  
Director, Maternity Care Coalition*

## Master of Public Health Open House

All Public Health Students  
and Faculty are invited to  
our Open House on  
May 23rd, 2007 from 5-7 PM  
in the Bluemle Life Sciences  
building.

Meet our prospective students  
and partake in the refreshments.

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## Health Policy Forum

April 11th, 2007  
218 Curtis, 8:30am-9:30am

Topic:  
Update of the SMART Organization

Tom Kingston,  
Managing Director of the  
SMART Organization

## POPULATION HEALTH FORUM

April 18th, 12-1pm,  
218 Curtis:

Topic and Speaker TBA  
Light refreshments served.

Contact Dr. James Plumb with questions: 3-0535