

Core Course Waiver Examination Information

The 5 core courses required in the MPH program are designed to provide a foundation in the five core disciplines of public health. Some students may have previous coursework and/or work experience that they feel would have provided this foundation in a certain topic area and therefore may be eligible to waive one or more of the required core courses by taking and passing a comprehensive examination in that area. Only students with sufficient prior coursework or experience will be permitted to take the exam.

Before requesting an exam, please consider the following:

- If you have taken equivalent master's-level coursework at another institution, and it was not applied to another master's degree, you may be eligible to transfer that coursework into the MPH, in which case you may not need to take this exam. Please consult the Office of Academic Affairs if you think this may apply to you.
- Not all core courses are required in all concentrations. Some concentrations require students to take a higher-level course to replace the core course that falls within their concentration. Before requesting a core course waiver exam, please ensure that the course you are trying to waive is required for your program.
- These examinations will cover the full breadth and depth of information required to succeed in the course to which they correspond. Students without significant experience or education are unlikely to pass

If you do choose to request a core course waiver exam, please note:

- In order to "pass" an exam, you will need a score of 90% or above.
- Students completing an exam are allotted 3 hours in which to complete the exam.
- Study guides will not be made available
- Exams will be pen-to-paper, and will be proctored by ColoradoSPH faculty or staff on the student's home campus. Test takers may use scratch paper and a scientific or standard calculator only. Phone calculators are not permitted.
- Students will be notified only of whether or not they passed the exam. We will not provide students with specific scores or additional feedback.
- Exams are offered once per year at each campus, in the week before the start of fall classes. Alternate test dates will not be arranged.

If the exam is passed, the number of hours required for the degree remains the same. Passing this exam allows the student to replace the core course requirement with 3 alternative credits. Students are strongly encouraged to take another course in the same topic area as the course that was waived.

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Request Receipt Deadline: CU Anschutz, CSU and UNC students - August 1

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Please indicate the core course examination(s) requested:

BIOS 6601 / PBHC 5600 / CHBH 6120	Core Biostatistics
CBHS 6610 / PBHC 5500 / CHBH 5090	Core Community and Behavioral Health
EHOH 6614 / PBHC 5300 / CHBH 5500	Core Environmental and Occupational Health
EPID 6630 / PBHC 5700 / CHBH 6200	Core Epidemiology
HSMP 6601 / PBHC 5200 / CHBH 6350	Core Health Systems Management Policy

Date Submitted		CU Denver ID Number	
Student Name		Colorado SPH Program	
Phone		Concentration	
Email		Home Campus	

List and describe previous coursework and/or work experience that you feel has provided the equivalent knowledge, competencies and learning objectives of this class:

Please return form to:
Office of Academic and Student Affairs
Email: ColoradoSPH.AcademicAffairs@ucdenver.edu