

The University of Tennessee
Department of Public Health
Veterinary Public Health (VPH) Concentration of Study

Approved Elective Courses

The MPH program, totaling 42 credit hours, offers preparation for professional practice in careers related to improving community health. The public health major addresses the five specialty areas of public health and emphasizes a population-based perspective. In addition to required courses stipulated by the MPH curriculum and the concentration of study, electives provide flexibility for the individual.

Electives must be selected in consultation with the VPH academic advisor. Discussion of electives should explore personal career objectives and perceived deficiencies in knowledge or skills. Fewer elective courses are typically offered during the summer than during fall and spring semesters.

For guidance, a listing of approved electives has been provided below. Additionally, any course offered through the Department of Public Health would be approved. If a student finds a course of interest that is not on the list, approval must be obtained from the VPH advisor prior to enrollment. Limited opportunities for “directed independent study” in cooperation with a faculty member may be possible.

Comparative and Experimental Medicine

CEM 504	Descriptive and Applied Epidemiology (3)
CEM 507	Epidemiology of Vector-born, bacterial and zoonotic diseases (online, 2)
CEM 508	Epidemiology of parasitic, foodborne, and bacterial zoonotic diseases (online, 2)
CEM 530	Wildlife Diseases (2)
CEM 602	GIS and Geographical Epidemiology (2)
CEM 612	Human Animal Bond Journal Club (1)

Political Science

POLS 548	Public Policy Process (3)
POLS 556	Policy Analysis (3)

Social Work

SOWK 567	Introduction to Veterinary Social Work (3)
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Veterinary Medicine

VMD 887/CEM 610	Responsible Pet Ownership (1)
VMD 897/CEM 610	Cultural Influences on Animal Health Care (1)