

Online MPH Program Policies Addendum: Applied Practice Experience and Integrative Learning Experience

As part of recent changes to the accreditation for the University of Florida Master of Public Health program as per the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), students admitted in and after Fall 2019 are required to complete an Applied Practice Experience (APE) and Integrative Learning Experience (ILE).

APE will replace the current internship requirement, and ILE will replace the current seminar requirement. As students and program staff adjust to the new changes, we really appreciate your patience and flexibility.

As this is being launched in Fall 2019, details are still being finalized. As a prospective student, some important things to know may be:

- This is a practice program and APE will serve to give students a practical experience as they earn their degree. As of right now, APE is intended to mostly act as an internship. Students will be encouraged to seek out Public Health internship options in their local community. APE hours can be completed after a student has completed all 5 Public Health core courses, or can be completed at the end of the program. A student may split their APE hours up across multiple semesters and multiple sites. As part of APE, students must submit 2 deliverables. As of right now, 48-credit students will complete 6 credit hours of APE. Students in the accelerated 42-credit program may elect to do 3 credit hours of APE (as accelerated students have earned a terminal degree and thus have practical experience already), and may take an additional elective to replace the extra 3 credits of APE.
- ILE will be implemented as a required capstone course that students will take in their final semester. As part of ILE, students must submit 1 deliverable. ILE will be a required 3 credit course.
- Due to the changes in accreditation and the implementation of APE and ILE, students may notice a slight difference in curriculums compared to what is currently posted. Namely, 48-credit SBS students will complete 3 electives instead of 4. 48-credit PHP students will complete 8 electives instead of 9. 42-credit PHP students will complete 6-7 electives.