

UCONN Graduate Programs in Public Health Integrative Learning Experience Thesis (Plan A) Application Form

Date _____ Student Name _____ Empl.ID _____

Major Advisor _____ Secondary Advisor _____

External Reader _____

Degree sought ___ MPH ___ MD/MPH ___ DMD/MPH ___ JD/MPH
 ___ MSW/MPH ___ MSN/MPH ___ PharmD/MPH

The mission of the UConn Master of Public Health (MPH) program is to offer an exemplary academic environment that prepares interprofessional learners to achieve high standards of public health practice. UConn MPH students are expected, through their coursework, experiential and culminating activities to demonstrate mastery of skills, practices and perspectives that contribute to our program's vision of making Connecticut residents among the healthiest, most productive and satisfied of Americans. Individuals preparing to complete an ILE Thesis (Plan A) as their final graduation requirement must document (a) their knowledge of public health's core disciplines and (b) the implications of such work for the interprofessional practice of public health.

Please complete the Curriculum Checklist to document completion of program requirements.

Semester Year

PUBH 5403 Health Administration	
PUBH 5404 Environmental Health	
PUBH 5405 Social Foundations of Public Health	
PUBH 5406 Law and Public Health	
PUBH 5407 Practicum in Public Health	
PUBH 5408 Epidemiology & Biostatistics I	
PUBH 5409 Epidemiology & Biostatistics II	
PUBH 5410 Introduction to Interprofessional Public Health Practice	
PUBH 5431 Public Health Research Methods	
Elective #1 PUBH	Title:
Elective #2 PUBH	Title:
Elective #3	Title:
Elective #4	Title:
GRAD 5950 Thesis Research	
GRAD 5950 Thesis Research	
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Special circumstances/considerations (e.g., advanced standing, approved substitutions, etc.

The ILE thesis completed as an Independent Learning Experience is intended to demonstrate your mastery of public health as a scholarly discipline. The work you complete is expected to contribute to the discovery of knowledge about population health and practices. As such, you are expected to produce findings relevant and important to our field.

Your ILE thesis, representing the culmination of your plan of study and is an official document of the University. Approval by the graduate school requires:

1. A signed Plan of Study for the Master's Degree
(See: <https://registrar.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1604/2017/10/Plan-of-Study-Masters.pdf>).
2. A signed Report of Final Examination form
(See: <https://registrar.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1604/2017/08/Report-on-Final-Exam-Masters.pdf>).

A thesis typically will focus on:

- A theoretical statement about the relationships among one or more exposures, interventions and/or outcomes.
- A qualitative/quantitative descriptive study measuring the distribution or determinants of a relevant public health concern.
- An analytic study utilizing accepted research designs to evaluate one or more hypotheses regarding the causes and consequences of a health concern within a community.
- An experimental study to evaluate the efficacy/effectiveness of a potentially relevant intervention for population health.
- A meta analysis that synthesizes existing knowledge in order to generate a composite estimate of risks and/or consequences of a population health concern.

Use the following framework (with suggested page lengths) to prepare your ILE Thesis proposal.

A suitable proposal provides sufficient detail for a reader to understand (a) what you intend to do, (b) the justification for that effort, (c) the timeline and deliverables associated with the thesis and (d) an expectation for how this work will contribute to the interprofessional practice of public health.

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| 1. Provide a tentative title of this thesis. | (70 characters) |
| 2. Summarize the public health question you will address. | (0.5 page) |
| 3. Provide background about the significance of this research question for public health | (1-2 pages) |
| 4. Describe theory and prior research guiding your approach to this topic. | (1-2 pages) |
| 5. Identify the at-risk group (and why they were selected) for this thesis. | (0.5 page) |
| 6. State the hypothesis/hypotheses guiding your research. | (0.5 page) |
| 7. Summarize methodology for collection/analysis of data. | (1-3 pages) |
| 8. Indicate how your thesis informs interprofessional public health practice. | (0.5 page) |

Attach the latest version of your Competency Checklist and project proposal to this document for review by your advisory committee and Program Director.

Signature

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Complete Human Subjects Research Determination Form and provide evidence of submission. Information at: <https://ovpr.uchc.edu/services/rics/hsp/irb/irb-instructions-forms-and-samples>

IRB review of this proposal:

is recommended

has been requested (Date)

is **NOT** recommended

has been received (Date)