The U.S. health care system is changing rapidly as a result of public and private efforts to improve quality, decrease costs, increase efficiency, and provide universal access to care. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 addresses these issues comprehensively and is having a major impact on health care delivery, as are other policies at the federal and state levels. Targeted initiatives such as those to improve patient safety or advance medical informatics are also having significant effects on quality, cost, and efficiency.

The Health Management and Policy specialization prepares students for the current health care environment. They gain skills needed to manage health care delivery systems effectively and efficiently, analyze health policies, and communicate successfully to affect improvements in the system. The curriculum for the specialization is offered in partnership with the UND College of Business and Public Administration, which adds depth to the faculty expertise and course offerings available to MPH students.

The MPH Program at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences welcomes applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds including the social and behavioral sciences; the basic sciences; mathematics and computer science; and the humanities.

Applicants to the MPH Program must demonstrate adequate preparation to complete graduate study for the MPH degree. Evidence of preparation for graduate work is indicated by the grade point average (GPA) from all post-secondary schools attended; a standardized test score; work experience and accomplishments; and professional references. Admission decisions are based upon full review of all information in the application in order to ensure fairness and to balance the limitations of any single indicator.

The faculty and staff at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences work to create an intellectually challenging and socially engaging experience that provides students with the motivation, skills, and knowledge to improve health in communities and populations, particularly in the Northern Plains. Students develop the foundation to serve the people of North Dakota and the region for years to come.

**MPH Core (18 credits)**
- MPH 504: Leading and Managing Public Health Systems
- MPH 505: Introduction to Data Management in SAS
- MPH 506: Introduction to Data Management in R
- MPH 510: Health Care Systems
- MPH 520: Environmental Health for Public Health Professionals
- MPH 531: Biostatistics 1
- MPH 541: Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health
- MPH 551: Epidemiology

**Required Courses for Health Management and Policy (12 Credits)**
- MPH 550: Population Health Research Methods
- MPH 572: Health Care Budgeting and Finance
- POLS 551: Health Administration and Organization
- POLS 552: Health Policy

**Electives (6 credits)**
- MPH Practice Experience (3 Credits)
  - MPH 594: Practicum
- MPH Culminating Experience (3 Credits)
  - MPH 995: Scholarly Project
  - MPH 590: MPH Seminar

*For in-depth descriptions of courses, visit [www.med.UND.edu/master-of-public-health/coursework.cfm](http://www.med.UND.edu/master-of-public-health/coursework.cfm)