

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA AND HEALTH AND KINESIOLOGY, MS

This dual degree program will allow students to earn both a Master of Public Administration (MPA) and a Master of Science in Health and Kinesiology (MSH&K) through a 57-credit hour curriculum that integrates advanced training in public and nonprofit leadership with expertise in health and kinesiology. This interdisciplinary program is designed to prepare graduates for leadership roles in healthcare organizations, government agencies, and nonprofit institutions by equipping them with the skills to effectively manage programs, guide policy, and promote health and wellness in diverse communities. By combining the nationally accredited MPA program with the MS in Health and Kinesiology, the dual degree provides a unique educational pathway that positions graduates to meet the growing demand for professionals who can bridge the fields of health and public service.

Program Related Information

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Admissions

General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (<https://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/>)

Application Deadlines

- Spring 2027: November 1
- Fall 2027: July 1

Other Requirements

- The general prerequisite for admission to the MPA program is a four-year bachelors' degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA in the junior and senior years (last 50-60 credit hours)
- **English Language Proficiency:** Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the United States, **OR** a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a predetermined country on the waiver list (<https://www.unomaha.edu/office-of-graduate-studies/admissions/entrance-exams.php>), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
 - Internet-based TOEFL: 80, IELTS: 6.5, PTE: 53, Duolingo: 110
- **Statement of Purpose:** The statement of purpose should be two to four pages (doubled-spaced) and answer the following questions:
 - Please tell us about the factors in your background that will help us understand your interest in a profession in the public or nonprofit sectors and health and kinesiology.
 - What are your professional goals? Ten years from now, what do you hope to be doing professionally?

- How can an MPA and MS in health and kinesiology from UNO help you to achieve these goals?
- **Resume:** Include information emphasizing interest in public service and health and kinesiology
- **Letter of Recommendation:** One letter of recommendation is required, an additional letter is optional. These may be from professional or academic references. Letters should discuss the applicant's readiness to engage in graduate education with associated reading, writing, and research requirements.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
PA Required Courses		
PA 8050	FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	3
PA 8090	ORGANIZATION THEORY AND BEHAVIOR	3
PA 8100	ADVANCED MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP FOR PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT PROFESSIONALS	3
PA 8300	POLICY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION	3
PA 8400	PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT BUDGETING	3
PA 8410	PUBLIC HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	3
Health and Kinesiology, MS Required Courses		
HEKI 8030	RESEARCH IN HEALTH & KINESIOLOGY	3
KINS 8700	PSYCHOLOGY OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	3
PHHB 8360	COMMUNITY HEALTH	3
PHHB 8456	EPIDEMIOLOGY & PREVENTION OF DISEASE	3
PHHB 8500	HEALTH PROGRAM DESIGN	3
Public Health Concentration		
PHHB 8600	HEALTH BEHAVIOR	3
PHHB 8956	PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY	3
Electives:		
Complete 12 hours of PA, HEKI, KINS, or PHHB graduate-level electives		12
Exit Requirements		
PA 8990	CAPSTONE PROJECT IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	3
PHHB 8980	HEALTH EDUCATION PRACTICUM	3
H&K Comprehensive Exam		0
Total Credits		57