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Graduate programs in the Institute of Public Health are described in detail in this chapter. See this section for program information as well as policies and procedures.

About the Institute of Public Health

The Institute of Public Health (IPH) is a multidisciplinary, research-based unit, drawing upon the knowledge and talents of the Georgia State University (GSU) colleges, dedicated to advancing the health of the public through training, research, and service. The Institute of Public Health achieves this mission by applying existing scholarship and knowledge to health problems, particularly those that are aimed at reducing health disparities in urban settings. IPH programs focus on both building the science base that underlies public health practice, as well as on implementing interventions that have been demonstrated to improve the public health. Academic and training programs cover prevention sciences (e.g., emerging infectious diseases, immunology, virology, bioinformatics, public health sciences), as well as applied public health efforts (e.g., chronic disease prevention, health promotion, program evaluation, health policy, public health ethics and law, health communications, community-based research, and global health).

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8000.10 Degrees Offered

The Institute of Public Health offers the following graduate programs:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health
- Master of Public Health
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health

8000.20 Research Centers and Initiatives

Center for Healthy Development
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The Center for Healthy Development (CHD) was established in August 2008 to house the National Training and Research Center on Developmental Disabilities (NSTRC) and the Center for Leadership in Disability (CLD), a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). The NSTRC is funded by a number of private and public sources, including grants and contracts. It was created in 2007 with a center grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and funded by a center grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) of the Administration on Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS). In 2014, the NSTRC and CLD were combined within the newly created Center for Healthy Development. The NSTRC will continue to provide a statewide direction to promote healthy children and adults through community resources, public awareness, prevention programs, research, and advocacy.

Center for Excellence on Health Disparities Research
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The Center for Excellence on Health Disparities Research (CoEx) is funded through the NIH's Intramural Research Program of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and includes major research topics, as well as outreach programs, of Public Health and includes researchers and faculty from public health, social work, criminal justice, nursing, psychology, and the Center for Healthy Development. The three major research areas include: investigating variations in health among disadvantaged neighborhoods, especially in the ways that adverse childhood experiences impact health; examining the role of religion and churches in reducing transmission of HIV and AIDS; and testing a method (the SafeCare® Model) of reducing child maltreatment.

Partnership for Urban Health Research
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The Partnership for Urban Health Research (PUHR) was established to understand how the health and well-being of people who reside and work in the metropolitan Atlanta area. The focus is on populations that bear a disproportionate burden of illness and disease using an interdisciplinary partnership with surrounding communities. PUHR creates and disseminates knowledge that is beneficial to the communities that participate in the process.

8010 Mission, Philosophy, and Goals

The Institute of Public Health has the mission of *advancing health through leadership, scholarship, the human condition and promote the common good*. The most significant application of that mission is through the Master of Public Health (MPH) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Public Health degrees. These programs provide multi-disciplinary skills in public health practice and research and to assume leadership roles in addressing public health problems.

With a focus on scholarship and research in urban health and health disparities, the Institute of Public Health at Georgia State University “to achieve a front-rank position among the nation's premier state universities in an urban setting.” The Institute’s mission is strengthened by the objective of the University Strategic Plan for Public Health Education, Research and Service, “to ensure that the System produces leaders in public health education, research and service.”

The goals of the Institute of Public Health graduate programs are to:

1. Prepare students to use multi-disciplinary skills to address contemporary public health challenges.
2. Prepare students for positions of senior responsibility in public health practice, research, and teaching at the federal, state and local levels.
3. Advance public health sciences and our understanding of the causes and prevention of disease.
4. Incorporate the needs, perspectives and expertise of the public health practice community into the curriculum and field experiences.