The American University of Beirut established the first school of public health in the Arab region in 1954. Renamed the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) in 1978, it prepares professionals to address, analyze, and respond to the most pressing public health concerns in Lebanon and the region. FHS is committed to an interdisciplinary perspective as reflected in the variety of specializations of its faculty, in the scope of its research projects, and in its emphasis on the application of social sciences to the investigation of health and disease. In addition to having an accredited Graduate Public Health Program (GPHP) offering MS and MPH degrees, FHS offers a Master of Science degree in Environmental Sciences-major in Environmental Health (as part of an Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program) and an Executive Master in Health Care Leadership. FHS also offers four undergraduate BS degrees (Environmental Health, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Audiology Sciences and Medical Imaging Sciences) and contributes to the teaching of public health to medical students at the American University of Beirut.

FHS Alumni live in over 34 countries around the world. Many of these graduates have made important contributions to the promotion of public health in Lebanon, the Arab region, and the world.

The MPH program is a professional degree that provides students with interdisciplinary educational experiences emphasizing the biological, epidemiological, environmental, sociological, behavioral, managerial, and policy dimensions of public health. Students choose specialized training in an area of concentration and engage in relevant community-based experiences in public health practice. Our students come from all over the world, from a variety of degrees, and graduate from the program to work in leading public health, health care and other organizations in diverse settings.

**Aim of the Program**

The MPH program aims to prepare professionals who are able to investigate critical public health issues and who can develop, implement, and evaluate programs and policies that aim to promote and advocate for the health of populations in Lebanon and countries of the region.

The MPH is part of the Graduate Public Health Program (GPHP), the first public health program to be accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) outside the Americas and is still the only CEPH-accredited program in the Arab world, Asia and Africa.
Students concentrating in EPBS gain an in-depth understanding of concepts and methods of epidemiology and biostatistics that are applied to community and facility-based health issues. Students are prepared to become proficient in the design, conduct, analysis, interpretation, and evaluation of epidemiologic research and in the management and analysis of routine health data sources.

**Austin Dungan (MPH-EPBS) ’15**
Cancer Epidemiologist and Program Evaluator
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I chose to attend AUB because I was looking for a program that would help me develop the skills to improve public health in contexts of uncertainty. My experience in the MPH program was very rich and rewarding. Through the instruction I received, I was able to develop strong quantitative analysis skills with a solid multidisciplinary backbone in Public Health. Perhaps even more valuable to me, was the opportunity to work side by side with faculty members who challenged me to enhance my critical thinking, problem solving, research, and writing skills. Although I came to AUB as an outsider, when I left I felt as if I were leaving my family. I will forever be grateful for the skills I gained and connections I made at AUB.

**Emily Field (MPH-HPCH) ’14**
Evaluator
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC), Wisconsin, USA

The HPCH program dramatically changed my approach to the world. It introduced me to new and effective ways that prepare me to be an advocate for others and for causes I care about. It developed my understanding not only of how community-based approaches are both ethical and necessary, but also helped me realize why they are the most sustainable and effective means to make long-lasting positive impacts on the health of communities. Beyond the curriculum itself, the faculty members are outstanding. They are especially dedicated to the field of public health and tirelessly devote themselves to the philosophies and practices they profess. The relationships I cultivated as a result of being a part of HPCH remain invaluable to my work today. This program broadened my horizons more than I ever could have hoped it would.
Health Management and Policy (HMP)

Students concentrating in HMP gain an in-depth knowledge of the unique management and policy issues relevant to operations in health care organizations, finance, and information systems. Students gain competence in the application of management tools in health care settings.

The MPH-HMP program does an exceptional job in preparing its candidates for careers in health management, policy and research because of three distinct elements: (i) the rich curriculum that fosters knowledge about the complexity of health care systems in Lebanon, the region, and the world; (ii) the methodological toolkit that promotes analytical skills and critical thinking; and (iii) the systems-thinking and interdisciplinary approach that stimulates collaboration between and among students and faculty across different fields in a productive environment. On a more personal level, the FHS community nurtured life-long friendships among its graduates.

Curriculum and Credit Requirements

The MPH program is comprised of four required components totaling 42 credits.

- **Core courses**: 19 credits which emphasize basic public health competencies.
- **Concentration courses**: 12–13 credits which provide students with specialization in a chosen discipline of public health.
- **Elective courses**: 4-5 credits which enable students to select topics of particular interest.
- **Public health experience courses**: 6 credits which consist of a research project, a practicum, and a culminating experience.

Students with relevant and sufficient previous work experience in their chosen area of concentration may be exempted from the practicum. However, students exempted still have to complete 42 credit hours of study.
**Duration**

Students enrolled on a **full-time basis** generally need a minimum of 18 months to complete their degree. However, in exceptional cases, students who so request or who need to graduate within 12 months (such as those who are sponsored or on scholarship) can do so provided they fulfill the 42 credit requirement.

Students enrolled on a **part-time basis** are allowed up to four years to complete their degree.

**Job Opportunities**

Graduates of the MPH program may assume positions in a variety of settings such as community-based organizations, regional and international agencies, schools, universities, health care institutions, and consulting agencies.

**Admission Requirements**

An applicant is considered for admission to the MPH program if she/he has a good academic record in her/his university education (undergraduate and/or graduate) and has demonstrated proficiency in English by achieving the minimum required score on: either the University English Entrance Exam (EEE), TOEFL, or IELTS examination, as defined by the AUB University Graduate Catalogue. **NO GRE is required.**

For more information on admission requirements, visit the AUB online catalogue for graduate students at:  
www.aub.edu.lb/registrar

**Apply Online:**

You can access the Online Graduate Admission Application with current application deadlines at:  
www.aub.edu.lb/graduatemcouncil

**Tuition Fees**

For information on tuition fees for graduate studies, visit the Tuition Fees and Financial Aid webpage at:  
www.aub.edu.lb/admissions

**Financial Aid**

Opportunities for financial aid are available for qualified graduate students at FHS in the form of Graduate Assistantships and Graduate Scholarships.

**Graduate Assistantship (GA)**

Graduate assistantships cover partial or full tuition of the student in return for a specified number of work hours per week. Recipients are selected on the basis of their academic record, departmental needs, and available revenue. The application for graduate assistantship can be found under the “Financial Aid” section of the online application.

**FHS Graduate Scholarships**

Various scholarships are available scholarships are available for students interested in the MPH program at the FHS. Scholarships cover tuition and related academic expenses, travel to and from country of residence, and basic living expenses. The application for any of the FHS graduate scholarships can be found under the “Financial Aid” section of the online application. For more information on scholarship opportunities and the application process, visit the Graduate Scholarships webpage at:  
www.aub.edu.lb/fhs