

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

# Master of Science in Community Medicine

## MSCM

The two-year online Master of Science in Community Medicine program will prepare community medicine practitioners and leaders who work in underserved and underrepresented communities for careers devoted to improving health, preventing illness and injury, and detecting treatable medical conditions early enough to avoid premature death and unnecessary poor health.



### ONLINE CLASSES

All courses will be taught online to increase access to the program from anywhere in the country.



### COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING

Students identify an appropriate community setting or select from one provided by the MSCM program to serve as the student's hands-on learning "laboratory" throughout their two-years.



### JOB READINESS

Graduates will be qualified to work in community medicine immediately, or be prepared to pursue medical school or other advanced healthcare professions.

## About the Program

The 51 credit MSCM program prepares students as skilled community medicine practitioners to work in community clinics, federally qualified health centers, public health departments, healthcare systems, non-governmental organizations, and industries that serve those communities. Students will obtain specific mastery in healthcare problem identification, healthcare problem response, and healthcare systems management.

In the **first year**, students take courses to build the foundation of their knowledge. All students will be expected to achieve competency in four basic sciences: human bioscience, behavioral science, analytic science, and contextual science.

In the **second year**, students apply their mastered knowledge to real-life experiences. Students choose two electives to engage in-depth within community medicine practice, and spend a full semester on each rotation. To graduate, each student is required to complete a major capstone project. Students will also obtain applied skills specific to the practice of community medicine: clinical skills, community health skills, consumer skills, and leadership skills.

### Differences Between a Master of Public Health and a Master of Science in Community Medicine



- A Master of Public Health is a broad, general public health graduate degree that prepares public health professionals to work in a wide range of public health and community settings, and whose general purpose is to improve health.
- KGI's Master of Science in Community Medicine is a focused, skills- and knowledge-based graduate degree that prepares leaders and practitioners who work in underserved and underrepresented communities to decrease demand for medical care services by improving health and preventing disease and illness.

## What can I do with this degree?

Top Potential Occupations	
Entering the workforce directly	After additional professional training
Public health advisor	Physician
Epidemiologist	Physician assistant
Healthcare/medical administrator	Dentist
Healthcare educator	Pharmacist
Health director	Other health professional
Biostatistician	
Environmental scientist	

## Habits of mind and hearts

Throughout the MSCM program, students will gain the necessary understanding and build the essential habits of mind and heart of the professional focused on community medicine.

### Habits of mind and heart include:

- Critical thinking
- Communications
- Creative problem solving
- Interpersonal skills
- Decency
- Resilience
- Maturity



## How to Apply

### Dates and Deadlines

- Start Terms: Fall
- Application Deadline: March 15 (priority), July 1 (final)

### Application Requirements

An online application form is required that contains questions about your personal and educational background. Additional requirements can be submitted along with your online application or separately:

- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- \$75 non-refundable application fee

**Admission Interviews:** A phone, Skype, or on-campus interview is a requirement for admission. The Office of Admissions schedules individual interviews after an application is complete.

**Application Review:** The Admissions Committee is made up of faculty and senior administrators who will thoroughly and conscientiously review each application.

**Admitted Students:** Admitted students are required to submit a \$250 non-refundable enrollment fee to hold their spot in the program.

**Tuition:** MSCM is a brand new program on the cutting edge of community medicine. Therefore, the first cohort will receive full tuition waivers, and in turn, will help to shape the program and curriculum for future cohorts.

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