Welcome to the
Master of Public Health Program
Student Orientation Guide 2017-18
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Welcome to the MPH Program

Congratulations on being accepted into the Master of Public Health (MPH) program, and welcome to the School of Population and Public Health at UBC.

Before we begin, we’d like to acknowledge the unceded, traditional territory of the Musqueam people, upon which UBC’s Point Grey campus is located.

The MPH program is highly competitive and you are joining a very distinguished group of graduate students. Starting a graduate program is exciting and we’re here to support you throughout your entire academic program.

In this guide, you’ll find information about the steps you need to take to meet the program requirements, so it’s important that you read it thoroughly.

It’s also important to remember that it is ultimately your responsibility to make sure you know and complete all requirements to finish this program. We strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with this guide and the program website:

http://spph.ubc.ca/programs/mph/

This guide also contains more general information about the School, the University, and Vancouver, but if you have any further questions we are always here to help and you can find contact details on the Contact Us page.

We wish you all the best in the program, and we look forward to meeting you.

Program Overview

The Master of Public Health is a two-year practicum-based program, which is generally completed in four academic terms.

The program is offered in two formats: the traditional classroom-based option and Distributed Learning (DL). The required courses cover topics such as Statistics for Health Research, Epidemiological Methods and Leadership in Public Health. There are a variety of elective courses available including Maternal-Child Health, Global and Indigenous Health, and Occupational and Environmental Health.

The 12-week practicum can take place in Canada or internationally. At the end of the practicum, you will complete a final project and present a poster about your practicum project. This is a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience in public health and meet important contacts in this field.

MPH graduates have the potential to work for a wide range of employers such as government, federal agencies, not-for-profit organizations and the private sector.

Our graduates have gone on to work for organizations such as the BC Centre for Disease Control, Health Canada, the University of Oxford and the Ministry of Health.

As a graduate, you will have the necessary skills to direct data collection systems, undertake disease surveillance and prevention planning, outbreak investigation and health promotion, direct trials and studies of health-related interventions, and much more.
Start date
The first day of classes for Winter Term 1 is Tuesday, September 5th.

Prior to the start of classes, students are encouraged to attend our statistics ramp up course from August 28 to September 1, 10 AM to 1 PM each day. This course is designed for students in preparation for SPPH 400. If you are interested in attending, please register here.

Faculty Advisor
Before you start the program, you will be sent the contact details of your Faculty Advisor, chosen with your research and practicum-related interests in mind. Your Advisor will take on a mentorship role throughout your program, and be available to help you with things like deciding which courses to take, what practicum opportunities might best suit your interests, and general information about the University and the School. It’s a great idea to introduce yourself to your Advisor in the first term, to get started with your planning. If you want to change your Advisor, please let us know.

Buddy System
If you are new to Canada, you will be paired up with an MPH student as part of the program’s buddy system. Your buddy can help you with all the questions you might have, such as local customs, cultural differences, the best places to shop, eat and exercise, and more. They will be able to tell you when and how they prefer to be contacted.

Campus-Wide Login (CWL) & Email Account
Once you have your UBC Student Number, you can apply for a CWL username and password, which will allow you access to all UBC systems (including email). If you have not registered for a CWL yet, you can do so via UBC IT. You will also need to set up a UBC email account.

Student Service Centre (SSC)
The SSC is the system that you use to perform all UBC administrative tasks such as register for courses, pay fees online, access grades and transcripts, and update your contact information - this is what Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and the Registrar’s Office will use, so it is important that you keep it updated. Please note that your password is initially set as your six number date of birth (YY/MM/DD).

Tuition and Other UBC Fees
You will need to pay your UBC tuition and student fees when you start classes in September. UBC graduate program fees are paid three times per year: in September, January, and May, for the duration of the program. You need to make a minimum of three payments in order to graduate.

Course Registration
Before you begin the program, you will need to register in your first term courses. It’s a good idea to register as early as possible via SSC. For more information on your first term, you can take a look at the MPH Schedule. Students can add or drop courses via the SSC until the second week of term. You can find out deadlines to add or drop courses, and more, in the UBC Calendar.

UBCcard
Once you have registered with SSC, you can visit the UBC Bookstore to pick up your UBCcard, which serves as your Library card, student ID card and voting identification for student elections.

UBC Library
Once you have your UBCcard, you can use the UBC Library system. You will need the barcode number on the back of your UBCcard to log onto the Library network. Your PIN is the last five digits of the same barcode. At UBC, library branches focus on particular subjects and are located near related academic departments. To see a map showing the location of all library branches on campus, click here.

UBC Connect
For many courses, you will be able to view course materials online through UBC’s Learning Management System, Connect, using your CWL login. It’s worth noting that some instructors don’t have online course materials. Click here if you need help with this system.

SPPH Orientation
The SPPH orientation will be held on September 5th, and it’s a great way to get to know the SPPH building, your classmates, faculty, and staff, but also your fellow students.

Want to Storm the Wall?
No, we’re not talking Game of Thrones spoilers. The activities available to students at the University of British Columbia are myriad, and one of the most well-known is Storm the Wall in March.

Students form teams of five to run, swim, bike, and sprint their way to victory - but not before all Storming the Wall, using whatever techniques get them over the twelve foot high edifice.

Afterwards, you can relax in the knowledge of a wall well-stormed at the Party at the Plaza.
Your First Month at UBC
There are lots of fun events in the first month of the program to which you will be invited. These events are a great way to meet your new peers, faculty, staff and affiliated organizations. You will receive further information regarding each of these events throughout the summer, but you can also check the Graduate Student Society Events Calendar here. You can also check out SPPH events (What’s On at SPPH section) and UBC events.

UBC Orientation
Graduate student orientation is offered by Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, the Graduate Student Society and International Student Development. During the week prior to Labour Day weekend in September, activities and events will be held to welcome new graduate students to the university. Check out the schedule, get in on the fun, and get to know your new campus and peers.

Transportation
Public transport to and from UBC is excellent. When you are a full-time UBC student, your student funds will pay for a mandatory ‘U-Pass/Compass Card’, which will allow you to travel on any method of transportation (bus, Skytrain, Seabus) at any time.

‘TransLink’ is the name of the public transportation organization, which provides a trip planner on its mobile site. Google Maps is also great for trip planning in the city.

There are many designated bicycle routes in Vancouver and some buses can carry up to two bicycles – useful for the uphill ride to UBC. More information about bicycle routes, including a map, can be found on the TransLink website or from UBC’s Campus and Community Planning.

Fitness
There are several gyms and fitness facilities on campus including the Student Rec Centre, the UBC Bodyworks Fitness Centre and a Gold’s Gym in the University Village. Most have different membership pricing for students as well as other members of the university community. There is also a swimming pool on campus. Visit UBC Rec for more information.

Parking
A variety of parking options are available on the UBC campus. Be forewarned: regulations can be confusing and change with construction — read signs carefully! Students can purchase a UBC parking permit or pay hourly for the Health Sciences Parkade (the nearest lot).

Life in Vancouver

Accommodation
If you’re looking to rent accommodation, useful sources include Craigslist, PadMapper, Kijiji and RentHello. Short term accommodation options include Hostelling International and Airbnb.

The Great Outdoors
Vancouver is an active community surrounded by beautiful mountains, beaches and forests. Around UBC, there are numerous walking, running and biking trails, as well as several beaches such as Wreck Beach.

Cycling is a popular method of transport in and around Vancouver and there are many beautiful parks in which to walk, including Stanley Park, which is partly bordered by the Seawall, well worth an afternoon stroll.
The School of Population and Public Health

School of Population and Public Health
Your home base is the School of Population and Public Health building on the UBC Point Grey campus. The address is 2206 East Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z3. Most SPPH classes are held in this building, and you will also find staff and faculty offices here.

You can access the common areas from 8:30 to 4:30 pm, while the lobby and study space in the basement remain open after 4:30 pm. If you are studying late, you may want to use the Safe Walk service.

Computers
There is a computer lab on the basement level of the SPPH Building. Passwords for the computers can be obtained from Reception and access is free.

Email and Contact Lists
We encourage you to use your UBC email account for student business. At the beginning of the term, we will ask you for a preferred email address that will be added to various student mailing groups for both MPH and SPPH communications.

When you change your contact information, please update it on the Student Service Centre as well as informing the Program Manager.

Printing, photocopying and faxing
Printers, photocopiers and a fax machine are available for students in the SPPH building. Please see Jackie Carpio, Room 121, about getting a copy account. There are also a number of libraries close by, which contain printing facilities.

Environment
We all care about sustainability and the environment, and we hope you do too. You will find recycling facilities on all floors, bins for composting organic waste, and bins for cans and bottles. Separate bins are available for refundable drink containers. If you would like to be involved in the SPPH Sustainability Committee, please contact Karen Bartlett or Jackie Carpio. They are often looking for helpers and would welcome your enthusiasm.

Things to do in Vancouver
There’s always something going on in Vancouver:

- The downtown area offers the Vancouver Art Gallery, theatres such as the Orpheum and the Vogue, and cinemas such as the Rio and Scotiabank Theatre.
- Vancouver is home to frequent fantastic festivals, including the Vancouver International Film Festival, JFL Northwest, the Vancouver Fringe Festival, the Jazz Festival, the Vancouver Pride Parade and the Surrey Vaisakhi Parade.
- There are also regular cultural events to wet your artsy whistle, including Bard on the Beach and the Vancouver Writers Fest.
- Vancouver is famous for its proximity to snowsports hubs, such as Cypress, Whistler and Grouse, so snowboarding lovers should pack their board wax.

UBC
The University of British Columbia has a beautiful campus with many must-see sites:

- The Museum of Anthropology (pictured) is listed by Lonely Planet as one of Vancouver’s top sites, while the Rose Garden overlooking the ocean and surrounding mountains is always a tourist draw.
- Less well known but still worth a visit is the Nitobe Memorial Garden, a traditional Japanese Tea and Stroll garden, while the blue whale skeleton in the nearby Beaty Biodiversity Museum is an awe-inspiring sight.
- Those looking for an arts fix can head over to the Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery or the Chan Centre for Performing Arts, while fresh air fanciers can check out the 40 hectare model farm located on campus or the Botanical Gardens.
Facilities
The SPPH building has two private showers on the basement level, as well as assigned lockers, generally reserved for those who ride their bikes to UBC. If you would like a locker, speak to the SPPH receptionist to see if any are free.

There is a small kitchen to the right of reception, and a larger kitchen on the second floor, which contains communal fridges, dishwashers, kettles, microwaves and toasters.

Bike share program
SPPH takes part in a bike share program, where students, staff and faculty can sign out a bike for the day for a one-time fee of $20. If you’re interested in finding out more, you can speak with Stefan Mladenovic.

Evacuation assembly points
It’s important to note that in the unlikely case of a fire or other emergency that requires evacuation from the SPPH building, you should exit the building from the front, cross the road (East Mall) and gather in front of Michael Smith Laboratories (2185 East Mall), under the cover.

In the event of an earthquake, you should get into an open area, away from buildings. The designated open-area assembly point is located at the traffic circle, north on East Mall at University Blvd (near the UBC Bookstore).

Life at SPPH
Overview
Created in 2008, and part of the Faculty of Medicine, the School has four divisions: Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Public Health Practice; Health in Populations; Health Services and Policy; and Occupational and Environmental Health. SPPH looks to create, share and apply knowledge through research to improve the health of the public around the world.

Grand Rounds and Journal Club
Grand Rounds is a monthly seminar series held once a month on a Friday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Presenters include both faculty and guest speakers, and remote access is available. It’s a great way to meet other students and faculty and discover the breadth of research which occurs at the School. The schedule is posted on the SPPH website.

Another event is Journal Club, which allows you to discuss with fellow students academic journal articles, their methodology and what impact this will have on research or policy. Research institutes also offer local journal clubs, which is a great way to learn outside the classroom.

SPPH Website
The SPPH website, www.spph.ubc.ca, is an incredibly useful resource which can answer many student queries and is continually updated with information about course schedules and outlines, faculty, staff, events, etc.

Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology
The Graduate Student Program, run by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT), offers a variety of workshops, seminars, and one-on-one coaching on teaching and related topics. Workshops are free to UBC graduate students and Teaching Assistants.

Job Opportunities
Many SPPH students work as Teaching or Research Assistants during their studies. You can find information about all opportunities on the SPPH website. Applications for Teaching Assistantships open in early spring each year. Generally students do not TA in their first year, as they are all taking the core courses. The Centre for Student Involvement and Careers is another excellent resource for job seeking.

Extra-Curricular Activities
Students in SPPH from all programs participate in various fun activities on and off campus. For example, the Student Society at UBC sponsors hundreds of clubs on campus and you can find a list here.

TAPPHS
The Association of Population and Public Health Students (TAPPHS) is your voice on campus and meets monthly. Anyone can attend, or you can find out more by following the Association on Twitter @tapphs.ubc and Instagram tapphs.ubc, and emailing them at tapphs.ubc@gmail.com.

You will also have student reps in the School who will work with TAPPHS, as well as various committees in SPPH, to make sure your interests are represented. The MPH program will have student reps for both first and second year students. Click here if you would like to get involved.
Communications
A weekly newsletter is sent to students detailing upcoming awards deadlines, job opportunities, calls for abstracts, events of interest, and relevant workshops and courses. You can also subscribe to our other newsletters here and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

The MPH Academic Year

Term start dates

Program Overview
The typical UBC MPH Program timeline is structured with all of the academic requirements completed within two years. You will need 42 credits to complete the degree. For a full list of the required courses, click here.

The answers to many commonly asked questions can be found on the MPH website under FAQs.

Electives
During any given term you may take elective courses, including summer Distributed Learning courses. As a full-time graduate student, you can take as many or as few courses as you like each term — the fees don’t change. As long as you have the core courses completed satisfactorily and a minimum of 42 credits, you are able to graduate. Four electives are required to get 42 credits. However, we encourage you to take more than the minimum, in order to get the most out of your degree program.

Section Numbers
You’ll notice two types of section numbers for SPPH courses: 001 and DL1 (or 002 and DL2). 001 is for traditional format courses and DL1 indicates Distributed Learning courses. The ‘1’ indicates the course is run in Term 1, and ‘2’ in Term 2. Courses that run over two terms have a 003 section number. For students registering for the practicum course (SPPH 508) over the summer, the section number is 921.

MPH Practicum (SPPH 508)
An information session during the first term will be held for all students with the Practicum Director, Dr. Jane Buxton, who can answer any questions you may have. The program also provides a dedicated website for viewing practicum opportunities and information for students. You will be able to access this website in the first term of the program.

Your practicum can be completed either in your first summer or the following term, so long as you have completed the four prerequisites (400, 502, 524 & 525). The practicum can also be taken on a part-time basis over two terms.

Credit Transfers
If you think that you have previously taken a course that may be transferable to the MPH degree, please read the Student Services policy to find out which courses may qualify and contact us for more information.

Exemptions
If you have taken an SPPH core course previously or you have covered the same graduate level material previously, please contact us before you begin the program. If you receive an exemption, you will need to complete an additional elective course in order to earn all the required credits necessary to graduate. To request an exemption, please contact the instructor and Program Manager with a rationale for your request.

Academic Progress and Policy
Master’s degree students are expected to maintain a good academic standing throughout their program. A minimum of 60% must be obtained in any course taken by a student enrolled in a Master’s degree program for the student to be granted pass standing, and only six credits of pass standing (60-67%) may be counted towards a Master’s degree program. For all other courses, a minimum of 68% must be obtained. You can read the academic progress policy for further information.

On Practicum
As part of the Master of Public Health, you will take part in a twelve-week practicum, giving you hands-on public health practice and research experience.

Giulia Muraca on practicum in Namibia in 2009

These practica take place in Canada and worldwide, with some students working in Africa, the South Pacific and South America.
Distributed Learning

The program is also offered in the Distributed Learning (DL) format, often helpful to students who wish to continue working while studying for their MPH degree, or who live outside Vancouver.

This format involves extended weekends on campus which run Thursday to Sunday. These are all full days, running from about 8:30am to 4:30pm. In addition to the weekends, students are expected to complete 15 hours of coursework online per course each term, some of which will include readings, video conferencing, and other activities.

The required courses are offered in both formats, but not always by the same instructor, and elective courses will vary.

For students who live outside of Vancouver and require accommodation for the DL weekends, the best rate available on campus is through the Commuter Student Hostel in the Walter Gage Residence. Other accommodation options on campus can be found on the UBC Conferences website, and Triumf House, while Airbnb is a good resource for short term accommodation.

Note: DL courses start dates are the same as the term dates listed on the UBC Calendar. Most DL courses start with online content before the first in-class session.

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

What is G+PS?
Established in 1949, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G+PS) is the governing body for all graduate programs at UBC.

G+PS approval is required for a whole host of issues relating to students: course approvals, status in the program, program progress, graduation, etc. You can use this G+PS webpage as a reference for your UBC Master’s program.

A G+PS Student Orientation is planned for the first week of September - keep an eye out here for date and time confirmation.

Common MPH student queries
Click on the below topics to find the answers to some Frequently Asked Questions regarding policies and procedures that are set out by G+PS. Don’t hesitate to contact us here at the MPH Program if you have any further questions.

- Part-time status
- Leave of Absence
- Western Deans’ Agreement
- G+PS forms
- Graduation

GPS Workshops
The Graduate Pathways to Success (GPS) program is a palette of non-credit workshops, seminars and other activities designed to complement your graduate program’s academic curriculum and mentorship experience. Events are emailed to students as soon as they become available and fill up fast, so get in quick!

Graduation
You can apply to graduate via the Student Service Center. For more information about graduation, please click here and here.

The G+PS website has detailed explanations of the graduation process.
Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies administers most graduate awards and their Award Database is a great resource for all students. MPH students have won numerous awards in the past, so feel free to apply to multiple awards. Click here for a list of SPPH internal awards.

Some awards are for thesis-based programs only and this should be indicated in the award description (the MPH program is practicum-based). If you are unsure, you can contact G+PS to ask.

Careers and Alumni

Employers

Graduates of the Master of Public Health program at UBC have the potential to work for a wide range of employers such as provincial and federal government, health authorities, academia, and the private sector.

Our graduates have gone on to work for organizations such as Vancouver Coastal Health, Cancer Care Ontario, the Public Health Agency of Canada, the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, the University of Oxford, the Ministry of Health, and the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Careers

When you graduate, you will have the skills to develop policy in health care and health care management, practice public health, manage environmental health program and evaluate the efficacy of health programs and health promotion activities.

Our graduates have gone on to work as epidemiologists, research coordinators, monitoring and evaluation specialists, policy and research analysts, community health nurses, health program managers, and much more.

According to the Statistics Canada National Household Survey 2011, about 82% of recent MPH graduates were employed. Highlighted jobs included health policy researchers, consultants and program officers, inspectors in public and environmental health and occupational health and safety, and post-secondary teaching and research assistants.

According to our 2016 survey of 73 UBC MPH alumni, about 96% were employed, in school, or not looking for employment at the time of the survey. When asked about the type of role, 61 alumni responded, of which 23% were employed in research, 21% in management, 12% in policy roles and 27% in other roles such as evaluation, policy and project management. Of these respondents, 77% found employment less than three months after graduation and 92% were employed within six months.

Salary expectations

According to 55 respondents to the alumni survey, 32% were earning between $60,000 to $80,000 per annum, while 22% were earning more than $80,000 per annum.

According to the Statistics Canada survey, the median wage for recent MPH graduates was $73,990, with an earning range of $61,000 to about $94,000.

UBC Funding Opportunities

Affiliated Fellowships
All UBC graduate students are eligible. Application Deadline: Early December

CIHR-CGSM Awards
Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are undertaking a research project. Application Deadline: September to early December

Aboriginal Fellowship Scholarships
All Aboriginal students are eligible but priority is given to those whose traditional territory falls, at least in part, within Canada. Application Deadline: Mid to late January

Graduate Student Travel Fund
Awarded once per degree program. The Travel Fund provides one-time travel support up to a maximum of $500 per graduate student who presents a paper or poster at an official conference or symposium while they are enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program. Travel awards are issued through the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

SPPH Funding Opportunities

Hy and Lee Schechter Scholarship
This is awarded to a student who combines academic excellence with contributions to the University and to improvements in health communities.

Suzanne Mullin Bursary
These are limited funds for students in urgent financial need due to special and unforeseen circumstances. You must have a student loan and a Canadian citizenship or permanent residency to be eligible.

John Snow Prize
This is awarded to the student with the highest standing in SPPH 502 course: Epidemiological Methods.

G.F. Amyot Award
Awarded to the student or resident who has demonstrated leadership and academic or research ability, selected by the School in consultation with the Health Officers Council of B.C. Funded by the Health Officers of B.C.
UBC Student Services

Wellness Centre
This clinic is located at UBC hospital, about five minutes’ walk from the SPPH building. It has appointment-based and walk-in clinics, on-site counseling services and they also run a number of “Health & Wellness” programs and classes.

Student Services
A list of all services for UBC students, including food services, housing, counseling, clubs, and more can be found here.

Safe Walk
The UBC campus is quite large, and if you find yourself needing to walk a fairly long distance alone, or at night, it’s a great idea to use the UBC Safewalk program. Call 604.822.5355 and they will send you a co-ed team of walkers to accompany you to your destination. They work closely with campus security and RCMP, and they’re easy to spot - look for the red jacket, flashlight and clipboard. You can also use the UBC Blue Phones around campus if you’re ever feeling unsafe.

Aboriginal Services
Aboriginal Students at UBC have access to the First Nations House of Learning, whose mandate is to make the University’s vast resources more accessible to Aboriginal Peoples, and to improve the University’s ability to meet the needs of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. The Longhouse is a valuable support network for our Aboriginal students. A separate SPPH Aboriginal Student Handbook is available, so don’t hesitate to contact us to request this.

Sexual Assault Support Centre
The AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre provides free and confidential support services to anyone who needs it at UBC, including support groups, advocacy, short-term and crisis emotional support, and a lending library. The Centre is located in the Nest in Room 3127.

CSI&C
The Centre for Student Involvement and Careers (CSI&C), located in Brock Hall, has a resident graduate advisor available to all students and offers career resources and advice, orientations, and much more.

Counselling Services
UBC’s Counselling Services offers free counselling for students, and can help with issues such as stress and depression. Located in Brock Hall, you can make an initial appointment for 30 minutes to determine the most appropriate services for you in your follow-up appointments.

Pride UBC
The Pride Collective provides information and support for people identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and two-spirit, as well as education to the wider UBC community, and hosts social events such as Outweek in February and weekly discussion groups. Students are welcome to hang out in the Collective’s lounge at in the Nest in Room 2103, which is open weekdays for study and socializing.

Access and Diversity
Access and Diversity provides support and leadership around accessibility for people with disabilities. The organization can help students with disabilities when it comes to taking exams, academic work, and student loans, among many other services. Access and Diversity has several locations on campus.

Enrolment Services
Enrolment Services, located in Brock Hall, can help you with financial support, tuition and fee payments, and obtaining transcripts, as well as course scheduling.

Graduate Student Society
The Graduate Student Society (GSS) looks out for your interests as a graduate student, be they academic, social, cultural or recreational. The GSS has a great calendar of events for graduate students, from coffee socials to softball leagues to time management workshops. GSS is located in Room 225 of the Thea Koerner House (Graduate Student Centre). The Society also has a graduate only space, the GSS Loft, located in Room 4202 in the AMS Nest.
**International Student Support**

If you’re arriving from outside Canada, there’s a lot of support available to you as an international student through International Student Development.

The [International Student Guide](#) provides detailed information about immigration, taxes, and health insurance, as well as help with documents and applications.

UBC has [tools](#) for improving your English, managing cultural transitions and [homesickness](#), as well as guides to [banking](#) and more.

International Student Development offers drop in advising sessions at International House, located at 1783 West Mall.

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**Contact Us**

These are your key contacts in the MPH program. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need help.

**Dr. Amee Manges, MPH Program Director**

Dr. Manges has offices at the BCCDC and the SPPH Building (Room 137).

Please call 604-822-9203 or email [amee.manges@ubc.ca](mailto:amee.manges@ubc.ca) for appointments.

**Dr. Jane Buxton, MPH Practicum Director**

Dr. Buxton has offices at the BCCDC and the SPPH Building (Room 107).

Please call 604-827-4001 or email [jane.buxton@ubc.ca](mailto:jane.buxton@ubc.ca) for appointments.

**Simon Lam, Academic Programs Manager**

Simon is based in the SPPH building (Room 171). Feel free to contact him first if you’re unsure who can answer a particular question.

Please call 604-822-9207 or email [simon.lam@ubc.ca](mailto:simon.lam@ubc.ca).

**Erik Fuhr, Graduate Program Assistant**

Erik is based in the SPPH building.

Please call 604-827-5470 or email [mph@spph.ubc.ca](mailto:mph@spph.ubc.ca).

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**Leaders in their field**

The 2016 alumni survey found that of 64 respondents, 91% said they would recommend the MPH program to others.

When asked about the strengths of the program, alumni highlighted the SPPH faculty for their expertise and networking connections.

Another strength highlighted by alumni was the diversity of courses, the flexible learning format and the practicum experience.