

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA®

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM IN ANTHROPOLOGY & PUBLIC HEALTH (MA/MPH, PhD, MPH)

ANTHROPOLOGY & PUBLIC HEALTH have common and complementary interests. The two disciplines' practitioners can collaborate on community-based interventions, service delivery, and policy work in government, NGO, and/or international organizations. Combined training in anthropology and public health broadens the skill set and knowledge of professionals produced by such training.

PUBLIC HEALTH is concerned with:

- patterns of health and disease among groups
- what influences those patterns
- how those patterns can change

Public health practitioners use epidemiological data to document population health trends. **Public health education and promotion specialists** are trained in community assessment, intervention planning and design, and program evaluation.



ANTHROPOLOGY is concerned with:

- human beings, past and present
- biological and cultural diversity
- interactions of people within eco-cultural contexts

Anthropologists are skilled in successful engagement with communities. **Biocultural medical anthropologists** apply their skills to explore the biological, material, and sociocultural circumstances that bear on health.



The University of Alabama offers two options for dual training – an MA/MPH and a PhD/MPH. Our programs blend excellent graduate education in biocultural medical anthropology with rigorous, applied preparation in public health education and promotion. We produce graduates versed in assessment of and engagement with health as a biocultural phenomenon and who are trained in multiple levels of the social ecology of health. For more information, contact Stephanie McClure (smclur1@ua.edu).