



MCRSH is a key to the long-term health of individuals, families, communities and societies. Many adverse yet preventable reproductive and sexual health outcomes—such as unintended pregnancies, maternal and infant mortality, STIs, gender-related violence and others—are still the leading causes of illness and death for children and women of childbearing age worldwide. Although mortality in these groups is declining overall, some resource-poor regions of the world still face significant burdens and many children and women do not live in environments where they can achieve their full potential.

The MCRSH concentration is designed to provide MPH and DPH students with a theoretical understanding of the social and historical frameworks that shape related health outcomes across the life-span, as well as a foundation for research and programmatic activities in maternal, child, reproductive and sexual health. The curriculum embraces a holistic approach to sexual and reproductive health that recognizes the diversity of human sexual expression, relationships and family structures; promotes informed, healthy, respectful and responsible choices, free from coercion; and supports increased access to effective preventive, screening, treatment, and support services.

The concentration requires a minimum of 15 credits of course work, including:

1. **Two required courses** (3 credits each):
 - a) **MCRSH: Socio-Historical Contexts** (*offered in the spring*)
(Brooklyn, HNSC 7300; Graduate Center, PUBH870; Hunter, PH725; Lehman, PHE725)
An introduction to MCRSH history, policies, politics, economic and social issues and international perspectives (eg, eugenics, population control, reproductive freedom).
 - b) **MCRSH: A Life Course Perspective** (*offered in the fall*) (Pre-reqs: Biostatistics; Epidemiology)
(Brooklyn, HNSC 7310; Graduate Center, PUBH871; Hunter, PH726; Lehman, PHE724)
A methodological framework for considering maternal, reproductive and child health throughout the life span.
2. **Elective/or selective course** (3 credits): Must be explicitly related to MCRSH, such as: Adolescent Health; Reproductive Epidemiology; Reproductive and Sexual Health, Policy, and Rights; Sexuality Through the Lifespan; Gender and Health; or possible independent study with advisor's permission.
3. **Practice** (3 credits): Fieldwork (MPH) or Practicum (DPH), in an area related to MCRSH.
4. **Culminating experience** (min. 3 credits): Capstone Project/Master's Essay (MPH) or Second Exam and Dissertation (DPH), in an area related to MCRSH.

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