

**2.2 Program length. An MPH degree program or equivalent professional public health master's degree must be at least 42 semester credit units in length.**

**Required Documentation**

**2.2.a Definition of a credit with regard to classroom/contact hours.**

At the University of Florida, 16 hours of classroom contact are required to earn one semester credit. Students engaged in internships or other practical experiences outside the classroom earn one credit for 48 hours of learning experience.

**2.2.b Information about the minimum degree requirements for all professional public health master's degree curricula shown in the instructional matrix. If the school or university uses a unit of academic credit or an academic term different from the standard semester or quarter, this difference should be explained and an equivalency presented in a table or narrative.**

The MPH degree is offered in two formats, a standard 48-credit program and an accelerated 42-credit program for individuals with prior terminal degrees in health-related fields (i.e., MD, DVM, PharmD, DMD, PhD). The University of Florida uses a standard semester unit of academic credit.

**2.2.c Information about the number of professional public health master's degrees awarded for fewer than 42 semester credit units over each of the last three years.**

No MPH degrees were awarded for fewer than 42 credits in each of the last three years.

**2.2.d Assessment of the extent to which this criterion is met and an analysis of the school's strengths, weaknesses and plans relating to this criterion.**

This criterion is met.

**Strength:**

1. The MPH degree requires 42 or more credits.

**Weaknesses:**

1. None identified.

**Plans:**

1. Continue to offer the MPH degree for 42 or more credits.