

# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMME



"One of the six schools in the world promoting and practicing innovative higher public health education"
--WHO Bulletin, 2007



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#### ABOUT JPGSPH

James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), also referred to as the BRAC School of Public Health, was founded with a distinctive mission in mind -- to address the unmet public health challenges particular to Asia, Africa and South America. Located in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the School was established in 2004 as part of BRAC University, in partnership with BRAC and icddr,b.

At JPGSPH, we understand that public health needs require immersive, community-based teaching and learning, with exposure to research and programs on the ground. This helps formulate contextually relevant and sustainable health solutions.

Today the School is recognised as a leader in innovative public health education, research, training and advocacy for policy change. We work on diverse health challenges like maternal and reproductive health, nutrition, gender equity, water, sanitation and hygiene, non-communicable diseases, urbanisation, healthcare financing, and climate change.

Capacity-building efforts at JPGSPH aim to prepare future practitioners, critical thinkers, researchers, advocates, and stewards of public health and policy at both national and international levels.

# TEACHING AND LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

JPGSPH was established with the aim of having a world-class, public health programme. Launched in 2005, our MPH programme strives to produce public health leaders who "think out of the box." By exposing them to the myriad of public health challenges in disadvantaged communities, we prepare them to actively work towards finding local and global solutions. With its "field-to-classroom" philosophy, the School moves away from the traditional pedagogical approach to public health and provides an education unlike any other.

The MPH programme follows a competency-based curriculum and a sequential modular approach. The one-year programme is in-depth and intensive in core areas of public health. Our MPH students are able to attain public health competencies drawing from a full range of public health concepts in response to the complexities around 21st century scenarios.

#### WHY STUDY AT JPGSPH?



A global classroom of learners with diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds; the School features over 395 graduates across 26 countries.



World class faculty from prestigious national and international institutions, who are leaders in their field with multi-country expertise, engaging in cutting edge public health solutions and challenges.



**Experiential community-immersive approaches** exposing learners to multifaceted aspects of developing country health environments and service delivery.



Innovative teaching and learning methodologies embedded in a 21st century public health demand driven curriculum, using collaborative project based learning, facilitating peer exchange and integrative global and local case study methods.



Multi-stakeholder engagement with government ministries, NGOs, bi-lateral partners, public health practitioners and leaders



Employable professional skills to critically reflect, interpret research, problem solve, and find solutions to pressing and emerging public health needs.



### MPH CURRICULUM

The Master of Public Health is a year-long modular programme. At the core of our public health courses are a combination of social scientific theories, direct immersion into communities, programmes, service delivery models, and research methods. This ensures a holistic and integrated approach to public health learning.

Course Co	ode Name of Course	Credits
MPH 501	Introduction to Public Health	2
MPH 512	Anthropological Approaches to Public Health	1 3
MPH 511	Qualitative Research Methods	2
MPH 521	Biostatistics 1	1
MPH 522	Epidemiology	3
MPH 520	Quantitative Research Methods	3
MPH 521	Biostatistics 2	2
MPH 530	Health Systems Management	5
MPH 531	Health Economics & Health Care Financing	2
MPH 670	Public Health Nutrition	2
MPH 620	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	3
MPH 681	Aging and Health	2
MPH 690	Principles of Health Communication	1
MPH 660	Reproductive and Sexual Health & Rights	2
MPH 691	Monitoring and Evaluation of PH Programm	es 1
MPH 541	Environment, Health and Climate Change	3
MPH 700	Summative Learning Project	14

"My MPH at JPG gave me a fantastic \_\_\_ grounding in the theory and practice in public health...the field work and experiences are second to none."

#### -Dr Matthew Reeve

Australia (5th Batch) Senior Project Officer, Nossal Institute Ltd



# LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER FACILITIES

Comfortable accommodation with all basic facilities and amenities are available for international students. All students will have access to WiFi and computer labs at the school premises.

# **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Bachelor and/or Master degree(s) in health sciences (medicine, nursing, midwifery) and social sciences
- Excellent academic track record with minimum GPA 3.0 or equivalent
- Proficiency in Mathematics and oral and written English
- Advanced level computer skills including Microsoft Office and data analysis software
- Working experience of several years in the public health sector will be preferred

The admission process includes an application form, reference letters, statement of interest, individual and group interviews as well as written and oral tests.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Full and partial scholarships, including from WHO TDR, are available for students with an excellent academic background from low-and-middle income countries (LMICs)

"Bangladesh provided for me an \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity to learn public health from a realistic perspective. Everything I needed to see in public health, I saw in Bangladesh".

#### -Miatta Gbanya Liberia (7th batch) Deputy Incident Manager in Liberia's Command and Control Structure during its response to the Ebola outbreak of 2014

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A vital institute of higher education that aims to produce creative leaders and new knowledge in the broader area of science, social science, humanities, business, development, governance, and law.

## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS



The world's largest NGO renowned for pioneering pro-poor programmes in microfinance, education, legal rights, water, sanitation and health working in 11 developing countries in Africa, Asia, and America.



A leading international health research institution which fosters innovation in the development and delivery of global life saving solutions.

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