The degree of Master of Public Health (MPH) will be granted on the following conditions:

A) Admission

The candidate shall have:

1) Received the Bachelor’s degree and completed the normal requirements for admission to the Graduate Division of the University of California, San Diego, as specified by the Graduate Council and the Dean of the Graduate Division, except that:

   a) The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) may be substituted for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) in specified approved instances; or
   b) The GRE/MCAT may be waived in specified approved instances;

2) Met additional requirements specified by the Admissions Committee of the Master of Public Health Program

B) Program of Study

1) The candidate must complete at least 64 quarter units, including 36 units of core requirements and at least 12 units of elective credit. In addition to the core and elective requirements, the candidate shall complete at least 12 units in a track of specialization approved for the Master of Public Health.

   a) Upon approval from the Program Director, students with previous coursework and/or professional experience in public health may waive up to 20 units of coursework for which they already possess the equivalent.

2) A Capstone Project or Thesis is required of each candidate.

   a) For those students choosing a Thesis, the thesis must be approved by a committee of at least three faculty members appointed by the Dean of the Graduate Division, which includes at least two members from the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health faculty.

C) Scholarship

1) Only courses in which the candidate is assigned grades A, B, C, or S may be counted in satisfaction of the requirements for the Master’s degree.

2) The candidate must maintain a “B” average (3.0 GPA) in all courses taken during her or his residence at the University of California as a graduate student.

D) Residency
1) The minimum residency requirement is four quarters. Residence is established by satisfactory completion of a minimum of eight units per quarter, which must be at the graduate level.

2) Students must register and pay fees for a minimum of one winter, spring, fall and summer quarters.

E) Faculty Advisor
   The program of work of each candidate shall be under the supervision of a faculty mentor.