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# Master of Public Health (MPH) 2019-21

In collaboration with  
**Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong**

## Background

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This MPH is a full-time two-year course conducted in the scenic hill station of Shillong, capital of the state of Meghalaya. Shillong is the educational hub of Northeast India, drawing students from the eight states of the region and from all over India. It is part of the Eastern Himalayas biodiversity hotspot and offers unmatched opportunities for wildlife enthusiasts and nature adventure. The tribal tapestry of the region provides a deep diversity for learning and research, and for rich cultural experiences.

The MPH course will attempt to prepare a competent cadre of professionals who have a basic understanding of the various aspects of public health and are able to successfully apply this knowledge towards meeting public health challenges in the Indian context. The state of Meghalaya has sanctioned posts for state and district level epidemiologists in the Department of Health & Family Welfare.

The National Health Policy 2017 of the Government of India, section 11.8 recommends creation of a *"Public Health Management Cadre in all States based on public health or related disciplines, as an entry criteria. The policy also advocates an appropriate career structure and recruitment policy to attract young and talented multidisciplinary professionals. Medical and health professionals would form a major part of this, but professionals coming in from diverse backgrounds such as sociology, economics, anthropology, nursing, hospital management, communications, etc. who have since undergone public health management training would also be considered. States could decide to locate these public health managers, with medical and non-medical qualifications, into same or different cadre streams belonging to Directorates of health."* - National Health Policy 2017.

## Objectives

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In keeping with PHFI's mission to develop a public health workforce for India, this course aims to develop and strengthen the public health workforce and to develop capacity in health care leadership and management in northeast India.

1. To strengthen knowledge, skills, and attitudes pertinent to public health
2. To develop leadership and management skills in public health
3. To enhance analytical and assessment skills in collecting and interpreting information
4. To inculcate policy planning and development skills to address public health challenges
5. To develop communication skills for advocacy, dissemination and evaluation of public health data and information

## Course Duration

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The program is divided in four semesters over a period of two years. The program will be offered from August 2019 to July 2021.





## Eligibility

Medical graduates (MBBS), Dental graduates (BDS), Graduates of AYUSH [Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS), Bachelor of Naturopathy & Yogic Sciences (BNYS), Bachelor of Unani Medicine & Surgery (BUMS), Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery (BSMS), Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (BHMS)], BTech or BE (any branch) and graduates of four-year degrees in Veterinary Sciences, Nursing Sciences, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or students with a postgraduate degree in Statistics or Biostatistics, Demography, Population Studies, Nutrition, Sociology, Economics, Psychology, Anthropology, Social Work, Management or Law graduates may also apply. Work experience in a health-related field is desirable.

## Selection Process

An application form is to be submitted along with

1. A 500 word essay on a public health issue of relevance to India
2. A 300 word personal statement on 'why I wish to do an MPH'

Application form may be downloaded from

<http://mlcuniv.in/downloads/MLCUAdmissionForm2019-20.pdf>

## Course Focus & Teaching Methods

IIPH-Shillong has several ongoing research projects funded by international, national and state agencies and wide opportunities for field work in the region.

The pedagogy will include lectures, practicum, field work, assignments, internship, some subjects will be delivered in modules. Assessment will be conducted through continuous formative evaluation, presentations, and reports.

This MPH covers the general areas of the discipline of public health such as epidemiology, biostatistics, demography, public health nutrition, environment & occupational health, public health management, behavioral and social sciences, health promotion, health economics, health systems and health policy.

In addition, the student may choose from electives such as: Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A), advanced epidemiology and communicable diseases.

Item	Semester 1	Semester 2-4 (each semester)	Total INR
Registration	7000	0	7000
Caution deposit (refundable)	5000	0	5000
Convocation	2500	0	2500
Tuition	75000	75000	300000
Development	9000	9000	36000
Study tour	5000	0	5000
Total	103500	84000	355500

*Students will be registered with MLCU and the degree will be conferred by the University*



## About Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)

PHFI, a public-private partnership endeavor, is a large uniquely designed response to the service shortfall of public health professionals in India. PHFI was launched on March 28, 2006 at New Delhi. It is autonomously governed and is managed by a fully empowered, independent governing board that is represented by multiple constituencies. These include representatives from the Government of India, philanthropists and leading Indian and international professionals.

## About Indian Institute of Public Health–Shillong (IIPH-S)

IIPH-Shillong is one of the five regional institutes of public health set up by the Public Health Foundation of India in collaboration with the Government of Meghalaya. IIPH-Shillong aims to redress the limited institutional and systems capacity in public health in the northeast region of India. The mandate of IIPH-Shillong include capacity strengthening and improving health outcomes through engagement in research, education, training, policy and advocacy activities that is relevant to the region and the country. IIPH-Shillong has ongoing research projects funded by international, national and state agencies and will provide opportunities for experiential learning.

The IIPH-Shillong hosts a Centre for the Study of Complex Malaria in India (CSCMI) a collaborative initiative with New York University, USA and partners like National Institute for Research in Tribal Health (NIRTH) Jabalpur, MLCU, University of Manchester and LSHTM, UK. The CSCMI is part of the International Centers of Excellence in Malaria Research (ICEMR) initiative funded by NIH, USA. IIPH-S is also a Regional Resource Hub for Health Technology Assessment in India (RRH HTAI) for the North East Region, funded by the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW).



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