Differences between a Master of Public Health (MPH) and a Master of Science in Community Medicine (MSCM)

**Objective**

**MPH**: Broad perspective focused on theory and policy.

**MSCM**: Focused perspective concerning skill building and medical care services by improving health and preventing disease and illness.

**Areas of Focus**

**MPH**: A general public health graduate degree that prepares public health professionals to work in a wide range of public health and community settings, and whose general purpose is to improve health.

**MSCM**: A focused, skills-, and knowledge-based graduate degree that prepares leaders and practitioners who work in underserved and underrepresented communities. Graduates will decrease demand for medical care services by improving health and preventing disease and illness while maintaining respect for the community members’ cultural norms and health priorities.

**Curriculum Design and Pedagogy**

**MPH**
- Classroom experiences
- Lectures by faculty in their particular domains

**Both**
- Active learning
- Problem-based learning
- Community experience

**MSCM**
- Online synchronous learning
- Integrated courses