

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science in Community Medicine

MSCM

The two-year online Master of Science in Community Medicine program will prepare community medicine practitioners and leaders who work in underserved and underrepresented communities for careers devoted to improving health, preventing illness and injury, and detecting treatable medical conditions.

Highlights

**100% online**

All courses are taught online, asynchronously allowing access to the program from anywhere in the country.

**Community-based learning**

Students identify an appropriate community setting or select one provided by the MSCM program to serve as the student's hands-on capstone project during their second year.

**Job readiness**

Graduates will be qualified to work in community medicine immediately, or be prepared to pursue advanced education in healthcare professions.



About the program

The 54-credit MSCM program prepares students as skilled Advanced Community Medicine Practitioners to work in community clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), public health departments, healthcare systems, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and industries that serve those communities. Students will obtain specific mastery in healthcare problem identification, healthcare problem response, and healthcare systems management.

In the first year, students take courses to build the foundation of their knowledge. All students will be expected to achieve competency in four basic sciences: human bioscience, behavioral science, analytic science, and contextual science.

In the second year, students apply their mastered knowledge to real-life experiences. Students choose from two elective tracks to engage in-depth within community medicine practice, and spend a full semester on each rotation. To graduate, each student is required to complete a capstone project. Students will also obtain applied skills specific to the practice of community medicine: clinical communication skills, community health skills, consumer skills, and leadership skills.

What can I do with this degree?

Top Potential Occupations	
Entering the workforce directly	After professional training
Community Health Researcher	Physician
Managed Care Director	Physician assistant
Healthcare/ Medical Administrator	Dentist
Healthcare educator	Pharmacist
Health director	Occupational Therapist
Health Equity Director	Athletic Trainer
Public Health Advisor	Social Worker

Differences between a Master of Public Health and a Master of Science in Community Medicine

A Master of Public Health is a broad, 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.



KGI's Master of Science in Community Medicine is a focused, skills- and knowledge-based graduate degree that prepares leaders and practitioners who work in underserved and underrepresented communities to decrease demand for medical care services by empowering communities to improve health and prevent disease and illness.

Habits of mind and hearts

Throughout the MSCM program, students will gain the necessary understanding and build the essential habits of mind and heart of the Advance Community Medicine Practitioner.

Habits of mind and heart include:

- Critical thinking
- Communications
- Creative problem solving
- Interpersonal skills
- Decency
- Resilience
- Maturity

How to apply

Dates and deadlines

Start terms: Fall

Application deadline: December 15 (priority), rolling admissions thereafter

Application requirements:

- Completed online application
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Letter of recommendation
- Transcripts
- English language proficiency (TOEFL, PTE, IELTS, iTEP)
- \$75 non-refundable application fee

Admission interviews:

- Phone
- Virtual
- On-campus

Admitted students are required to submit a \$400 non-refundable enrollment fee to hold their spot in the program.



Contact us

Keck Graduate Institute

📍 535 Watson Drive, Claremont, CA 91711

📞 909.819.4KGI ✉ admissions@kgi.edu 💻 kgi.edu

📍 For more information, please visit kgi.edu/mscm