



# faith life and learning

## Application: Faith, Life, and Learning in the Master of Public Health Program

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Using an evidence-based approach to public health, the MPH Program is developing tomorrow's Public Health ambassadors. Our MPH program aligns with six tenets: Christian Worldview, Honesty, Resilience, Integrity, Servant Leadership, and Transformation-minded (CHRIST). These are fundamental qualities that pave the way to a successful public health career.

Public health is the science and art of promoting and protecting health and well-being, preventing ill-health, and prolonging life through the organized efforts of society. Public health by nature is the realization of hope for healthy and thriving communities. Such a hope for a better future is connected to faith, as scripture reminds us, "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1, NIV).

Given the complexity of public health problems, the MPH program is committed to producing servant leaders to address critical problems through the lens of hope and faith.

The MPH program supports Los Angeles Pacific University's (LAPU's) broader mission of promoting faith, life, and learning that reflects the Christian worldview and realization of hope in our students.

A majority of our MPH students attend LAPU based on their desires for a Christ-centered public health academic experience. For example, as students review modern public health challenges, they often explore the Bible to support how innovative solutions may be developed and implemented.

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**T**ransformation-minded

Our tailored public health case study model allows students to engage unique public health challenges facing their communities while establishing a deeper understanding of what it means to be a servant leader. Our students are required to complete a culminating experience aligned with their career goals, focusing on the application of public health concepts, critical thinking, and the six tenets of the MPH program. Finally, public health offers specific opportunities to speak for those who cannot

speaking for themselves, which is best done through the lens of hope and faith. In scripture, God provides fundamental principles that address the importance of advocating for the underserved and underprivileged. For example, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31: 8-9).