



# SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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## UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

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Community Oriented Public Health Practice  
Master of Public Health degree program  
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Dear Seminar Speaker,

Welcome! We are so glad you have agreed to speak to our students in their seminar.

### Logistics of your visit

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Parking at the UW is terrible, of course. Our classes meet in various spaces around South Campus, along the ship canal. If there is space in the [S-1 parking](#) lot, that is ideal. You will be asked to pay on your way in, but we will give you a sticker so you can be reimbursed on your way out. Your host, usually a student, should attend to your needs for AV (computer, projector). S/he will also introduce you in seminar, so will be asking for a short bio. Questions? Contact Suman Chhabra at [hscoord@uw.edu](mailto:hscoord@uw.edu).

### What is COPHP?

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The UW's Master of Public Health degree program, [Community Oriented Public Health Practice](#), admitted our first six students in 2002. We now admit 24 students per year, who learn the entire curriculum using cases or problems. Your seminar group size will be 20-25 students. Faculty write the course cases, but we do not assign reading material—students find their own way to answer their case-based learning objectives. Seminar, however, is different! This is their opportunity to hear from an expert in the field in a didactic setting. We choose inspiring role models doing great work in our community. Thank you for being among them!

### Student demographics

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Most of our students are young adults, having a few years of experience between college and graduate school. They come from a myriad of undergraduate disciplines, anything from biology to sociology. Our students have a minimum of two years work experience generally in health care or social services. A number of students come from underserved and underrepresented communities, often among the first in their family to attain higher education.

### Guiding values

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COPHP faculty and students recognize America's institutions and policies often disproportionately advantage white people of higher socioeconomic status, whose higher health status reflects advantages. Our program has committed to anti-racist principles and social justice in the practice of public health.

In this spirit, we ask our speakers to consider this guidance:

- Honor our anti-racist climate.
- Value the dignity of underserved and vulnerable populations in images and framing. It's important to note that a number of our students are not from traditional college-going middle-class backgrounds.
- Provide an opportunity for students to engage in the presentation.

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*The mission of the University of Washington's Master of Public Health in Community-Oriented Public Health Practice program is to prepare students to be problem solvers, advocates and leaders in community health. Combining an active style of learning, rigorous academic preparation and a commitment to social justice and community engagement, our program equips graduates with the knowledge and skills to effectively address public health challenges.*