Distinction between a career in Health Care Policy and Management and Public Health: While there is some overlap in interest, the skills, roles, and approach toward improving national health and health care delivery are different. The following table provides a summary of these differences:

	Health Care Policy and Management	Public Health
About the discipline – What you will learn	**Management**: acquire managerial skills and knowledge to effectively and efficiently manage in today's health care marketplace including marketing, finance, strategic planning, continuous quality improvement and performance effectiveness, health information systems, gerontology and more. **Policy**: Learn crucial health policies and workings of health care system, and acquire analytical skills to develop and analyze health policies including cost-benefit analyses	**Public Health**: Acquire requisite knowledge and competencies to design, implement, and evaluate public health programs that will make a difference in community health, environmental health, global health, women's health, social justice, health disparities, health services, and clinical outcomes, and learn to participate in other areas of public health research and practice.
Degrees/ Certificates offered	**Masters of Science** (MS) Degree – 36 credits **Advanced Certificate in Health Care Management** (with an optional specialization in Quality Management) – 18 credits (distance learning option available)	**Masters in Public Health** (MPH) – 45 credits
Concentrations	**Management** • Quality improvement • Finance • Marketing • Strategic planning • Health information systems • Gerontology **Policy** • General Health Policy • Gerontology	• Community Health • Evaluative Sciences • Public Health Practice

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Job Titles	Variety of leadership positions in hospital/health care organization management and/or policy • Director • Management Analyst • Project Facilitator • Financial Analyst • Administrative Fellow • Planning Manager • Consultant • Systems Manager • Marketing Manager • Director, Quality Improvement • Health Care Coordinator • Health Care Clinical Manager • Insurance Industry jobs • Policy Analyst/Senior Analyst	• Data Manager • Clinical Trials Investigator • Program Evaluation Analyst • Infectious or Chronic Disease Specialist • Health Outcomes Researcher • Surveillance Specialist • Program Planner • Waste Management Specialist • Consumer Information Specialist • Information Systems Specialist • Health Services Research Analyst • Bioterrorism Specialist • EPA Researcher/ Administrator • Industrial Hygienist • Pollution Control Program Specialist
Combined Programs	MBA/health management concentration Public policy/Health policy	• Combined MBA/ MPH • Combined MPH/ MAPP • Combined MD/ MPH • Concurrent DDS/ MPH
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