



HIGHER INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH (ISSP)

DESCRIPTION

The Higher Institute of Public Health (ISSP), which is affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine, was established by the University Board on September 16, 2016, and was officially launched during the fourth edition of the “*Printemps de la Faculté de médecine*” in June 2017. Since its inception, ISSP has established itself as a leading academic and scientific platform dedicated to advancing education, research, expertise, and community engagement in public health in Lebanon and across the region.

On the academic front, ISSP introduced a Master in Public Health (MPH) program in 2017, followed by a PhD in Public Health program in 2021. In addition, it offers several university diplomas and lifelong learning programs designed to address emerging public health needs, thereby reinforcing its commitment to advanced research and capacity building.

In 2023, the Institute established the Center for Collaborative Research Initiatives in Public Health (CRIPH) to promote interdisciplinary research, innovation, and evidence-based public health practices. The Institute also hosts several specialized research and expertise units, including the Mediterranean Academy for Learning Health Systems (MEDALS)—a tripartite collaboration between the Ministry of Public Health, the WHO Office in Lebanon, and USJ—as well as the University Observatory for Children and Youth in Lebanon (OEIL), and the UNESCO Chair in Health Education and Promotion. Together, these entities contribute to knowledge generation, policy dialogue, and the development of regional and international collaborations in the field of public health.

MISSION

The Higher Institute of Public Health (ISSP) aims to train professionals, leaders in public health, capable of improving the health of populations and communities, and promoting health equity through innovation and excellence in interdisciplinary education, research, expertise, service, and community engagement.

VISION

Be a center of excellence and reference in public health both nationally and regionally.

VALUES

- **Excellence:** Commitment to the highest standards in education, research, and practice, ensuring impactful contributions to public health.
- **Collaboration:** Fostering partnerships across disciplines, institutions, and communities to enhance collective efforts in improving health outcomes.
- **Innovation and Creativity:** Encouraging new ideas, approaches, and technologies to effectively address evolving public health challenges.
- **Diversity and Cultural Humility:** Valuing inclusivity, respecting diverse perspectives, and continuously learning from different cultural contexts.
- **Integrity and Responsibility:** Upholding ethical principles, transparency, and accountability in all actions and decisions to maintain public trust.

ADMINISTRATION

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DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Master in Public Health, concentrations: Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Management and Policies, Health and Environment

PhD in Public Health, Specialties: Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Leadership in Global Health, Health Promotion and Education, Environment and Health, Health Management and Policies

University Diploma in Health Information Analysis

University Diploma in Coding Health Information

University Diploma in Development and Organization of Mental Health Services

University Diploma in Health Economics and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Focus on HEOR Practices in the MENA Region

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates could, depending on the program of study they choose, work within healthcare organizations as medical records managers, medical records coders, billing agents, and billing auditors, etc. They could also work in the senior management of healthcare organizations, ministries, non-governmental organizations, regional or international agencies, research institutes, pharmaceutical companies, or mutuals and medical insurance companies.





TUITION FEES

Master in Public Health, concentrations: Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Management and Policies, Health and Environment: 158 Fresh US Dollars and 5,997,000 Lebanese Pounds, equivalent in Fresh US Dollars to 225 (exchange rate = 89,500 LBP).

PhD in Public Health, specialties: Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Leadership in Global Health, Health Promotion and Education, Environment and Health, Health Management and Policies: 115 Fresh US Dollars and 4,475,000 Lebanese Pounds, equivalent in Fresh US Dollars to 165 (exchange rate = 89,500 LBP).

University Diploma in Health Information Analysis: 178 Fresh US Dollars.

University Diploma in Coding Health Information: 178 Fresh US Dollars.

University Diploma in Development and Organization of Mental Health Services: 180 Fresh US Dollars.

University Diploma in Health Economics and Outcomes Research (HEOR) Focus on HEOR Practices in the MENA Region: 139 Fresh US Dollars.

