MSPH Occupational Medicine Residency

**Concentration:** Occupational Medicine Residency (Code: POM)  
**Delivery:** Traditional

**NOTE:** The MSPH in Occupational Medicine Residency is only for MDs in the Occupational Medicine Residency program.

The MSPH in Occupational Medicine Residency is an academic concentration that prepares occupational medicine physicians and health professionals with the research and professional knowledge and skills necessary to address the complex health and safety issues found in today's business environment. There is sufficient flexibility to accommodate a variety of interests and career goals, including: practice of occupational medicine in an industrial setting; development, administration and management of occupational health programs, practice of occupational medicine in an industrial setting; the development and management of governmental programs which may be required by law to provide surveillance, monitoring and hazard evaluation; careers in teaching and research in an academic setting or; planning, management and administration of occupational programs in an industrial setting emphasizing epidemiological, clinical and toxicological research. The MSPH curriculum focuses on the worker, the workplace, information management and administration. The student is provided the opportunity to acquire sufficient knowledge and skills to administer and manage occupational health services programs. The MSPH emphasizes protective and preventive policies, procedures, practices and programs. Information management and administration are stressed. The MSPH also gives importance to social, legal, and ethical issues concerns. There is emphasis and sufficient opportunity for conducting research; students are sufficiently prepared to pursue further graduate work (e.g., PhD degree) or pursue a career in an academic institution.

The MSPH in Occupational Medicine Residency includes an occupational/preventive medicine residency program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The residency program option is a two year concurrent academic and practicum with academic work in the evenings while the practicum takes place during the day.

**Program of Study**

You should complete your program of study electronically using Archivum at usf.appiancloud.com. (See Archivum instructions.)

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Note: You may choose a program of study that corresponds to the academic year of your admission or any year thereafter. Please see the guidelines below.

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**USF Guidelines on Choosing a Program of Study**

The USF Tampa Graduate Catalog, including college and program requirements, and program and course descriptions, is available on the web at www.grad.usf.edu/catalog.php. Each Catalog is published and in effect for the academic term(s) noted on the title page.

There may be circumstances in which a student may need to change their catalog year. This must be initiated through a discussion with your academic advisor. Details regarding USF policy on changing catalog year can be found at http://catalog.usf.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=987#graduate-catalog.

**2017 Competencies**

MSPH Competencies  
Occupational Medicine Residency Competencies

**Graduate Advising**

If you have advising questions regarding this concentration please email coph-grad@usf.edu.

**2011 - 2016 Competencies**

- Track the Fulfillment of Your Competencies: Your COPH Competencies Database Record  
- MSPH Competencies  
- Occupational Medicine Residency Competencies

The full list of graduate advisors is available on the MSPH Graduate Advising page.
Overview, Educational Faculty, and Mission

Overview

The Occupational Medicine Residency Program focuses both on the use of critical thinking and research approaches in investigations. Residents are trained to recognize, manage and prevent occupational disease and injury. Research focuses on:

1. Prevention of occupational asthma;
2. Newly emerging occupational infectious diseases from blood borne pathogens;
3. Repetitive motion injuries of the upper extremity and back (emphasizing ergonomic control and prevention);
4. Indoor air quality control; and
5. The changing economy and workplace, and its influence on worker safety and health.

The practicum includes at least four months of supervised real world of work training and includes rotations in utility and power industry, aeronautic and space industry, occupational medicine clinics and regulatory agencies. Rotation site locations are described below. Research time is required. We are proud of our faculty's educational and research accomplishments and we encourage faculty members and residents to work closely together in a supportive environment to refine professional skills in conducting research studies. It is our goal to provide you with an outstanding education that will lead to the greatest development of your skills in preparation of a lifetime of professional and personal gratification and to successful certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine /Occupational Medicine. The residency is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Educational Faculty:

This OMR program has five faculty members on staff:

- Tom Truncale, DO, MPH, CIME, Program Director
- Eve Hanna, MD, MSPH
- Joan Watkins, DO, MPH
- Alfred Mbah, PHD, Assistant Professor, Research
- Rachel Williams, MD, MSPH

Occupational Medicine Mission

The mission of the residency program is to prepare physicians for careers in Occupational Medicine in the 21st century. The residency furnishes a broad base of knowledge which includes all aspects of occupational safety and health with an emphasis on protective and preventive policies, procedures, practices and programs. Graduates are trained to administer, manage and direct clinical occupational health programs. The residency clinical rotations emphasize health of workers and their ability to perform work; the arrangement of work; and the physical, chemical and social environment in the workplace. There is enough flexibility in the program to allow each resident to pursue and achieve individual interests and career goals.

Admission

Residency Program Options

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply to the two-year concurrent academic and practicum phase residency program. The academic work is completed at the College of Public Health during the evenings, while the practicum activities take place in the community during the day. A practicum year or complimentary pathway is not available.

Financial Support

Stipend support and tuition waivers is provided for applicants accepted into the residency.

Admission Requirements

In order to qualify for the residency, applicants who are graduates from a US medical school must have one year of clinical training in an ACGME accredited program and graduates of a foreign medical school must have two years of clinical training in an ACGME accredited program. Successful applicants must have passed all three steps of the USMLE/COMLEX and be able to provide proof of US citizenship /residency valid at the time of application.

The Residency Program generally accepts between two to four residents per year.

Applications and Forms to Apply to the Residency

Interested applicants should apply to the residency through ERAS. If you are unable to apply through ERAS, please use our OMR Application form, and send it in along with all the required support documentation. Complete applications may be emailed to kfreedm1@health.usf.edu, or mailed to the address below. Applicants will also need to apply to USF and the College of Public Health. See the college application instructions for details. (6.1 Graduate Application Procedures).

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USF College of Public Health
Occupational Medicine Residency Program
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Concentration Details

Prerequisites

In addition to meeting the admission requirements for the Master of Science in Public Health degree, applicants should also meet these concentration prerequisites:

- Public health course prerequisites: None required.
- Suggested/preferred undergraduate majors: Majors that prepared candidates for matriculation into medical school; undergraduate majors in other clinical disciplines, e.g., nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy are acceptable.
- For residency program: Acceptance into the residency requires graduation from an approved medical school and completion of at least two years of clinical training in a primary care specialty. Consideration will also be given for resident applicants with considerable occupational medicine practice experience and only one year of residency training.
- Prerequisite undergraduate courses: Clinical courses associated with a clinical profession.
- Experience:
  - Clinical Training
    US Medical school graduates are required to have 12 months of ACGME approved clinical training before being eligible for our program. Foreign medical school graduates must have 24 months of US ACGME accredited clinical training before being eligible. Certificates of training completion must be provided, as well as the name and contact information of the Program Director of the completed program(s).
  - USMLE (Steps I, II, and III) or COMLEX-USA (Levels 1, 2, and 3) or FLEX SCORES
    You must have all three steps of the USMLE or COMLEX-USA completed before you will be considered for the program.
  - Minimum undergraduate GPA:
    - Residency program or other physicians with a valid U.S. unrestricted medical license
    - Other health professionals 3.0 in last 60 credits of undergraduate program and a valid clinical license.
  - GRE Score:
    - Residency Program: waived with documentation of unrestricted valid U.S. medical license.
    - Other health professionals: see the Master of Science in Public Health degree requirements.

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