Our Mission Statement

The MPH in Public Health Practice Program at the University of Alaska Anchorage enhances health in diverse communities across Alaska, the circumpolar north, the nation, and the world. This is accomplished through excellence in the education of public health practice leaders, scientific investigation of public health issues, and engaging communities in an organized effort to identify, assess, prevent, and mitigate community health challenges.

As faculty, our efforts are to:

- Expand Quality Educational Opportunities
- Promote Professional Development for Public Health Graduate Students
- Encourage Students to “Think Global and Act Local” and vice versa
- Support Community-Engaged Opportunities
- Promote Personal Growth

Through Curriculum:

- HS A624 Circumpolar Health Issues
  Critical analysis of key health issues in the northern circumpolar region
- HS A630 Public Health Emergencies and Disasters
  Public health issues concerning natural and human-generated disasters worldwide
- HS A690 Introduction to Global Health
  Addressing global health issues, determinants of health, and impact of social, cultural and economic factors
- HS A690 Cross-Cultural Health Issues
  Explore concepts of culture and health, cultural competency and humility
- HS A697 Independent Studies and HS A699 Thesis Practicum

Through Intercultural Community Engagement & Research:

- Filipino Mixology (Spring 2009) A semester-long, community-engaged seminar series
- Mountain View Community Needs Assessment (Spring-Summer 2009) A community of diverse ethnic groups and cultures: Hispanic, Africans, Asians, and Pacific Islanders
- Problems and Needs of Asians and Pacific Islander Youth in Anchorage, Alaska (Fall 2009-Fall 2010) Research and community needs assessment
- Filipino American History Month (Fall 2010) A collaborative effort with the Filipino Community and several UAA departments
- Diabetes among Racial and Ethnic Minorities Evaluation and Outreach in Anchorage, Alaska (Summer 2010)
- Health Needs Assessment of the Hispanic Community in Alaska. (Spring to Fall 2011) A collaborative effort with the Consulate of Mexico.

Through International Conferences & Summer Institutes

- Summer Institute in Circumpolar Health Research & International Network of Circumpolar Health Research Annual General Meeting (May 2010) Copenhagen, Denmark - 3 MPH students/1 alumni presented research
- International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences - Circumpolar Perspectives in Global Dialogue (June 2011) Akureyri, Iceland - 2 MPH students presented research
- International Epidemiological Association (IEA) World Congress of Epidemiology (Fall 2014) Anchorage, Alaska - MPH students will be on planning/organizing committees and attend this international conference.

Through Independent Studies & Research Opportunities:

- Health & Development in Mongolia Independent Studies (May/June 2009) 4 MPH students participated, in-country sessions on language, culture, public health issues, infrastructure & site visits
- Collaboration with Engineers Without Borders-UAA Chapter: Rainwater Catchment & Flood Control Projects at the Rhema Grace Orphanage and Ombe, Cameroon
- Community Engaged Student Assistant (CESA) Opportunities (Spring 2011)
  - 1 CESA focused on malaria prevention issues and bed net use
  - 1 CESA focused on water issues and developing hand washing & hygiene activities