While the Master of Public Health (MPH): Health Education and Promotion degree may be one of the newest master's programs within the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science, our program and other public health programs across the United States have observed substantial increases in program enrollment amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. With 13 more students enrolled for the upcoming Spring 2021 semester, the MPH: Health Education and Promotion degree has a 64.52% enrollment increase in the last academic year.

In our MPH Health Education and Promotion degree, students will learn to promote and sustain health environments and healthy lives for individuals and populations. For students enrolling in public health programs, they aren't looking for helpers, they are the helpers.

Several students in our program have used their public health skills to assist in COVID-19 response efforts. Gabriel Glissmeyer is volunteering as a cheek swabber and health educator with the Salt Lake County Medical Reserve Corps. While Morgan Talbot is volunteering with the Utah Food Bank in Utah County to distribute food to families in need of COVID-19 relief. Kira Swensen volunteered her time as a contact tracer from June – August 2020, who now works for Baylor University. Madi Shephard assists with coordinating services here for Utah State University students who are in quarantine isolation due to COVID-19.

The Utah State University Masters of Public Health degrees in Health Education & Promotion is an online degree that provides flexibility for working professionals to enroll in the 45 credit degree and complete at their own pace. For more information on the MPH program, please contact Dr. Julie Gast, MPH Health Education and Promotion Director at Julie.Gast@usu.edu.

References:

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