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## **IU to offer master's degree in public health**

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Beginning this fall, the IU Department of Public Health will offer a master's degree in public health.

This is the only MPH degree program in Indiana offering concentrations in four areas: behavioral health sciences, environmental health, epidemiology, and health policy and management.

The interdisciplinary approach and collaboration between various departments and schools contributes to the uniqueness of this program. Collaborating on the program with IU School of Medicine are the IU schools of allied health sciences; business; dentistry; health, physical education and recreation (IU-Bloomington); law (IUPUI); liberal arts; nursing; optometry (IU-Bloomington); public and environmental affairs; science; and social work. Also involved in the partnership are Purdue University, the Indiana State Department of Health, and the Marion County Health Department.

Through these partnerships, the MPH program will offer students the benefits of education and experience in interdisciplinary environments enriched by community-based activities.

Completion of the three-year part-time degree requires 43 credit hours. Of those credit hours, 18 are required core classes and 25 are in the specific concentration selected by the student.

The MPH program is designed to meet the needs of public health professionals who want to continue their education while still working full time. Classes are scheduled two evenings each week during the 15-week fall and spring semesters and during the two summer sessions offered at IUPUI.

To be admitted to the program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college, have a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and provide scores from the Graduate Record Exam taken within the past five years.

The application process began in March and final selection will be made in June. Classes begin in August.

Graduates of the MPH program will be eligible to work as managers, epidemiologists, health educators, policy analysts, researchers, or teachers.

For additional information or an application, contact Nancie Cloe, 317-278-0337. Elise Papke, MPH, is director of the new Master of Public Health program. Stephen Jay, MD, assistant dean at IUSM, is interim chairman of the Department of Public Health.

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## BRIEFS

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### IUSM honored

IUSM was one of 46 medical schools honored by the American Academy of Family Physicians for their efforts in making family practice a top career choice for graduating medical students.

Deborah Allen, MD, chair of the Department of Family Medicine, accepted a Bronze Achievement Award on behalf of the school. IUSM was recognized for having 22.8 percent of its graduates enter family practice residency programs over the past three years.

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### Symposium slated

Mental health advocates, consumers, family members and professionals are invited to attend the first mental health symposium presented by the IUSM Department of Psychiatry from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the University Place Conference Center.

The symposium is entitled “Unlocking the Mysteries of Mental Health: From Research to Treatment.” It is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Mental Health Association in Indiana Inc.

Keynote speakers will be Lydia Lewis, executive director of the National Depressive & Manic-Depressive Association, and Jeffrey Buck, PhD, associate director of the Center for Mental Health Services.

Faculty from IU’s Institute for Psychiatric Research will present information based on their research and treatment of depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, autism, substance abuse, Alzheimer’s disease,

genetic counseling, mood disorders, anxiety disorders and dissociative disorders.

For reservations, calls 317-274-1359.

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## **Faculty honored at 1998 Senior Banquet**

Several IUSM faculty were recognized May 8 at the 1988 Senior Banquet. The list of those receiving teaching awards follows. Students who received honors at the event were listed in the May 18 issue of Scope.

Stan Alexander, MD, assistant professor of radiology, won his third Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching at the 1998 Medical School Senior Banquet on May 8. The recipient of this top teaching honor is chosen each year by the graduating class.

The Outstanding House Officer award was presented to resident Alex Djuricich, MD.

Other teaching awards were presented to faculty for excellence in basic science and clinical instruction. They are:

### Basic Science

Bloomington Center for Medical Education -- Mark Braun, MD;

Evansville Center for Medical Education -- Cathy McGraw, PhD;

Fort Wayne Center for Medical Education - Glenn Merkel, PhD;

Indianapolis -- Robert Harris, MD;

Lafayette Center for Medical Education -- Regina Kreisle, MD, PhD;

Muncie Center for Medical Education -- Victor Jolgren, MD;

Northwest Center for Medical Education - Tsau-yuen Huang, MD;

South Bend Center for Medical Education -- Kenneth Olson, PhD;

Terre Haute Center for Medical Education -- Taihung Duong, PhD ;

## Clinical

Family Medicine - Richard Kiovsky, MD;

Medicine - George Sarosi, MD;

Neurology - Robert Pascuzzi, MD;

Ob/Gyn - Katherine Look, MD;

Pediatrics - Jim Megremis, MD;

Psychiatry - Maxwell Sobel, MD;

Radiology - Robert Tarver, MD;

Surgery - Robert Goulet, MD;

Surgery Specialty - Joel Boaz, MD.

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## Faculty member assists children

Simon Hillier, MD, associate professor of anesthesiology, has returned from a two week trip to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with the International Children's Heart Foundation.

The foundation organizes about 10 trips a year to Eastern European countries where medical teams perform pediatric cardiac surgery and assist teach new techniques to local physicians.

Dr. Hillier said during the two weeks he was there, he assisted with 19 surgeries.

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## Farewell planned for two physicians

There will be a farewell reception for David Leibowitz, MD, and Craig Nichols, MD, from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, June 12, at the University Place Conference Center.

Dr. Nichols, professor of medicine, has accepted the position of chief of hematology/oncology and associate director of the Oregon Cancer Center. The center is a NCI-designated cancer center.

Dr. Nichols will assume the DeArmond professorship, a \$4 million endowed position.

“I greatly appreciate my 15-year tenure here at Indiana University where I completed my fellowship in 1985 and joined the faculty,” Dr. Nichols said. “I will be taking many of the principles I learned here and transferring them to Oregon where I hope to building an ‘IU West.’”

Dr. Leibowitz will be joining the Permanente Medical Group in San Jose, Calif., as an associate physician practicing hematology/oncology.

“I have very much enjoyed my nine years at Indiana University,” said Dr. Leibowitz. “The people have been supportive and the institution allowed me to develop my laboratory work while at the same time discovering how much I enjoyed taking care of patients. I am originally from the San Francisco Bay area and I am very excited about returning there and being able to practice clinical medicine.

His wife, Katherine Young, PhD, assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, will be working in prenatal genetic counseling.

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## Honors

Frederick Leickly, MD, associate professor of pediatrics, is the recipient of the first-ever Medicine Public Health Award from the Indiana Public Health Association. The award recognizes Dr. Leickly’s efforts to increase awareness and treatment of asthma through a interventional and education program in the public schools.

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