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## **Manipal varsity launches MPH course**

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Manipal: The Manipal University will be offering a Master of Public Health course (MPH) from this year.

A press release issued by the university here on Saturday stated that there was an increasing demand for MPH degree-holders with national and international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), public and private sector organisations, and in the field of research.

The university has established a Department of Public Health offering a Master of Public Health (MPH) course, including an Epidemiology track (2009). The course would commence in August this year.

This programme is targeted at healthcare professionals, administrators in government and non-governmental organisations, academicians, physicians, as well as others with health-related backgrounds.

The duration of the course is 24 months, structured into four semesters of 25 credit hours each. Three semesters will be course-based, and the fourth semester will be research-based.

Students with a Bachelor's degree in Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Life Sciences, or Allied Health Sciences from a recognized university are eligible to apply for the course. Selection of candidates will be based on merit and personal interview.