COMMUNITY HEALTH, PHD

for the Doctor of Philosophy in Community Health

Graduate Degree Programs
Community Health, MS (p. 1)
Community Health, PhD
Joint Degree Program: Community Health, PhD and Master of Public
Health, MPH (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/joint-degree/
public-health-mph-community-health-phd/)

Admissions
Applications are due on January 15 for Fall admissions. Applications are
due on October 1 for Spring admissions.

Admissions to the PhD degree program requires a minimum of a
baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education
with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (A = 4.0) for the last two years
of undergraduate study. Applicants who have a master’s degree should
have a grade point average of 3.5 for previous graduate-level work.

All applicants are required to submit three letters of recommendation,
resume, official transcripts and a personal statement that addresses the following prompts:

• What developed your interest for graduate study.
• Who, from the designated faculty, would you like to work with.
• Why do you believe you would be a good fit with aforementioned
faculty.
• What do you expect to gain from a graduate experience and how will
this experience prepare you for your intended career.

Although the GRE scores are not required, the scores may provide helpful
supporting information in some cases. Applicants who have taken the
GRE and feel their scores would benefit their application are encouraged to submit the scores. If you would like to submit scores, we recommend
you scan your official score report as a PDF file and attach it to your
application. You do not need to submit official scores through ETS, but if
you decide to, please use our University code of 1836.

• International and some domestic students may be required to show
proof of English Proficiency (https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/
instructions/O4c/).
• Students for whom English is not their native language and who
wish to be considered for a teaching assistantship must achieve
a score on the speaking sub-section of (TOEFL or IELTS). (https://
grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm)

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Graduate course experience in public health and statistics with grades of
B or better is expected prior to admission. Before admission to the Ph.D.
program, students may be required to take up to 12 hours of additional
coursework to remedy deficiencies. The candidate is required to pass
written preliminary examinations covering disciplinary and professional
aspects of community health, the literature and theoretical perspectives
in the major area of study and methodological perspectives and research
techniques. Students must also pass an oral preliminary examination on
the area of specialization and dissertation proposal; and to pass an oral
defense of dissertation research.

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate
Handbook (http://kch.illinois.edu/kch-grad-handbook/) and the Graduate
College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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Entering with a Bachelors degree

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Other Requirements

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1. Content Knowledge: Students will demonstrate an advanced
understanding of current and historically significant theories, models,
themes, and ideas in the biomechanical, physiological, psychological, behavioral, pedagogical, biological, socioeconomic, epidemiological, environmental, and sociocultural correlates of Community Health.

2. **Critical Thinking and Discovery:** Students will demonstrate ethical practices while applying advanced quantitative and/or qualitative methods in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data which will then be disseminated through publications and/or oral presentations.

3. **Awareness and Understanding:** Students will understand and appreciate the diverse environmental, biological, psychological, socioeconomic, sociocultural, philosophical, and historical factors that influence health, rehabilitation, and human movement.

4. **Programming and Assessment:** Students will apply best practices in developing, implementing, assessing, and evaluating programs and interventions related to public health, health promotion, physical activity adoption and adherence, and the prevention and treatment of diseases in culturally diverse populations.

5. **Leadership and Engagement:** Students will demonstrate leadership and effective communication skills, showcasing an appreciation and commitment to health and physical activity as they develop and sustain productive relationships and work for the common good at local, national, and global levels.

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