PUBLIC HEALTH, MPH

for the Master of Public Health in Public Health

MPH Admissions and Requirements (https://ahs.illinois.edu/application-requirements/)

How to Apply for MPH (https://ahs.illinois.edu/how-to-apply/)

How to Apply for BS-MPH (https://ahs.illinois.edu/how-to-apply-bs-mph/)

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The MPH degree program requires a minimum of 48 hours. The program includes:

1. Five required core courses in basic content areas of public health
2. Four required courses in the Health Behavior and Promotion concentration, as well as one additional concentration course from an approved list
3. An Applied Practice Experience (practicum)
4. An Integrative Learning Experience (capstone)
5. Seminars and electives

The integrative learning experience must be completed in the last term of study. There is no thesis requirement. A pre-requisite for applying to the MPH program is a college level course in mathematics, statistics, biostatistics, or epidemiology. Applications for the Master of Public Health (MPH) are only accepted for Fall admission. The program generally takes 1.5 to 2 years to complete. University of Illinois undergraduate students who major in Kinesiology, Community Health, or I-Health are eligible to apply for a 5 year joint BS-MPH degree program prior to their final year of undergraduate study. Students accepted to the BS-MPH program begin some MPH coursework in their final year of undergraduate study.

See the current list of MPH Electives (https://ahs.illinois.edu/curriculum-overview/).

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/).

Other Requirements

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<td>Minimum GPA</td>
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1. **Content Knowledge**: Students will demonstrate an advanced understanding of current and historically significant theories, models, themes, and ideas related to health promotion, the prevention of chronic illnesses, and the reduction of health disparities.
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 could 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 promotion, chronic illness prevention, and the reduction of health disparities.
4. **Programming and Assessment**: Students will apply best practices in developing, implementing, assessing, and evaluating programs and interventions related to health promotion, chronic illness prevention, and the reduction of health disparities within culturally diverse populations.
5. **Leadership and Engagement**: Students will demonstrate leadership and effective communication skills, while promoting effective public health practices as they develop and sustain productive relationships and work for the common good at local, national, and global levels.

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Joint Programs in Public Health

- Public Health, MPH & Community Health, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/joint-degree/public-health-mph-community-health-phd/)
- Public Health, MPH & Food Science & Human Nutrition, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/aces_ahs/joint-degree/food-science-human-nutrition-phd-public-health-mph/)
- Public Health, MPH & Kinesiology, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/joint-degree/public-health-mph-kinesiology-phd/)
- Public Health, MPH & Nutritional Science, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs/joint-degree/nutritional-science-phd-public-health-mph/)
- Public Health, MPH & Social Work, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs_socw/joint-degree/public-health-mph-social-work-phd/)

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- Public Health, MPH & Urban Planning, MUP (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/ahs_faa/joint-degree/public-health-mph-urban-planning-mup/)

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Public Health Program
Department Head: Kim Graber
Director of Graduate Studies: Laura Rice
Director of Program: Pedro Hallal
Public Health website (https://ahs.illinois.edu/mph-home/)

Community Health
Department of Community Health website

College of Applied Health Sciences
Applied Health Sciences College catalog page (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/ahs/academic-units/)
Applied Health Sciences College website (http://www.ahs.illinois.edu/)

Admissions
MPH Admissions Questions email (mph-admissions@ahs.illinois.edu)