

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND BEHAVIORAL/COMMUNITY HEALTH (CPMB)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Architecture/Public Health

ABSTRACT

A core element central to both community planning and public health is the built environment, which includes human-designed and built surroundings that provide the settings for all aspects of human life, ranging from buildings and homes to parks and recreation facilities. A well-planned community includes aspects of public health, while the public's health requires healthy facilities and a built environment that supports and promotes healthy living.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Aside from student loans through the university, MCP students are eligible to apply for graduate assistantships with URSP and the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education.

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ADMISSIONS

The Master of Community Planning and MPH in Behavioral and Community dual degree program accepts standard-path applications through the Graduate School Application Portal (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/apply-now/#:~:text=Standard%20Path%20%2D%20Graduate%20School%20Application%20Portal>); do not submit a SOPHAS application.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Purpose. SOP should outline: 1. who you are (personal and professional experiences, interests, and accomplishments); 2. where you are going (educational, professional/career goals); and 3. how the dual-degree program will help get you there (include alignment with MCP and BCH courses and competencies)
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Samples (optional, up to 2)
- Essays (at least 1 out of 3)
- Portfolio PDF Upload (optional)
- Must be recommended for admission by both programs to pursue a dual degree

There are no restrictions on applicants' previous field of study, and we encourage academic heterogeneity in all respects.

Note for applicants with foreign credentials:

Evidence of English Language proficiency is required if the applicant does not hold a degree from a U.S. institution or from one of the English-speaking countries listed on the Graduate School website (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>)

The Department of Behavioral and Community Health only admits students with English Language Proficiency test scores in the Full Enrollment range.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	March 7, 2027
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	March 7, 2027

RESOURCES AND LINKS:

Application Process: gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/apply-now (<http://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/apply-now/>)

Admissions FAQ: sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-faqs (<https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-faqs/>)

Program page: arch.umd.edu/programs/graduate-programs/interdisciplinary-dual-degrees/community-planning-public-health-eight-concentrations (<https://arch.umd.edu/programs/graduate-programs/interdisciplinary-dual-degrees/community-planning-public-health-eight-concentrations/>)

REQUIREMENTS

- Community Planning and Behavioral/Community Health, Master of Community Planning and Master of Public Health, (dual degree) (M.C.P. and M.P.H.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/community-planning-behavioral-health-cpmb/community-planning-behavioral-health-mcp-mp/h/>)