

PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND POLICY (PHPP)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Public Health

Abstract

Healthcare is the largest industry in the U.S. and employs over 11 million workers. 21st century health care professionals require cutting-edge knowledge and exemplary leadership skills to enable their organizations to rise to societal, technological, ethical, financial, and public health challenges. To meet the growing demand for skilled health care professionals, the Department of Health Services Administration, School of Public Health, at the University of Maryland offers an exceptional professional learning opportunity in Public Health Practice. The Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice and Policy (MPH-PHPP) is designed to provide working professionals with the broad range of knowledge and skill-based competencies needed to assume leadership roles in addressing important public health practice and policy issues nationally and globally. The program offer courses in the fall and spring semester (16 weeks each) and Summer Term (two 6-week sessions). The curriculum and degree has the same content, quality, and high standards as the University's traditional on-site curriculum and reflects the broad range of knowledge and skill-based competencies germane to public health practice in the 21st century. Instruction is delivered by School of Public Health faculty and experts from prominent public health organizations. The School of Public Health is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

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Relationships: Health Administration (HLSA) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-administration-hlsa/>) Health Equity (HLEQ) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-equity-hleq/>) Health Policy Analysis

and Evaluation (HPAE) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-policy-analysis-evaluation-hpae/>)

Courses: SPHL (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/sphl/>) HLSA (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/hlsa/>)

ADMISSIONS

The **MPH in Public Health Practice and Policy** program has a two-part application process: applicants must submit the SOPHAS application (sophas.cas.myliaison.com (<http://sophas.cas.myliaison.com>)), the centralized application service for schools and programs of public health, and the UMD Supplemental application (<https://terpengage.umd.edu/community/CustomLoginPage/?GradApp=True>). Both applications must be submitted, complete with all required documents and verified by the scheduled deadline (<https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process/>). Applications will be reviewed once both the SOPHAS and UMD Supplemental applications are complete.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree
- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- English proficiency test score (TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE) (international applicants (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))
- Statement of purpose and objectives
- Response to personal experiences question(s)

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- SOPHAS application & UMD Supplemental application
- The statement of purpose should include career and educational goals, professional experience, and public health areas of interest
- At least one undergraduate math course
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Alignment between the applicant's professional goals and expectations and the program's degree competencies and faculty expertise.
- GRE scores are not required for this program

Note for applicants with foreign credentials:

- The SOPHAS application requires that applicants submit a WES credential evaluation (https://help.liaisonedu.com/SOPHAS_Applicant_Help_Center/Sending_Your_Official_Transcripts_and_Test_Scores_to_SOPHAS/Sending_Official_Transcripts_to_SOPHAS/2_Foreign_and_French-Canadian_Transcripts/)
- The UMD supplemental application requires uploading unofficial transcripts issued in the original language with a literal English translation. Visit the Graduate School website for additional information (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/international-admissions/>)
- 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/>)

- Language scores must be submitted both to SOPHAS and the UMD supplemental application

For detailed instructions on how to apply, please visit the **School of Public Health Website**: sph.umd.edu/graduate-application-process (<https://sph.umd.edu/graduate-application-process/>)

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline	Summer Deadline
Domestic Applicants			
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	May 14, 2027	November 20, 2026	N/A
	The Fall priority deadline for both SOPHAS and UMD applications is January 15, 2027	The Spring priority deadline for both SOPHAS and UMD Supplemental applications is October 9, 2026	
International Applicants*			
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Visa Eligibility: This program is not eligible for I-20 or DS-2019 issuance by the University of Maryland. International students who currently reside in the U.S. on existing visas may apply.

RESOURCES AND LINKS

Office of Extended Studies (OES) Program Website: <https://exst.umd.edu/professionals-post-baccalaureates/professional-graduate-programs/school-public-health-graduate-programs-online/mph-public-health-practice-and-policy>

SPH Program Website: sph.umd.edu/mph-public-health-practice-and-policy-online (<https://sph.umd.edu/academics/masters-degrees/mph-master-public-health/mph-public-health-practice-and-policy-online/>)

Application Process: sph.umd.edu/graduate-application-process (<https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process/>)

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

REQUIREMENTS

- Public Health Practice and Policy, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/public-health-practice-policy-phpp/public-health-practice-policy-mph/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

The Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice and Policy instruction is delivered in a blended learning format with stimulating on-line courses supplemented by a total of six weekends of residency. On-site weekend sessions will be held at the The university of Maryland College Park Campus. For more information, please see:

<http://sph.umd.edu/mph-public-health-practice-and-policy> (<http://sph.umd.edu/mph-public-health-practice-and-policy/>)