



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM BASIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



- MPH in Public Health Practice (MPH-PHP)
- MPH in Public Health Methods in Urban Health (MPH-PHM)
- Bridge Graduate Certificate in Public Health Practice (BGC-PHP)
- MD-MPH joint degree
- MA Nutrition & Food Science-MPH joint degree
- MSW-MPH joint degree

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please note that the admissions committee reviews only completed applications. Students must meet the admission requirements of both the Wayne State University Graduate School as well as those for the Public Health Graduate Programs. All documents are submitted electronically at <http://gradadmissions.wayne.edu>.

Application Deadlines:

Fall semester application deadline: July 1

Winter semester application deadline: November 1

Spring/Summer application deadline: March 1

Consult the [Wayne State University Graduate School](#) Application Support webpage for information on how to write a compelling personal statement and effectively request letters of recommendation.

Admission Requirements

The Admissions Committee uses a holistic approach that highlights the student's individual strengths and experiences. Each component of the application portfolio contributes to the final decision regarding the applicant's potential fit for our program. The MPH Program is competitive and completion of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

1. **Grade Point Average:** Applicants are required to have an overall undergraduate *grade point average (GPA)* of **3.0** or higher (on a scale of 4.0) and grades of 3.0 or higher in mathematics, social science, and natural science college courses.
2. **College Level Math:** Applicants are required to have a grade of B or better in a college mathematics or statistics course within the last 5 years. Applicants who have not fulfilled this requirement may strengthen their application by doing one of the following:
 - Enroll in a university or community college mathematics course. E-mail mphprogram@med.wayne.edu to have the course syllabus reviewed and approved.
 - Complete a math placement exam at a U.S. university or community college mathematics department. Students must pass into the second level of College Math to fulfill this requirement.
 - Physicians and other licensed healthcare professionals may apply for a math requirement waiver if they have taken biostatistics as part of a larger course (such as community medicine). Upload your math waiver application and syllabus listing the specific biostatistics competencies, contact hours, and grades attained to the "additional document" area of your electronic application.
3. **Standardized Test Scores: GRE, MCAT, GMAT or LSAT** within the last five years.
Applicants who have fulfilled one of the requirements below may apply for a standardized test waiver:

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- Completed an undergraduate degree at Wayne State University and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Completed a graduate degree (e.g. MS, MBA, MSN, Ph.D.) from a regionally accredited institution within the United States or a comparable degree from an officially recognized institution outside of the United States.
- Completed a terminal professional degree (for MD, DO, DDS, DVM, PharmD, etc.) and pass a professional licensure exam in the U.S. (USMLE, COMLEX-USA, BDE, NAPLEX, NAVLE, etc.). Upload a copy of the licensure exam scores to the **Bridge Graduate Certificate (BGC-PHP)** to request a waiver.
- Completed a terminal professional degree and are licensed to practice in Michigan. Upload a copy of the Michigan license to the degree application.
- Minimum of 5 years of significant leadership experience as a public health professional.

4. **English Proficiency:** The [WSU Graduate School](#) requires applicants who graduated from non-US colleges or universities to demonstrate *English proficiency* by one of the following within last 2 years:

- Complete a degree at an accredited US institution or in a country where English is the native language;
- Pass the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB, 85 minimum), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL 90 internet-based), the International English Language Test System (IELTS 7) or the Pearson Test of English (PTE 63).

5. **Curriculum Vitae/Résumé:** Include education, professional experiences, and research and volunteer experiences.

6. **Personal Statement (< 500 words):** The personal statement should explain the applicant's desire for graduate public health education and discuss the personal, professional, and/or academic experiences that have led the applicant to apply to the MPH program. The personal statement should discuss the following information:

- Interest and background in the field of public health.
- Long-term academic and professional goals.
- Reasons for applying to the Wayne State University MPH Program, taking into consideration the Program's mission and/or faculty research interests.

7. **Three letters of Recommendation** from former faculty, supervisors and/or professional colleagues.

- The letters need to be current, signed and printed on letterhead, and include a description of how long and in what capacity the referee knows the applicant.
- The letters should provide information about the applicant's professional experiences, skills and interests in public health and/or related fields.
- The letters should provide information about the applicant's ability to be successful in a public health graduate program.
- The letters may include information about the applicant's interpersonal skills, ability to communicate effectively, motivation, organizational abilities and aptitude in research.