



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](http://gradadmissions.wayne.edu) as well as those for the Public Health Graduate Programs. Submit required documents electronically at <http://gradadmissions.wayne.edu>.

BGC-PHP and MPH admission requirements are the same. Note that federal financial aid is not available for BGC-PHP students.

We offer a streamlined BGCPHP application process for current WSU graduate students and WSU Master's and PhD graduates. Contact mphprogram@med.wayne.edu for more information.

Application Deadlines:

Fall semester: July 1

Winter semester: November 1

Spring/Summer semester: March 1

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. Official degree posted transcripts are required. Note that [the Office of Graduate Admissions](#) requires all applicants with a bachelor's degree from a non-U.S. institution to submit an official course-by-course transcript evaluation (which serves as the official academic transcript).

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 for more information,
- Earn a second level score on a math placement exam (available at U.S.university or community college mathematics departments.)

- 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, etc.) are optional due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. English Proficiency: Applicants who graduated from non-US colleges or universities are required to demonstrate *English proficiency* by one of the methods below:

- Complete a degree at an accredited US institution or in a country where English is the native language;
- Earn a minimum score on an approved test of English Language Proficiency (within the last two years). Note that the MPH Program Admissions Committee may require higher minimum English Language Proficiency scores than those set by the [WSU Office of Graduate Admissions](#): Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL internet-based 90), International English Language Test System (IELTS 7), DUOLINGO (125), Michigan Language Assessment (MET 64), Pearson English Language Test (PTE 58).

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. You may want to consult WSU Graduate School suggestions for [how to write a compelling personal statement](#). 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. You may want to consult WSU Graduate School suggestions for [how to request a letter of recommendation](#). Letter of recommendation requirements are below:

- 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