MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM
BASIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- MPH in Public Health Practice
- MPH in Public Health Methods in Urban Health
- Bridge Graduate Certificate in Public Health Practice

WHAT IT TAKES TO APPLY

Please note that only completed applications are reviewed by the admissions committee. 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.

Applications are accepted for the fall semester admission only. Completed applications are reviewed through May.

Please 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 to honor students’ individual strengths and experiences. They evaluate each aspect of the application portfolio including the applicant’s grade point average and transcript, standardized test scores, personal statement, background and professional experiences and letters of recommendation. This detailed portfolio review reveals a complex portrait of each applicant. The admissions committee uses this information to determine which students are the best fit for our program.

Please note that the Office of Graduate Admissions requires official transcripts and standardized test scores to be forwarded to them directly. However, early submission of unofficial transcripts, test scores and other required documents will expedite will allow the Admissions Committee to suggest improvements to the application portfolio.

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 the 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. Contact mphprogram@med.wayne.edu to have the course content 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). E-mail a syllabus listing the specific biostatistics competencies, contact hours and grades attained to MPHprogram@med.wayne.edu.

3. **Graduate Record Examination (GRE), MCAT, GMAT or LSAT** standardized test scores within the last five years. Successful applicants have previously earned GRE scores at levels below:

   http://www.med.wayne.edu/fam/mph
• Verbal Reasoning: at or above the 60th percentile
• Quantitative Reasoning: at or above the 55th percentile
• Analytical Writing: at or above 4 or the 50th percentile

Applicants who have fulfilled the requirements below may apply for a GRE waiver:

• Applicants who have successfully completed a graduate degree (e.g. MS, MBA, MSN, Ph.D.) from an accredited institution will not be required to submit GRE scores.
• Applicants with a terminal professional degree (for MD, DO, DDS, DVM, PharmD, etc.) who have passed a professional licensure exam in the U.S. (USMLE, COMLEX-USA, BDE, NAPLEX, NAVLE, etc.) may apply to the Bridge Graduate Certificate to request a GRE waiver.
• Applicants with terminal professional degrees who are currently licensed to practice in Michigan should submit a copy of their professional license and apply to the Bridge Graduate Certificate to request a GRE waiver. A copy of the Michigan license should be uploaded to the application.

4. Demonstration of English Proficiency within the last two years: The WSU Graduate School requires applicants who graduated from non-US colleges or universities to demonstrate English proficiency either by completing a degree at an accredited US institution or in a country where English is the native language; or by passing the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Test System (IELTS) or the Pearson Test of English (PTE) https://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate/english-proficiency/.

5. Curriculum Vitae/Résumé: Include education, professional experiences, and research and volunteer experiences at a minimum.

6. Personal Statement (< 500 words): The personal statement explains the applicant’s desire for a graduate public health education and includes a discussion of personal, professional, and/or academic experiences that have led the candidate 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 lecturers, supervisors and/or professional colleagues are submitted online by an applicant’s referees. Please note that at least one letter of recommendation must speak to your academic potential in a graduate program. Ideally, this letter should be from a faculty member at a college/university that the applicant attended.

• 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.

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