DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Program Director G. Gray

The Environmental and Occupational Health Department is at the center of national and global conversations about the role of science in protecting workers, the public and the environment from toxic substances and dangerous conditions. Faculty and staff in the department have earned a national reputation as researchers and leaders in articulating how public health science is best used in regulatory decision making. Congressional committees, federal agencies, national scientific organizations, international public health entities and the media contact them frequently to discuss environmental hazards and the policies addressing them.

The Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Program prepares professionals to assume national and international leadership positions in environmental and occupational health, global health, health behavior, and health policy. The field of public health provides unique insights into the complex interrelationships between health, politics, and human development. It enables professionals to address public health issues by marshalling research and analytic skills to develop innovative approaches to understand health and to promote and advocate for improved health outcomes as well as lead a team of diverse professionals reflecting shared values and vision to achieve specific objectives. (The DrPH Program accepts student every other year on even years only.)

Visit the program website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/environmental-occupational-health-drph/) for additional program information.

ADMISSIONS

Deadlines: Fall - December 1

Individuals interested in applying to this program should submit their application and supporting documents through SOPHAS (http://www.sophas.org/), a general online application for Schools of Public Health. A graduated fee is charged for this application, depending on the number of accredited schools to which you apply.

Standardized test scores: GRE general test (institutional code 5268) (optional)

Recommendations required: Three (3) recommendations

Prior academic records: Transcripts required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Transcripts must be forwarded to SOPHAS in their original sealed envelopes directly from the institution.

Official transcripts from institutions outside the United States must be accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an accredited independent evaluating agency. Please be sure you request a detailed evaluation that includes all course titles, credit hours, grade-point average (GPA), United States degree equivalency, and date of degree conferral. For a list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services (https://www.naces.org/members/).

Statement of purpose: In no more than 1500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field. Include your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans. Also discuss your related qualifications, including collegiate, professional, and community activities, and any other substantial accomplishments not already mentioned on the application. A description of your current skills and future goals related to research, leadership, and problem solving should also be included.

The Committee reviews your Statement of Purpose to determine your motivation for pursuing a career in public health.

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International applicants only: Please review International Applicant Information (http://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-applicants/) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 GW, and English language requirements. Detailed documentation needed for this program is available here (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/).

PLEASE NOTE that all programs in the Milken Institute School of Public Health require the following minimum English language test scores for admission:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual band score below 6.0.
- TOEFL: 100 on Internet-based.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Office of Admissions
Suite 200
Milken Institute School of Public Health
950 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:
GWSPHadmit@gwu.edu – 202-994-2160 (phone)
http://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions (http://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 48 credits, including 22 credits in required courses, 6 credits in field-specific courses, 7 to 10 credits in elective courses, 2 credits in professional leadership courses, 8 to 11 credits in dissertation preparation and dissertation, and successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

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**Professional leadership**

2 credits in professional leadership courses. (Most students will take these credits in PUBH 8415.)

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**Dissertation**

8 to 11 credits in dissertation coursework.

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<td>PUBH 8422</td>
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**Comprehensive examination**

Successful completion of a comprehensive examination.

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Credits: Successful completion of 48 credits.
2. Curriculum: Successful completion of the foundational, research methods, program-specific specialty field, and professional leadership courses.
3. Comprehensive examination: Once the course of study is completed, students are required to pass the comprehensive exam to be officially admitted to the candidacy phase.
4. Dissertation: PUBH 8422 Advanced Health Care and Public Health Research Design plus 6 to 9 credits in dissertation research credits are required. Once the proposal has been successfully defended and the dissertation research credit requirements has been met, the oral defense may be scheduled.
5. Grade-point average: A minimum overall grade-point average of B (3.0).
6. Time limit: The degree must be completed within seven years.

Note: no transfer credits are accepted.