

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH POLICY

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Dedicated to health policy education and research, our faculty members include some of the nation's best-known health policy experts, as well as leaders from the public and private health policy sectors. Our program joins stimulating classes with hands-on experience with critical health policy issues. Our graduates can be found in congressional offices, federal health agencies, the most prominent professional health societies in Washington, D.C., trade associations, and health policy consultancies. With courses scheduled in the late afternoons and early evenings, our programs allow students to attain valuable career experience while they earn their degrees.

The MPH in health policy provides students with in-depth analysis skills for employment in government, private sector health policy consulting, and not-for-profit advocacy. Additionally, this program is available to attorneys, GW law students, and GW medical students who wish to enhance training with a thorough understanding of health policy.

Visit the program website (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/health-policy-mp/>) for additional program information.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Deadlines: Fall - March 15 (Applications must be complete by December 15 for priority scholarship consideration.)

Spring - October 1

Summer - December 15

Individuals interested in applying to this program should submit their application and supporting documents through SOPHAS, 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).

Applicants may also submit the LSAT, MCAT, or GMAT instead of the GRE. Applicants who already have a conferred graduate degree (i.e. MA, MS, JD) are exempt.

Recommendations: Two (2) recommendations required:

Prior Academic Records: Transcripts are 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. Please see the list of acceptable foreign credential evaluation services.

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 in the application.

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

International Applicants: Please review International Applicant Information 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.

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 Avenue, 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: 45 credits, including 17 credits in core courses, 18 credits in program-specific courses, 8 credits in elective courses, and a 2-credit capstone.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Core courses		
PUBH 6000	MPH Applied Practice Experience	
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practices of Epidemiology	
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Public Health Program Evaluation	
PUBH 6011	Environmental and Biological Foundations of Public Health	
PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy	
PUBH 6021	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership I	
PUBH 6022	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership II	
PUBH 6023	Interprofessional Education Experience	
Program-specific		
PUBH 6310	Statistical Analysis in Health Policy	
PUBH 6315	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis	
PUBH 6320	Advanced Health Policy Analysis	
PUBH 6325	Federal Policymaking and Policy Advocacy	
PUBH 6330	Health Services and Law	
or PUBH 6335	Public Health and Law	
PUBH 6340	Health Economics and Finance	
Health policy selective		
2 credits from the following:		
PUBH 6356	State Health Policy	

PUBH 6367 Population Health, Public Health, and Health Reform

PUBH 6370 Medicare/Medicaid Law and Policy

PUBH 6384 Health Care Quality and Health Policy

PUBH 6355 Comparative Health Policy

Capstone

PUBH 6350 Health Policy Capstone

Electives

8 credits in any graduate-level PUBH or HSML courses.

MPH graduation requirements

1. Graduate credit requirement: 45 graduate credits.
2. Course requirements: Successful completion of core and program-specific courses.
3. Practicum Requirement: Students are required to fulfill all requirements of the Applied Practice Experience (Practicum) to receive credit for PUBH 6000 MPH Applied Practice Experience.
4. Interprofessional Education Experience (IPE): Students are required to enroll and participate in an authorized IPE activity (PUBH 6023 Interprofessional Education Experience).
5. Minimum grade-point requirement: minimum 3.0 (B) cumulative grade-point average.
6. Time limit requirement: The degree must be completed within five years.
7. Transfer credit policy: With approval, up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to any previous graduate degree may be transferred to the master of public health program. External credits must have been earned from an accredited institution in the last three years with a minimum grade of 3.0 (B) in each course. Students in SPH graduate certificate programs can transfer as many credits earned toward the certificate to the MPH degree as meet MPH degree requirements, to a maximum of 18 credits.
8. Graduate certificate students wishing to transfer to a degree program may apply to do so after completion of three or more courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 via the online change of concentration petition (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics/forms/>). A minimum grade of B is required for a specific course to be eligible for transfer.
9. CITI Training requirement: All students are required to complete training regarding human subject protection regulation and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
10. Integrity Quiz and Plagiarism requirement: All students are required to review the George Washington University Code of Academic Integrity (<https://>

studentconduct.gwu.edu/code-academic-integrity/) and take the SPH Academic Integrity Quiz at GWSPH Source (<https://source.publichealth.gwu.edu/user/login/?destination=node/193>). within their first semester of study.

11. Professional Enhancement requirement: Students must participate in eight hours of public health-related lectures, seminars, and symposia, related to their field of study.

COMBINED PROGRAM

- Dual Master of Public Health in the field of health policy and graduate certificate in health care corporate compliance (<https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/joint-degree-healthcare-corporate-compliance-certificate/>)
- Joint Master of Science in Health Sciences in the field of physician assistant and Master of Public Health (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/mshs-mp/>)
- Joint Master of Public Health or SPH graduate certificate and Juris Doctor or Master of Laws (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/jd-mp/>)