**DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

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The doctor of public health program prepares thought leaders and practitioners to shape public health policy and practice discourse and lead organizational and societal change in the United States and around the world. An interdisciplinary, practice-based curriculum and applied research to equip public health leaders with skills for the development, implementation, and evaluation of efficient public health programs and policies and resolve complex systematic problems. The DrPH program training utilizes health policy and global health opportunities exclusive to Washington, D.C. to prepare our students for senior-level public health leadership roles in the U.S. and globally.

**ADMISSIONS**

Visit the Milken Institute School of Public Health website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/) for additional information about academic programs and information about GWSPH. Graduate admissions information, including application requirements and deadlines, can be found on the GWSPH Graduate Admissions website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/).

**REQUIREMENTS**

All students must hold a master’s or professional degree to be admitted to the doctor of public health program.

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 48 credits, including 35 credits in required courses and 13 credits in dissertation portfolio project courses. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination also is required.

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**Comprehensive examination**

Students become eligible to sit for the comprehensive exam after all required coursework has been completed. The comprehensive exam typically is administered in mid-summer and mid-December each year; specific dates are announced annually. The comprehensive examination may be retaken one time.

*Taken by all DrPH students prior to the start of first fall semester.

**Required only for students who do not have an MPH degree from a CEPH accredited school.