ABSTRACT
The Department offers graduate study leading to the Master Public Health (MPH) in Behavioral and Community Health and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Behavioral and Community Health. The graduate programs are designed to prepare behavioral health professionals with specific skills and the ability to implement theoretical knowledge in a practical setting.

The mission of the MPH program is to promote the development of behavioral and community health professionals who understand the science, theory, and practice of public health and can apply this knowledge toward the enhancement of health status of communities. The MPH program is designed as a professional degree to prepare behavioral and community health professionals working in public health service as practitioners, administrators, supervisors, educators, consultants, and researchers. Students will participate in both academic and applied training in program planning and implementation, program evaluation, and research.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
The Department offers a limited number of graduate teaching and research assistantships. Contact the Director of Graduate Studies for further information.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- A Bachelor’s degree
- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- At least one undergraduate math course
- Transcripts from all previous coursework
- English proficiency test score (TOEFL, IELTS or PTE) (international applications)
- Statement of purpose and objectives including career and educational goals, professional experience, and areas of interest, and faculty you are interested in working with

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
- SOPHAS application
- UMD Supplemental application
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Fit between applicant’s goals and expectations and program degree competencies
- Official GRE Test Scores submission is not required
- A writing sample is optional

*The review committee will evaluate GRE scores if they are submitted. The lack of scores will not negatively impact applications. If submitted, the program considers competitive scores to be 50th percentile or higher in each of the three parts.

Note for applicants with foreign credentials:
- The SOPHAS application requires that applicants submit a WES credential evaluation (https://help.liaisonedu.com/SOPHASApplicantHelp_Center/Sending_Your_Official_Transcripts_and_Test_Scores_to_SOPHAS/Sending_Official_Transcripts_to_SOPHAS/2_Foreign_and_French-Canadian_Transcripts/).
- The UMD supplemental application requires the upload of unofficial transcripts issued in the original language along with a literal English translation (https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/...
Evidence of English Language proficiency is required the applicant does not hold a degree from a U.S. institution or from one of the English speaking countries listed on the Graduate School website (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/).

For detailed instructions on how to submit your application, please visit the School of Public Health Website: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process (https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process/)

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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**RESOURCES AND LINKS:**


Application Process: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process (https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process/)

Admissions FAQ: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-faqs (https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-faqs/)

**Requirements**


**Facilities and Special Resources**

The Department has research specializations in a variety of areas including:

- Minority health/social inequalities in health
- Alcohol and drug abuse