BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH (ONLINE) (MBCO)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Public Health

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, public policy analysis, research, and management.

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

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Admissions
GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• Statement of Purpose
• Transcript(s)
• TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/))

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
• SOPHAS Application (https://sophas.org/): Applications for this School of Public Health Program must first be submitted through the Public Health application system, www.SOPHAS.org. SPH applicants should only complete the UMD application after their SOPHAS application has been verified and you have been notified to complete the UMD application.
• The MPH in Behavioral and Community Health (online) program has a two-step application process. Applicants first submit the SOPHAS application (www.sophas.org (https://sophas.org/)), the centralized application service for schools and programs of public health (Step 1). Once the SOPHAS application has been verified applicants will submit their UMD Supplemental application (Step 2). Applicants will receive an email from the SPH Admissions team with instructions for how to complete the UMD Supplemental Application. Applications will not be reviewed until both the SOPHAS and UMD Supplemental applications are completed.

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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Visas and immigrants: F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants

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RESOURCES AND LINKS:

(OES Program Website: https://oes.umd.edu/professionals-post-baccalaureates/professional-graduate-programs/behavioral-and-community-health/)

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

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

Requirements

• Behavioral and Community Health, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)

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
• Safety and health
• Sexual health
• Adolescent health and risk behavior
• Violence prevention/community violence
• Public health communication
• Treatment of nicotine dependence

Specialized laboratories operating within the Department include:

• The Laboratory for Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention
• The Center for Health Behavior Research
• The Center for Young Adult Health and Development

The proximity of the nation's capital, the National Institutes of Health, the National Library of Medicine, the Food and Drug Administration, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and numerous public health focused private and not-for profit organizations/agencies render the University of Maryland unusually well suited for graduate work in behavioral and community health.