COMMUNITY PLANNING AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (CPHA)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Architecture / Public Health

ABSTRACT
A core element central to both community planning and public health is the built environment, which includes human-designed and built surroundings that provide the settings for all aspects of human life, ranging from buildings and homes to parks and recreation facilities. A well-planned community includes aspects of public health, while the public’s health requires healthy facilities and a built environment that supports and promotes healthy living.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Aside from student loans through the university, MCP students are eligible to apply for graduate assistantships with URSP and the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education. MCP applicants who are also Peace Corps veterans are eligible to apply for the Shriver Peaceworker fellowship program that is administered by the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Please note that competition is high for these financial awards. The program also maintains a list of internships, and many of our students work in part- or full-time jobs while completing the program. Program classes are scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to accommodate our working students.

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

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
• Letters of Recommendation (3)
• Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
• CV/Resume
• Must be admitted by both programs to pursue dual degree.

The application process consists of the following:
• First, fill out the on-line application for the University of Maryland Graduate School. Select “Dual Degree”. The administrative code for the Community Planning program is “CPHA.”
• Second, submit all transcripts, three professional letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, resume, official GRE test scores, and portfolio as part of the application.

All applicants must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution. There is no restriction on the applicants’ previous field of study, and indeed we encourage diversity in all senses.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Type of Applicant     Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants
US Citizens and Permanent Residents
April 8, 2022
International Applicants
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas, A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants
March 11, 2022

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
• Community Planning and Health Administration, Master of Community Planning and Master of Health Administration, (dual degree) (M.C.P. and M.H.A.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/