

# 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

Applications to the MHA program in the University of Maryland School of Public Health are processed through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS). For detailed admissions requirements, please visit <http://sph.umd.edu/content/graduate-admissions> (<http://sph.umd.edu/content/graduate-admissions/>)

**Apply here:** <https://gradapply.umd.edu> (<https://gradapply.umd.edu/>)

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	9 April
<b>International Applicants</b>	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants	19 Dec

### 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/graduate/programs/community-planning-health-administration-cpha/community-planning-health-administration-mcp-mha/>)