COMMUNITY PLANNING AND HEALTH POLICY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION (CPAE)

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)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Samples (optional, up to 2)
- Portfolio PDF Upload (optional)
- Must be admitted by both programs to pursue dual degree.

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	March 6, 2026
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	March 6, 2026

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 Policy Analysis and Evaluation, Master of Community Planning and Master of Public Health (dual degree) (M.C.P. and M.P.H.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/community-planning-health-policy-analysis-cpae/community-planning-health-policy-analysis-mcp-mph/)