

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (MIEH)

Graduate Degree Program
College: School of Public Health

Abstract

The MPH program within the Department of Global, Environmental, and Occupational Health (GEOH) (<http://sph.umd.edu/geoh/>), School of Public Health, prepares graduates to work in public health service as practitioners, researchers, administrators, and consultants. The mission of the MPH program with a concentration in Environmental Health Sciences is to promote the development of professional practitioners and researchers in environmental health who understand the science, theory and practice of public and environmental health, and can apply this knowledge toward the detection, management, and prevention of environmental health problems. There is a significant focus on health outcomes in populations of high vulnerability or those that are underserved, including those experiencing environmental injustice due to poverty or race. See our website (<https://sph.umd.edu/academics/masters-degrees/ MPH-master-public-health/ MPH-environmental-health-sciences/>) for more information.

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Courses: MIEH SPHL (<https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/sph/>)

Relationships: Behavioral and Community Health (BCHL) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/behavioral-community-health-bchl/>), Behavioral and Community Health (MBCH) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/behavioral-community-health-mbch/>), Biostatistics (BIOS) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/biostatistics-bios/>), Epidemiology (EPDM) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/epidemiology-epdm/>), Epidemiology (EPID) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/epidemiology-epid/>), Health Administration (HLSA) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-administration-hlsa/>), Maternal and Child Health (MCHS) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/maternal-child-health-mchs/>)

ADMISSIONS

The **MPH in Environmental Health Sciences** program has a two-part application process: applicants must submit the SOPHAS application (www.sophas.org (<https://sophas.org/>)), the centralized application service for schools and programs of public health, and the UMD Supplemental application (<http://terpengage.force.com/community/CustomLoginPage/?GradApp=True>). Both applications must be submitted, complete with all required documents and verified by the scheduled deadline (<https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process/>). Applications will be reviewed when both the SOPHAS and the UMD Supplemental applications are completed and verified.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree
- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- Transcripts from all previous coursework
- At least one undergraduate math course
- English proficiency test score (TOEFL, IELTS or PTE) (international applicants (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))
- Statement of purpose and objectives, including career and educational goals, professional experience, areas of interest, and faculty you are interested in working with
- Response to Personal Experiences Question(s)

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- SOPHAS application & UMD Supplemental application
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Official GRE test scores submission is **optional***
- Fit between applicant's goals and expectations and program degree competencies
- A writing sample is optional, such as a published manuscript, undergraduate or graduate thesis, or a research paper. If you submit a published manuscript and you are not the first author, describe the contributions you made to the publication

**The review committee will evaluate GRE scores if they are submitted.*

The lack of scores will not impact applications. If submitted, the program considers competitive scores to be 50th percentile or higher in each of the three parts.

Note: Coursework in environmental health or science, or public health/public policy, or biological/chemical sciences, or biochemistry, or biotechnology, or engineering, or geography/geology, or math, or biostatistics or epidemiology, or medical sciences, or anthropology, preferred.

Applicants with foreign credentials:

- The SOPHAS application requires that applicants submit a WES credential evaluation (https://help.liaisonedu.com/SOPHAS_Applicant_Help_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 with a literal English translation. Visit the Graduate School website for additional information (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/international-admissions/>)
- Evidence of English Language proficiency is required if 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/>)
- Language scores must be submitted both to SOPHAS and UMD supplemental application
- GEOH TOEFL scores requirements: 100 Overall score (Speaking, 24; Listening 25; Reading 26; Writing 25)

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

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	April 3, 2026
	The priority deadline for both SOPHAS and UMD application is December 19, 2025
International Applicants	
F1(student) or J(exchange visitor visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	March 6, 2026
	The priority deadline for both SOPHAS and UMD applications is December 19, 2025

RESOURCES AND LINKS

Program Website: sph.umd.edu/mph-environmental-health-sciences (<http://sph.umd.edu/mph-environmental-health-sciences/>)

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

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

REQUIREMENTS

- Environmental Health Sciences, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/environmental-health-sciences-mieh/environmental-health-sciences-mph/>)

FACILITIES AND SPECIAL RESOURCES

The proximity of the University of Maryland, College Park to the nation’s capital offers prospective students unparalleled opportunities for internships and research experiences in public health, including placements at the National Institutes of Health, the CDC Washington Office, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s National Medical Center, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and many other national, state, and local health agencies. The diversity of cultural and socioeconomic groups, communities, industries, and health organizations provides a rich environment for learning, research, public policy analysis, and service.