

# HEALTH POLICY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION (HPAE)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Public Health

## Abstract

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree with a concentration in Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation is a 45-credit professional degree offered by the Department of Health Policy and Management (HPM).

The MPH program in Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation is designed to train students as public health scientists and practitioners that focus practice and/or research activities on the understanding, analysis, evaluation, and development of health policy. Various agencies in the state (e.g., county and state health departments) and across the nation (e.g., NIH and CDC), including colleges/universities, health-related agencies, community groups, and even large corporations (health care systems and insurance plans), employ public health professionals with a deep understanding of health policy in order to design, implement, analyze and evaluate policies to improve the health of their constituents. This program prepares graduates to take leadership positions in government agencies, consulting companies, health care organizations such as hospitals, community clinics, or health systems corporations, as well as health policy research organizations.

The MPH concentration in Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation at the University of Maryland School of Public Health (SPH) is unique in that it focuses not only on health care policies but on the analysis and evaluation of all policies that affect the public's health such as policies related to public health organizations and other public policies in education, housing, nutrition, and environmental pollution, among others that have an impact on population health. Students in the program benefit from the SPH's location in the DC area, with its proximity to federal government and agencies tasked with developing and implementing health policies such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in particular the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation, The Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research, the Environmental Protection Agency and Health Resources and Services Administration, as well as top private and non-profit research institutions such as RAND, Mathematica, The Urban Institute, and The Brookings Institution, which conduct high-quality, independent research and provide innovative, practical recommendations to health policy makers. Faculty in the HPM department has active collaborations with several of these agencies and institutions and students in the department have access to internships, capstone projects and post-graduation positions at these organizations. In addition, students in the program benefit for the HPM department's close links with the State of Maryland legislature and students have interned with General Assembly members; in those experiences, they have conducted research on legislative issues, co-authored legislation, assisted in preparation for hearings, and other policy related tasks.

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**Website:** <https://sph.umd.edu/academics/masters-degrees/mph-master-public-health/mph-health-policy-analysis-and-evaluation> (<https://sph.umd.edu/academics/masters-degrees/mph-master-public-health/mph-health-policy-analysis-and-evaluation/>)

**Relationships:** Health Administration (HLSA) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-administration-hlsa/>) Health Equity (HLEQ) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-equity-hleq/>) Health Services (PHHS) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-services-phhs/>) Principles of Public Health (Z076) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/principles-public-health-z076/>) Public Health Practice and Policy (PHPP) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/public-health-practice-policy-phpp/>)

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

## Admissions

The MPH in Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation program has a two-step application process. Applicants first submit the SOPHAS application ([www.sophas.org](http://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.

## GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's degree
- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- At least one undergraduate math course
- Transcripts from all previous coursework
- 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, and areas of interest

## PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- SOPHAS application (Step 1) & UMD Supplemental application (Step 2)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Fit between applicant's goals and expectations and program degree competencies
- Official GRE Test Score submission is **waived** for Fall 2022 admissions. GRE scores won't be reviewed.
- A writing sample is optional

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>)

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## Application Deadlines

| Type of Applicant   | Fall Deadline                                   | Spring Deadline |
|---|---|-----------------|
| <b>Domestic Applicants</b>  |   |                 |
| US Citizens and Permanent Residents   | SOPHAS - Priority: 17 Dec / Final: 6 May        | N/A             |
|   | Supplemental - Priority: 14 Jan / Final: 3 Jun  |                 |
| <b>International Applicants</b>   |   |                 |
| F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants | SOPHAS - Priority: 17 Dec / Final: 11 Feb       | N/A             |
|   | Supplemental - Priority: 14 Jan / Final: 11 Mar |                 |

## RESOURCES AND LINKS

**Program Website:** <https://sph.umd.edu/academics/masters-degrees/mph-master-public-health/mph-health-policy-analysis-and-evaluation> (<https://sph.umd.edu/academics/masters-degrees/mph-master-public-health/mph-health-policy-analysis-and-evaluation/>)

**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

- Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-policy-analysis-evaluation-hpae/health-policy-analysis-evaluation-mph/>)