HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH (PHHS)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Public Health

Abstract
The goal of the doctoral program in Health Services Research is to provide interdisciplinary training in research, practice, and policy analysis relevant to the planning, administration, management, and evaluation of health and public health programs. The degree program will prepare students to advance research, policy, and practice to improve access, cost, and quality of health services, with a particular emphasis on federal, state, and local health policy. The Ph.D. in Health Services Research requires a minimum of 50 credits organized in four modules. After module 1 (required core health services research courses), students select a cognate area or track. Potential tracks are: health economics, health policy, health equity/sociology of health, and an interdisciplinary track (developed with advisor’s approval). Together with their advisor, students select 5 elective courses in the track of which 2 must be methods courses relevant to the cognate area. After completing the track coursework, students must pass a qualifying exam. All students must take an ethics course, a proposal development course and must pass an oral proposal defense to be admitted to candidacy. After candidacy, students take a graduate seminar, and dissertation credits which culminate in a doctoral dissertation and an oral dissertation defense. For further information go to https://sph.umd.edu/academics/doctoral-degrees/phd-health-services-research (https://sph.umd.edu/academics/doctoral-degrees/phd-health-services-research/).

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Courses: SPHL (https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/sphl/), HLSA (https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/hlsa/)

ADMISSIONS
The PhD program in Health Services Research 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 and verified by the scheduled deadline (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process/). Applications will be reviewed when the SOPHAS and the UMD Supplemental applications are completed.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• A Bachelor’s degree
• Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA
• 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 research areas of interest

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
• SOPHAS application & UMD Supplemental application
• Master’s Degree and coursework on Public Health or related areas
• Three letters of recommendation
• Resume or curriculum vitae
• Fit between applicant’s goals, expectations and research interests and program competencies and faculty expertise
• Official GRE Test Score submission is required. GRE taken within the past 5 years should be in the 50th percentile or higher. Please have ETS send scores to SOPHAS (code 0485)

Note for 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 along 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

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://
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**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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**RESOURCES AND LINKS**

- **Department website**: https://sph.umd.edu/academics/departments-units/department-health-policy-and-management
- **Program Website**: https://sph.umd.edu/academics/doctoral-degrees/phd-health-services-research
- **Application Process**: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-process
- **Admissions FAQ**: https://sph.umd.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-application-faqs

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Health Services Research, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-services-phhs/health-services-phd/)