HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH (PHHS)
Graduate Degree Program
College: Public Health

Abstract
The goal of this program 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 order to improve access, cost, and quality of health services, with a particular emphasis on federal, state, and local health policy. The PhD in Health Services 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 courses which culminate in a doctoral dissertation and an oral dissertation defense. For further information go to http://sph.umd.edu/department/hlsa/doctoral-program-health-services-phd

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

Admissions
PART 1. SOPHAS APPLICATION

- Complete the online SOPHAS application (http://www.sophas.org).
- Choose the University of Maryland College Park School of Public Health program (http://sophas.org/program-finder/?institution=1016) to which you would like to apply.
- You may apply to only one UMD SPH program per application cycle.
- You must send an official transcript for all completed college courses. These transcripts go directly to SOPHAS.
- We require 3 letters of recommendation. Your references will receive an email invite from SOPHAS to complete the recommendation online.
- Test scores. GRE and English proficiency (IELTS and TOEFL) scores must be sent to 5688 & 5814.
- Pay the SOPHAS application fee.
- Your SOPHAS application will go through several phases including submission, completion and verification. Verification can take up to four weeks, therefore we recommend starting the application early.

PART 2: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

- The supplemental application is completed online via an emailed invitation from the UMD graduate school.
- The invite is sent within one week of your SOPHAS verification date to the email on file with SOPHAS.
- The title of the email is ‘please complete the school of public health supplemental application.’
- This application requires demographic and residency questions, transcript, and application fee.
- You must submit a PDF copy of your undergraduate degree transcript (the transcript that indicates degree awarded).
- The application fee is $75.00
- Upon completion of BOTH parts, you will receive notification of 'Under Committee Review’, which means the application has been sent to the review committee.

For more information, please visit the School of Public Health website (http://sph.umd.edu/content/graduate-admissions).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Type of Applicant | Fall Deadline
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Domestic Applicants
US Citizens and Permanent Residents | Priority: 15 Nov
Residents | Final: 14 Feb

International Applicants
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants | Priority: 15 Nov

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Requirements

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