**PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE AND POLICY (PHPP)**

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Public Health

**Abstract**

Healthcare is the largest industry in the U.S. and employs over 11 million workers. 21st century health care professionals require cutting-edge knowledge and exemplary leadership skills to enable their organizations to rise to societal, technological, ethical, financial, and public health challenges. To meet the growing demand for skilled health care professionals, the Department of Health Services Administration, School of Public Health, at the University of Maryland offers an exceptional professional learning opportunity in Public Health Practice. The Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice and Policy (MPH-PHPP) is designed to provide working professionals with the broad range of knowledge and skill-based competencies needed to assume leadership roles in addressing important public health practice and policy issues nationally and globally. The program offer courses in the fall and spring semester (16 weeks each) and Summer Term (two 6-week sessions). The curriculum and degree has the same content, quality, and high standards as the University’s traditional on-site curriculum and reflects the broad range of knowledge and skill-based competencies germane to public health practice in the 21st century. Instruction is delivered by School of Public Health faculty and experts from prominent public health organizations. The School of Public Health is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

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**Admissions**

The MPH in Public Health Practice and Policy program has a two-step application process. Applicants first submit the SOPHAS application ([www.sophas.org](https://www.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/](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  
- GRE scores are **not required** for this program

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/).

**Application Deadlines**

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- HLSA ([https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/hlsa/](https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/hlsa/))  
- Principles of Public Health ([https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/principles-public-health-z076/](https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/principles-public-health-z076/))
RESOURCES AND LINKS

Office of Extended Studies (OES) Program Website: https://oes.umd.edu/professionals-post-baccalaureates/professional-graduate-programs/public-health-practice-and-policy
SPH Program Website: https://sph.umd.edu/academics/masters-degrees/mph-master-public-health/mph-public-health-practice-and-policy-online
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

- Public Health Practice and Policy, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)

Facilities and Special Resources

The Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice and Policy instruction is delivered in a blended learning format with stimulating on-line courses supplemented by a total of six weekends of residency. On-site weekend sessions will be held at the University of Maryland College Park Campus. For more information, please see: