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 offers 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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Health Equity (HLEQ) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-equity-hleq)
Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation (HPAE) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/health-policy-analysis-evaluation-hpae)
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Courses: SPHL (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/courses/sphl)
HLSA (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/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

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US Citizens and Permanent Residents

F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A,E,G,H,I and L visas and immigrants
Requirements

- Public Health Practice and Policy, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
  (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/public-health-practice-policy-phpp/public-health-practice-policy-mph/)

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 The university of Maryland College Park Campus. For more information, please see: