



School of Medicine

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM BASIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



- MPH in Public Health Practice
- MPH in Public Health Methods in Urban Health
- Bridge Graduate Certificate in Public Health Practice
- MD-MPH joint degree
- MA Nutrition & Food Science-MPH joint degree
- MSW-MPH joint degree

WHAT IT TAKES TO APPLY

All requirements for admission must be satisfied before Admission Committee review. Students must meet the requirements of the Graduate School of the University as well as those for admission into the Public Health Graduate Programs. All documents are submitted electronically to the WSU Graduate School at <http://gradadmissions.wayne.edu>.

Applications are accepted for the **fall semester admission only**. Completed applications are reviewed through May.

The Graduate School Admissions Office requires that **official transcripts and standardized test scores** be forwarded to them directly. However, **applicants are encouraged to upload** unofficial undergraduate transcripts in progress and other required documents so that the admissions committee may identify deficiencies and recommend improvements.

Please consult the [Wayne State University Graduate School Application Support](http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate/application-support/) webpage for information about how to write a compelling personal statement and effectively request letters of recommendation.

<https://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate/application-support/>

Admission Requirements

The recommendations of the Committee are based on detailed review of all material submitted online including an applicant's academic record, performance on the Graduate Record Examination, personal statement, background and professional experience, and three letters of recommendation. Please be aware that our program is competitive and that completing an application or fulfilling minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission.

1. **Grade Point Average:** Applicants will be expected to demonstrate an overall undergraduate *grade point average (GPA)* of **3.0** or higher (on a scale of 4.0) and specifically to have achieved grades of 3.0 or higher in college course work in mathematics, the social sciences and the natural sciences.
2. **College Level Math:** Applicants must demonstrate competency in college level math by earning a grade of B or above in a college-based mathematics or statistics course within the last 5 years. Applicants who have not fulfilled this requirement may be asked to do one of the following before being considered for admission:
 - Enroll in a college algebra course at a university or community college.
 - Register for a math placement exam at a US College or a Community College Mathematics Departments. To fulfill the math requirement, students must pass into the second level of College Math.
 - Apply for a math requirement waiver (available for physicians and other licensed healthcare professionals who may have taken biostatistics as part of a larger course such as community medicine). To apply for a waiver, e-mail a syllabus listing the specific biostatistics competencies, contact hours and grades attained to

<http://www.med.wayne.edu/fam/mph>

- MPHprogram@med.wayne.edu. The Admissions Committee will grant a waiver if the competencies and skills listed on the syllabus are compatible with those required by our program.

3. **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)** within the last five years. Successful applicants have previously attained scores at the following levels:

- Verbal Reasoning: at or above the 60th percentile
- Quantitative Reasoning: at or above the 55th percentile
- Analytical Writing: at or above 4 or the 50th percentile

Please note that eligible applicants who have fulfilled the requirements below may apply for a GRE waiver:

- Completed a **graduate degree** (e.g. MS, MBA, MSN, Ph.D.) from an accredited institution.
- Completed a terminal professional degree (for MD, DO, DDS, DVM, and PharmD degrees etc.) and have passed a **professional licensure examination** in the U.S. (USMLE, COMLEX-USA, BDE, NAPLEX, NAVLE, etc.). Apply to the **Bridge Graduate Certificate** and upload U.S. licensure exam scores to the application.

4. **Demonstration of English Proficiency** within the last two years: Non-native English speakers who graduated from non-U.S. colleges or universities are required to pass the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or the International English Language Test System (IELTS) or the Pearson Test of English (PTE) <https://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate/english-proficiency/>.

5. **Curriculum Vitae/Résumé**: Include education, professional, research and volunteer experiences.

6. **Personal Statement (< 500 words)**: The personal statement should explain to the Admissions Committee the candidate's desire for a graduate public health education. This statement should include a discussion of personal, professional, and/or academic experiences that have led the candidate to apply to the MPH program. The personal statement should discuss the following information:

- Interest and background in the field of public health.
- Long-term academic and professional goals.
- Reasons for applying to the Wayne State University MPH Program, taking into consideration the Program's mission and/or faculty research interests.

7. **Three letters of Recommendation** from former instructors, supervisors and/or professional colleagues are submitted online by an applicant's referees.

At least one letter should be from a faculty who can speak to the applicant's academic potential for graduate study.

- The letters need to be current, signed and printed on letterhead, and include a description of how long and in what capacity the referee knows the applicant.
- The letters should provide information about the applicant's professional experiences, skills and interests in public health and/or related fields.
- The letters may include information about the applicant's interpersonal skills, ability to communicate effectively, motivation, organizational abilities and aptitude in research.

<http://www.familymedicine.med.wayne.edu/mph>