

Admission Requirements for the MPH and Graduate Certificate in Public Health Practice:

Before applications to either the MPH or the Graduate Certificate Program in Public Health Practice (GC-PHP) are presented to the Admissions Committee, all requirements for admission must be satisfied. Students must meet the requirements of the Graduate School of the University as well as those for admission into the Public Health Graduate Programs.

1. 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. The demonstration of competency in **mathematics** at the college-level is essential for admission into these programs. Some of the elective courses offered in occupational and environmental health also require demonstration of undergraduate competency in chemistry and physics.
3. The **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)** is required. Successful applicants have previously attained scores on the verbal reasoning section of the GRE at or above the 60th percentile level and on the quantitative reasoning section at or above the 55th percentile level. Individuals who have already completed a graduate level degree from an accredited institution, or physicians who have passed USMLE Part I or equivalent health professionals who have passed a USA licensure examination, can apply for a waiver of this GRE requirement (see [supplemental application forms](#)).
4. Applicants who graduated from non-US colleges or universities are required to demonstrate **English proficiency** either by completing a degree at an accredited US institution or in a country where English is the native language; or by passing the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB), the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or equivalent test such as the International English Language Test System (IELTS). Physicians who have passed USMLE Part II Clinical Skills can apply to the Graduate School for a waiver of the TOEFL requirement.

The Application Process:

Application to these Programs requires both online application to the WSU Graduate School by logging on to: <http://www.gradadmissions.wayne.edu> and the submission of the downloadable **MPH or GC-PHP Supplemental Application** directly to the MPH Office with the required attachments (<http://www.med.wayne.edu/fam/mph>).

1. The Graduate School Admissions Office requires applicants to arrange for their **official transcripts** and any record of standardized tests (**GRE, TOEFL, etc.**) to be submitted directly. Final recommendations for admission cannot be made until all Graduate School Admissions Office requirements have been satisfied. Regular online review by an applicant to determine current admission status is essential for addressing possible paperwork deficiencies.
2. The MPH/GC-PHP Admissions Committee will not review any application until the **Supplemental Application Form** has been submitted with all its required attachments (see below).

Deadlines for Submission: MPH degree and GC-PHP applications need to be submitted by **February, 15th (January 1st, for international students)** in order to be reviewed by the Admissions Committee for

admittance into the Program for the fall semester. Applicants who have yet to finish their undergraduate programs and/or have yet to take the GRE are still encouraged to file their applications by this deadline. However, a final decision cannot be made until these requirements are completed. Although completed applications received after this deadline up until **July 1st** will be subject to administrative review and applicants advised of any deficiencies in their application, subsequent review by the Admissions Committee is dependent on available space remaining in the Program. If the Program is full, applications can be deferred until the following year.

The Supplemental Application Form: submitted directly to the MPH Office and its attachments are essential to the review process. The recommendations of the Committee are based on detailed review of all material submitted including an applicant's academic record, performance in the Graduate Record Examination, personal statement, background and professional experience, and letters of reference.

1. Although official transcripts and test scores (TOEFL etc:) are required by the Graduate Admissions Office, copies of transcripts, professional certificates, and test scores (USMLE, ECFMG, TOEFL, IELTS, GRE etc:) should be submitted with the **Supplemental Application Form** to expedite the review process.
2. A **Curriculum Vitae/Résumé** and a **Personal Statement (< 500 words)** of purpose describing the applicant's reasons for applying to the Program, interest and background in the field of public health, and long-term academic and professional goals, need to be included.
3. The three required **Letters of Recommendation** can be submitted online but are best sent directly to the MPH Office by individual referees in order to expedite the review process (see below for guidelines).

Mathematics Requirement: A background in mathematics is essential for success in the Program. Applicants are therefore expected to have achieved a grade of B or above in a college-based mathematics or statistics course, preferably within the last 5 years. Applicants with a deficiency in this requirement may be asked to take a college-based mathematics course before being considered for admission into the Program. The WSU Mathematics Department has a placement examination and applicants passing at the first level would be recommended to take MAT 1000 or MAT 1050 (<http://www.clas.wayne.edu/math>). However, an applicant passing at the second level of this placement examination would have met the mathematics requirements for admission into the Program. For those physicians who might have taken biostatistics as part of a larger course such as community medicine, the Admissions Committee is willing to consider a waiver of this mathematics requirement if official documentation of specific mathematics competencies can be provided. Such documentation is best provided as a letter forwarded directly to the MPH office by the applicant's medical school listing the specific biostatistics competencies and grades attained.

Letters of Recommendation: When requesting letters of recommendation from former lecturers, supervisors and or professional colleagues, applicants need to request that their referees focus on the suitability of the applicant for admission into a public health graduate degree or certificate program. The letters need to be current and should include a description of how long and in what capacity the referee knows the applicant. The committee is seeking from referees an appraisal of an applicant's experience in public health and or related fields, listing relevant technical skills. Assessment of abilities to communicate

in both verbal and written formats is also important. Any additional information on an applicant's interpersonal skills, motivation, organizational abilities, and aptitude for research are also welcomed. Overall the committee would like to hear from referees as to an applicant's potential to be successful in completing a graduate degree or certificate in public health and how they might effectively use the acquired knowledge and experience in developing a future career in the field of Public Health.

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