

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) PROGRAM RESIDENTIAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application Due Dates	
FALL START	
February 1	Priority Domestic Applicants International Applicants
July 1	Final Domestic Applicants
SPRING START	
September 15	International Applicants
October 15	Domestic Applicants

TRACKS

- Standalone (2-year program)
- 4+1 (combined program (BS/BA + MPH)
(for undergraduate students at Purdue University))
- Dual Degree (dual program (PhD/MS/MA + MPH)
(for graduate students at Purdue University))

CONCENTRATIONS

Family & Community Health | Biostatistics | Epidemiology

APPLICATION PORTALS

- Submit full application via [SOPHAS](#) and supplemental application via [Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars](#)
- 4+1, Dual Degree: Submit full application via [Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars](#)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Official Transcripts

The SOPHAS application requires WES evaluated transcripts for non-US/Canadian transcripts - request through SOPHAS application portal.

The supplemental Purdue OGSPS application will accept student copies of transcripts for the review process, but if a decision is made to admit, official transcripts must be submitted to your supplemental application. International applicants will also need to submit a copy of their diploma.

- 3.0 cumulative GPA minimum from most recently conferred undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree for Standalone and Dual Degree applicants
- 3.5 cumulative undergraduate GPA minimum for 4+1 applicants

• Three Letters of Recommendation

- Choose three individuals that can comment on your academic strengths, professional accomplishments, and/or individual interests in public health. Preferably two academic sources for current students and recent graduates.

• Academic Statement of Purpose

The Academic Statement of Purpose is an opportunity for you to share information that will help reviewers understand your academic interests and objectives, assess your academic background, preparation, and training, and determine if you are a good match for the program to which you are applying.

The following topics should be addressed in your Academic Statement of Purpose:

1. What are your professional plans and career goals? How will attending graduate school assist you in reaching those goals?
2. Describe your research, scholarly, or creative interests. What topics are of particular interest to you? Reviewers know that interests change over time but try to be as specific as possible.
3. Discuss how your experiences, skills, and abilities have prepared you for graduate study. Relevant topics may include coursework, work and research experiences, internships, presentations, exhibits, publications, and community service. If you describe a research or scholarly experience, include information on the topic, research mentor, your role, and outcomes.
4. Describe how your skills, preparation, and interests are a match for the program to which you are applying. Identify faculty who share your research and scholarly interests. Reviewers will want to know that you have researched the program, faculty, and key focus areas.

• Personal History Statement

The Personal History Statement helps reviewers learn more about you as a whole person and as a potential graduate student. This may include relevant details on community service, leadership roles, participation in diverse teams, and significant barriers that you overcame to attend graduate school.

Required of all applicants:

1. Describe how your background and life experiences contribute to your ability to be both persistent and resourceful in graduate school.
2. Describe how your life experiences have prepared you to contribute to an academic community where scholars with diverse research interests, abilities, backgrounds, and experiences are supported, respected, and valued.

Optional:

3. Please address concerns that you may have that your academic record does not reflect your true capabilities and discuss.

• Resume or Curriculum Vitae

- No page limit.
- Should include any related coursework or training, community- and field-based experiences, research training and accomplishments, and professional and leadership positions. Please note cumulative GPA(s).

- **English Proficiency Test** (TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo for international applicants) - Scores should be submitted to the Purdue University Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars supplemental application and to the SOPHAS application. (Institution code 5688 SOPHAS and 1631 Purdue University). Total and all subscores must meet minimum score requirements. Details: <https://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/admissions/how-to-apply/apply-toefl.html>