

## Master of Public Health

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The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a professional degree program designed for graduates and employees in health-related fields holding a bachelor's degree or higher in their field of practice. This unique integrated program is offered by the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University. In addition to the core coursework, individuals will select one of seven tracks at either the University of North Dakota or North Dakota State University. **Applicants will apply to the institution that houses the track they wish to follow.** Both institutions offer core coursework. More tracks are anticipated in the future.

### Admission Requirements

All applicants must demonstrate adequate preparation in a field related to public health and show potential to undertake advanced study, research and practical training as evidenced by previous academic accomplishment and experience.

All admission decisions are based upon full review of all information in the application and the materials explained below in order to ensure fairness and to balance the limitations of any single criterion of the application. Strong preference for admission will be given to applicants with at least one year of practical experience in their field, including practical field experience gained within an academic program.

In addition to the online application, applicants must

1. Provide official transcripts from each institution of higher education from which they have earned credit, and be able to demonstrate undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00. Undergraduate coursework in fields related to public health should generally exceed a GPA of 3.00.
2. Submit official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores.\* While there is no minimum GRE score required for admission, performance on the GRE is evaluated as a measure of an applicant's verbal and quantitative skills.

\*GRE General Test scores are not required of applicants who are currently enrolled in (in good academic standing) or have completed a doctoral-level degree in a health-related field at a regionally-accredited U.S. institution of higher learning.

3. Provide a Statement of Goals. Applicants must submit a one-page, written narrative describing their education, relevant work experience and current professional goals. Applicants are expected to comment on plans they have to use their education and training in public health and any personal qualities, characteristics and abilities they believe will enable them to be successful in achieving their professional career goals.
4. Provide a resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
5. Arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent from individuals whom the applicant feels are most qualified to evaluate academic achievement; clinical, public health or other professional experiences; or leadership potential in public health.
6. Satisfy The Graduate School's English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the Graduate Catalog.

The Admissions Committee will invite selected applicants for an interview on the basis of the Committee's review of all submitted materials. Final decisions will be made after all interviews are completed. Satisfactory completion of a background check is required prior to admission.

## Degree Requirements

The MPH program requires the successful completion of 42 credits of coursework including 20 credits of required coursework in five core areas. Students will select courses in consultation with the program director and other faculty. Students who have completed the core coursework in a previous degree will need to complete courses in the core competencies to add up to a total of 42 credits.

### 1. The required core coursework includes the following academic areas.

- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Health Policy & Management

2. Master's Paper: students must complete an analytical paper related to public health, in accordance with Graduate School standards.

3. Practicum: students must complete experiential work in an internship related to public health. The Graduate Director for the MPH program must approve all internship work in advance.

4. Specialization Coursework: student must complete a minimum of 9 credits of additional course work in one of the following tracks of specialization. Credits for the specialization track must total 15 complemented by selections from the courses in competency areas.

**UND** offers specialization tracks in Rural Health Management and Policy, Rural Health and Health Care, and A Healthy Society. Learn more about the Specializations offered at the University of North Dakota:

<http://www.med.und.edu/degrees/graduate-programs/public-health/>

**Students interested in these tracks will apply to UND.**

**NDSU** offers specialization tracks in Health Promotion, Pharmacy in Public Health, Infectious Disease Management, and Emergency Management. Learn more about the Specializations offered at North Dakota State University: [http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/programs/public\\_health/public\\_health/](http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/programs/public_health/public_health/)

**Students interested in these tracks will apply to NDSU.**

## Faculty and Areas of Expertise

The Faculty of the MPH program draws from several departments from the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University. We recommend applicants visit the participating department web sites to learn more about the faculty and their areas of research.

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