HOW TO APPLY

Please visit the Penn State Graduate School Admissions Portal: gradsch.psu.edu/portal/ to begin your application.

What you will need:

- Current resume/CV
- Written statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all universities attended
- Official standardized test scores (GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT)

Please visit the program website for detailed admission requirements and directions.

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LOCATION

The Penn State MPH program is located at the Penn State College of Medicine campus in Hershey, PA.

The capital city of Harrisburg, home to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is only 14 miles west of the Hershey campus.

MPH Program
Mission Statement

The mission of the Penn State MPH program is to advance theory and practice that prepare future public health leaders, improve population health, and reduce health disparities – across Pennsylvania's communities and the nation – through excellence in education, research, and service.
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Penn State Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program prepares students for exciting careers in public health.

Students gain knowledge and skills in the five core areas of public health: biostatistics, environmental health sciences, epidemiology, health services administration, and social and behavioral sciences.

Students specialize in one of three public health tracks:
- Community and Behavioral Health
- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Health Services Organization and Policy

The 47-credit degree program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis. All courses are offered in the late-afternoons or evenings to accommodate working students. Several courses can be completed at Penn State’s University Park, Harrisburg, Great Valley, or World (online) campuses.

CORE CURRICULUM

All Penn State MPH students are required to take the following core courses (29 credits):

- PHS 501: Principles of Public Health
- PHS 504: Behavioral Health Intervention Strategies (or BBH 504)
- PHS 520: Principles of Biostatistics
- PHS 536: Health Survey Research Methods
- PHS 542: Environmental Health Sciences
- PHS 550: Principles of Epidemiology
- PHS 571: Health Services Organization and Delivery (or HPA 520)
- PHS 895A: Master of Public Health Internship
- PHS 802: Practice of Public Health
- PHS 894: Capstone Experience

PHASE

MPH students lead the Public Health Association for Service and Education (PHASE), a student-run organization designed to increase public health literacy through education, advocacy, PHASE-sponsored events, and community outreach within Penn State College of Medicine and Milton S. Hershey Medical Center as well as the greater Central Pennsylvania community.

FACULTY INTERESTS

Courses are taught by faculty with expertise in the following areas:

- Biostatistics
- Bioinformatics
- Epidemiology
- Health services research
- Quality of care
- Quality of life
- Health promotion
- Nutrition
- Health economics
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Intervention design
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Environmental health
- Women’s health
- Pregnancy outcomes
- Alcohol abuse prevention
- Health disparities
- Program evaluation
- Tobacco cessation

“Today, I started applying my grad school knowledge to an intervention program I’m developing for childhood obesity in a local county school. So this is what it feels like to know why I’ve made the choices I’ve made to be where I am today? What an awesome feeling.”

Alicia Schueck, Penn State MPH student