

# Public Health

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## Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**  
Early review begins November 15th rolling through March 1 or until full.
- **Credential Offered:**  
MPH
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL ibT 90; IELTS 6.5; Duolingo 115

All applicants to the Master of Public Health program 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 in order to ensure fairness and to balance the limitations of any single element of the application, including practical experience in the field of public health.

### **Minimum Program Admission Requirements**

1. Completion of the SOPHAS application (<https://sophas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/deeplink/programSearch/organization/2696958676395292399>) and NDSU Graduate School application ([https://ndsugrad.my.site.com/Application/TX\\_SiteLogin/?startURL=/Application/TargetX\\_Portal\\_\\_PB](https://ndsugrad.my.site.com/Application/TX_SiteLogin/?startURL=/Application/TargetX_Portal__PB)).
2. A baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university (for U.S. degrees, accreditation by one of the six regional accrediting associations: MSA, NASC, NCA, NEASC-CIHE, SACS-CC or WACS-Sr.).
3. An 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.
4. No entrance exam is required (e.g. GRE). It is an optional item you can submit if you choose.
5. All graduate applicants must demonstrate academic-level proficiency with the English language before they will be considered for admission. This requirement must be met by all applicants, regardless of citizenship, residency, or nation of birth. No applicants will be considered for admission until the English Language Proficiency Requirement has been met. The English Proficiency Requirement will not be waived for any reason. This requirement may be satisfied in any of the following ways:
  - A bachelor's degree or higher from a recognized institution in the United States, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Jamaica, Australia, New Zealand, or English Speaking Canada;
  - An overall minimum band score of 6.5 on the Academic Module IELTS;
  - A satisfactory score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The expected minimum score is 233 for the computer-based test, 90 for the Internet-based test, and 577 for the paper-based test.
  - Successful completion of English Language Service (ELS) Language Center's Intensive Level 112.
6. Applicants are required to submit the following supporting documentation
  - Written Statement of Purpose and Goals – applicants must submit a one to two page, written narrative describing their education and skill set, relevant work experience, and current professional career goals. Applicants are expected to comment on their plans to use their education and training in public health in their future career. In addition, the application should highlight any personal qualities, characteristics and abilities they believe will enable them to be successful in achieving their professional career goals..
  - Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)
  - Official post-secondary academic transcripts from all institutions attended (transcripts must be sent directly from the institutions to NDSU)
  - Admissions Tests (as applicable) – scores must be sent by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) directly to NDSU. The institution code for the GRE and TOEFL for North Dakota State University is **6474** and Centralized Application Service for Public Health Programs (SOPHAS) Code **4770**.

- Three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who the applicant feels are most qualified to evaluate their academic achievement; clinical, public health or other professional experiences; or leadership potential in public health.

The Admissions Committee may invite selected applicants for an interview on the basis of the Committee's review of all submitted application materials.

Early review begins November 15. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through March 1 or until filled; accepted for fall, spring and summer terms