

Public Health

Nature of the Work	<p>For descriptions of this profession see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.apha.org/what-is-public-health • www.explorehealthcareers.org
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 core areas of public health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Biostatistics — Epidemiology — Health Services Administration — Health Education/Behavioral Science — Environmental Health • Many schools offer concentrations in addition to the 5 core areas of public health • Check the Association of Schools of Public Health website (www.aspph.org) for a list of public health schools
Course Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vary by school
Application Timeline	<p>Public health school directly after Gettysburg College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required courses completed by end of senior year (although preference may be given to applicants who complete the required courses sooner) • Apply during fall of senior year
Standardized Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually Graduate Record Exam (GRE) revised General Test (www.ets.org/gre), but varies by school • Given year-round at computer-based test centers • Length ~ 4 hours • 3 sections : Verbal Reasoning (score 130-170), Quantitative Reasoning (score 130-170), Analytical Writing (score 0-6) • Register on-line (www.ets.org/gre) • Free and low-cost preparation materials (www.ets.org/gre) • Unofficial scores on test day, official scores in 10-15 days
Application Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) (www.sophas.org) • Available ~ September 1 • Schools not participating in SOPHAS: apply directly to school • APPLY EARLY!!! Do not wait until application deadlines!

Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA • GRE scores • Letters of evaluation • Health-related experience • Personal statement
Length of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by school • Master's programs ~ 2 years • Doctoral programs ~ 3 – 5 years
Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters level: Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Health Administration (MHA), Master of Science (MS), Masters Health Systems Administration (MHSA) • Doctoral level: Doctor of Public Health (DrPH), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Science (ScD)
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Schools of Public Health (www.aspph.org) • www.apha.org/what-is-public-health • American Public Health Association (www.apha.org) • www.publichealthjobs.net