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DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH (DRPH) IN LEADERSHIP, PRACTICE, AND RESEARCH

ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health's Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Leadership, Practice, and Research degree prepares mid- to senior-career professionals to assume positions of greater responsibility and to achieve public health impact at local, state, national, and/or international levels by increasing a student's practical knowledge of theory and public health training while honing their leadership, practice, and research skill sets.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The DrPH in Leadership, Practice, and Research degree is a part-time hybrid program. Most courses are completed remotely online and are supplemented with executive format face-to-face meetings on campus in New Jersey. Students are required to attend executive sessions a maximum of five times during their first two years of study.

Coursework is completed as a cohort. Students enroll in a minimum of six credits (two courses) each semester: fall; spring; and summer for the first year and a half.

During the spring and summer semesters of their second year, students are required to complete an additional one to two credits to fulfill an applied practice experience.

Students will also complete a comprehensive qualifying exam (written and oral), as well as a dissertation.

Full-time study is not permitted.

CURRICULUM

- Leadership Courses (9 credits)
- Quantitative and Qualitative Methods Courses (15 credits)
- Policy and Practice Courses (12 credits)
- DrPH Applied Practice Experience (3 credits)
- Doctoral Research (9 credits)
- Other Requirements

Total: 48 credits*

**A student who does not have a Master of Public Health degree from a Council on Education for Public Health-accredited school or program of public health, will be required to complete the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Population Health coursework. The 15 credit Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Population Health may be taken before or during the DrPH coursework and must be completed prior to sitting for the DrPH qualifying exam. Transfer credits are not permitted.*

FAST FACTS



Cohort Size: 25 Students

Total Credits: 48

Format: Part-time online hybrid

Online Course Format:
Primarily synchronous and asynchronous

Required Campus Visits: Five maximum

Length of Campus Visits: Two to three days per visit

Application Deadline:
December 1 (fall semester admission only)

Apply Today:



[go.rutgers.edu/
sph-apply](https://go.rutgers.edu/sph-apply)

As a Rutgers alum, it was great to come back for my doctorate. The relaunched DrPH in Leadership, Practice, and Research was a perfect fit for my career stage, giving me the skills, perspective, and connections I need to shift to the next level.

- Rebecca, DrPH Student

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for admission to the DrPH in Leadership, Practice, and Research program is generally more stringent than those for the Master of Public Health or Master of Science degree programs. Considerable attention is given to the match between the expertise of the faculty and the specific interests of the candidate.

Applicants for admission must have earned a master's degree from an accredited program in the United States or its equivalent and must have demonstrated academic achievement in an appropriate discipline. In addition, applicants must have a minimum of five years professional experience within a public health or health-related setting.

This program cannot sponsor a student visa.

A complete application includes:

- Online application: visit go.rutgers.edu/sph-apply
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. Course-by-course transcript evaluation required for all coursework completed outside of the U.S. or Canada
- Statement of goals, two-to-three pages in length, which addresses:
 - Why the DrPH in Leadership, Practice, and Research degree is of interest to you at this stage in your career
 - Key knowledge and skills you hope to gain from the program
 - How the degree will help advance your leadership in the field of public health
 - Your preparedness for the program – discuss the breadth of your experience and how it has contributed to your personal and professional growth
- Three letters of recommendation from academic or professional sources
- Resume or CV
- GRE General Exam (optional)
- TOEFL or IELTS score for applicants educated in a non-native English-speaking country

DID YOU KNOW?

The school has several research centers and works closely with Rutgers University institutes:

- Center for Public Health Workforce Development
- Center for Health, Identity, Behavior & Prevention Studies
- Center on Gun Violence Research
- Cancer Health Equity Center of Excellence
- Center for South Asian Quantitative Health & Education
- Institute for Nicotine & Tobacco Studies
- Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute
- Institute for Health, Healthcare, Policy and Aging Research
- Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
- ...and more

Ranked Among the Best in the Country

The school has been ranked No. 22 among the 2023-2024 Best Graduate Schools in Public Health by U.S. News & World Report.

\$88 million

School primary faculty and students were directly awarded a historic \$88 million in federal grant/contract funding in 2023. These were prime awards made to Rutgers University.

Historic Endowment for LGBTQ+ Health

A \$3 million gift from James F. Dougherty, will fund the Perry N. Halkitis Endowed Chair in LGBTQ+ Public Health at the school.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Olivia is a DrPH in Leadership, Practice, and Research student who is also a public health professional in Los Angeles County. Olivia works with the homeless population to provide COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Her dissertation will focus on providing public health infrastructure support to rural and underserved communities.

"The hybrid program provides the flexibility a full-time public health professional needs while fostering their potential through an innovative program design and inspiring, supportive faculty."

- Olivia, DrPH Student

CAREERS

- Commissioner of Health
- Program Director
- State Epidemiologist
- Federal Agency Director
- Director, State Board of Pharmacy
- Director of Emergency Medical Services
- Executive Director

