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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN HEALTH SYSTEMS AND POLICY (MPH)

ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Health Systems and Policy degree trains students to understand the operational implications of health care, including the organization and delivery of health care, health economics, and health policy in the United States.

Students enrolled in this degree program will also utilize economic theories, concepts, and methodologies in the assessment of current health care issues and problems, such as health systems, policies, and service issues for diverse communities.

From health insurance, cost containment strategies, and physician payment, to demand for health care, health regulation, and health reform, graduates will be able to ethically navigate the constantly evolving political climate of health care policy.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health Exam.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH in Health Systems and Policy degree is offered to students on a full-time or part-time basis. Students will complete a total of 45 credits, including a practicum experience and capstone research project.

If completing the program as a full-time student (nine or more credits per semester), the degree requirements may be completed in as little as two years (four to five semesters).

Part-time students taking at least six credits per semester may expect to finish within four years. Taking courses in the summer may help expedite part-time students' timing.

Courses are available in-person, remote, and/or online.

Students are also required to register for and complete an Interprofessional Education activity prior to graduation.

FAST FACTS



Program Size: 60 Students

Total Credits: 45

Format: Full-time and part-time in-person; some online courses available

Degree Options: Dual degree and 15+ additional certificates

Certified in Public Health Exam Eligibility: Yes

Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester Start Date

January 15 (priority)
May 1 (regular)

Spring Semester Start Date

October 15 (priority)
December 1 (regular)

Apply Today:



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What I like most about the Health Systems and Policy concentration is that the policies I am learning about in the classroom, are being discussed, developed, and implemented in real time. This concentration has given me opportunities to gain experience and grow professionally in a field that I am passionate about.

- Midhat, MPH '22

PROGRAM FORMAT, CONT.

Dual-degree options are available in partnership with other Rutgers University schools. Students can earn a post-baccalaureate certificate alongside their degree with an additional 6-12 credits. Contact admissions for additional information at admissions@sph.rutgers.edu.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application includes:

- Online application: visit go.rutgers.edu/sph-apply
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- Statement of goals, one-to-three pages in length, which addresses:
 - Interest in the program
 - Preparedness for the program
 - Goals and aspirations
- Two letters of recommendation with at least one letter from an academic reference if you are currently enrolled in a degree program or have graduated within the last four years
- Resume or CV
- GRE General Exam (optional)
- TOEFL or IELTS score for applicants educated in a non-native English-speaking country

Applications are accepted on a rolling, space-available basis following the regular deadline.

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

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Kimberly, a current MPH in Health Systems and Policy degree student, has a passion for health care management and policy, specifically evaluating and implementing policies to enhance patient care and health care systems. Kimberly is also interested in tackling disease at the primary- and secondary-levels and is conducting pharmaceutical sector research to enhance preventative measures and management of various diseases.

"I'm enjoying my concentration immensely, as I am learning concepts that allow me to gain practical knowledge in the systems and policy side of health care. In addition, having professors who work in the public health field and conduct their own research is a highly beneficial component of this program."

- Kimberly, MPH Student

CURRICULUM

- Core Public Health Courses (18 credits)
- Practicum (3 credits)
- Concentration Courses (15 credits)
- Elective Courses (9 credits)
- Other Requirements

Total: 45 credits

CAREERS

- Regulatory Affairs Specialist
- Consumer Safety Officer
- Disaster Preparedness Researcher
- Emergency Preparedness Specialist
- Health Economist
- Policy Analyst
- Health Administrator

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.