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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN URBAN PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Urban Public Health degree prepares students to advance health and well-being in diverse, dynamic, and often marginalized, urban populations in New Jersey, the United States, and the world.

Through in-depth training and coursework, graduates of the MPH in Urban Public Health degree have a thorough understanding of systems and structures that lead to inequities, the social determinants of health, and intervention planning that meets community needs. As a result, graduates are able to collaborate with communities to positively impact health with a lens of equity and social justice.

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

PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH in Urban Public Health 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: 41 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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I chose to focus my studies on Urban Public Health because I wanted a better understanding on how to assess the health inequities within urban populations, specifically populations like Newark as I've grown up here for most of my life.

- Brianna, 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.

CURRICULUM

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

Total: 45 credits

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

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



"I chose this concentration because I wanted to help my community with issues we face, such as educational inequalities and violence. This concentration is a reflection of my life because I experienced many of the problems we discuss, so I want to change this narrative for other Black children. The Urban Public Health concentration faculty are super knowledgeable and have fantastic research embedded in helping those underserved in New Jersey. I picked the right concentration and professionals to learn from."

- Daina, MPH'23

CAREERS

- Federal Agency Director
- Community Health Worker
- Climate Change and Health Specialist
- Urban Planner

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.