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# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH OUTCOMES, POLICY, AND ECONOMICS (MS)

## ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health and Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy's Master of Science (MS) in Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics (HOPE) degree is designed to support health care and health regulatory professionals seeking a multidisciplinary graduate program that will prepare them to make efficient and effective data driven decisions impacting health economics, patient outcomes, cost effectiveness, and health policy.

The interdisciplinary MS in Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics degree educates students in economics, data analysis, biostatistics, health policy, and clinical research while emphasizing the role of pharmaceuticals in the provision of health care. Graduates will have an integrated and comprehensive grounding in health outcomes research, epidemiology, health policy, and practice in health care.

## PROGRAM FORMAT

The MS in Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics degree is offered as both a full-time and part-time program.

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

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.

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](mailto:admissions@sph.rutgers.edu).

## FAST FACTS



**Program Size:** 38 Students

**Total Credits:** 40

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

**Degree Options:** Dual degree and additional certificates

### Application Deadlines:

#### Fall Semester Start Date

January 15 (priority)  
August 1 (regular)

#### Spring Semester Start Date

October 15 (priority)  
December 1 (regular)

### Apply Today:



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This program has helped bolster my interest in learning more about health care costs, effectiveness of policies implemented, and the outcomes of treatment and to explore more in the field.

- Rutvi, MS Student

## CURRICULUM

- Core Courses (9 credits)
- Concentration Courses (19 credits)
- Capstone Project (6 credits)
- Elective Courses (6 credits)
- Other Requirements

**Total: 40 credits**

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this program, health care and health regulatory professionals must have completed an accredited undergraduate program in the United States or Canada with a GPA of 3.0 or above.

### A complete application includes:

- Online application: visit [go.rutgers.edu/sph-apply](https://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

## CAREERS

- Health Economics and Outcomes Researcher
- Regulatory Affairs Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Health Economist
- Health Legislative Assistant

## 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



As a trained dentist from India interested in tobacco and smoking-related cancer studies, Brijesh enrolled in the MS in Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics degree to advance his career in the health and pharmaceutical sector. He is currently conducting health economics, health outcomes, and epidemiological research and analyzing health care policy. Additionally, Brijesh is a graduate teaching assistant at the school.



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