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# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (MPH)

## ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Environmental Health Sciences degree provides students with in-depth training on the major environmental health problems that impact the general population as well as unique, sometimes vulnerable, communities.

Graduates will be able to explain toxicology and appropriate dose-related responses to environmental toxicants and describe federal and state regulatory programs relating to environmental protections. Utilizing their knowledge of environmental risk assessment approaches, graduates will be able to efficiently and effectively participate in interdisciplinary public health efforts aimed at ensuring population and community well-being.

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

## PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH in Environmental Health Sciences 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



**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:



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

*I aspired to join a sector of work that undertakes the pressing and momentous issue that is this world's inability to grant equal access to comprehensive healthcare for those in need. While still maintaining these interests, enrolling in this program has helped me broaden my scope of education to include topics in environmental health and toxicology.*

- Lou, 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](mailto:admissions@sph.rutgers.edu).

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

A seeking a MPH in Environmental Health Sciences degree must have the following prerequisites completed: three credits in college biology, human behavior, social or health science; three credits in college calculus; and, demonstration of computer competence.

### 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

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Lily has always had an interest in the environment and environmental justice efforts. Today, as a professional at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Lily works towards improving air quality throughout New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

"The Environmental Health Sciences concentration was the perfect fit for me because I was able to combine my passions for environmental science with the ability to give back to communities and make them healthier. This allowed me to supplement my environmental science background with more public health relevant knowledge, setting me up for success as a public health professional."

- Lily, MPH '22

## CURRICULUM

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

**Total: 45 credits**

## CAREERS

- Climate Change and Health Specialist
- Toxicologist
- Environmental Health Specialist
- Poisoning Prevention Coordinator
- Food Service Sanitarian
- Food Inspector/Department of Agriculture



## Ranked Among the Best in the Country

*The school is ranked among the top 25 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.*