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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN EPIDEMIOLOGY (MPH)

ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology degree prepares students to design, conduct, analyze, and interpret population health research.

Graduates of the program will become data-driven change agents in the public health field as they are trained to use epidemiologic techniques to quantitatively assess patterns and changes in disease occurrence; design, implement, and assess ordinary data collection systems for public health research; interpret epidemiologic data, including national datasets; and present study findings to professional audiences to impact future health care decisions.

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

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH) VS. MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

The Rutgers School of Public Health offers MPH and Master of Science (MS) degrees in Epidemiology.

The MPH degree focuses on core areas of public health and trains students to pursue a professional or practice-oriented career in interdisciplinary public health.

The MS degree focuses on training students for epidemiological research and methodology and serves as preparation for doctoral degree programs.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH in Epidemiology degree is offered as both a full-time and part-time program for candidates dedicated to practicing public health in a professional setting. Students will complete a total of 45 credits, including a practicum experience and capstone research project.

FAST FACTS



Program Size: 177 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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Epidemiology touches on so many health issues and is truly interdisciplinary. The concentration has enabled me to improve my research and statistical skills and to pursue a career working with populations with high disease burdens that interest me most.

- Claire, MPH '22

PROGRAM FORMAT, CONT.

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.

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 accessed by visiting 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



Yashoda is earning her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology degree and is also pursuing a certificate in Maternal and Child Health.

"I have a passion for learning about the different aspects of disease prevention in order to promote better public health in my community. My concentration and certificate program allow me to apply my interest for bettering children's health among future generations by bringing together disease prevention and treatment in pediatrics."

- Yashoda, MPH Student

CURRICULUM

- Core Courses (18 credits)
- Practicum (3 credits)
- Concentration Courses (18 credits)
- Elective Courses (6 credits)
- Other Requirements

Total: 45 credits

CAREERS

- Contact Tracer / Disease Intervention Specialist
- Health Officer
- Vaccine Researcher
- Disease Ecologist
- Infection Preventionist
- Medical Expert / Media
- Injury Prevention Specialist

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.