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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN LGBTQ HEALTH (MPH)

ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in LGBTQ Health degree is designed to support public health professionals dedicated to improving the health of LGBTQ people and populations. As the first MPH concentration in LGBTQ health to be offered by an accredited school of public health, students will be prepared to address the unique health care needs of the LGBTQ community and work toward creating new policies and practices founded upon social justice and health equity.

As a graduate of this program, students will be well educated on the health disparities among LGBTQ communities as well as the concepts of gender, sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation as it is situated across public health, culture, history, legal, medicine, and the political context. Students, practitioners, and researchers will be trained in research practice that supports the identification of relevant health problems and opportunities of improvement in current policy to support the holistic health of this community.

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

PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH in LGBTQ 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: 12 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 love how attentive my professors and colleagues are. They create a safe space inside of an academic domain, which helps break down barriers within self and others.

- Cynthia, MPH Student

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

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Prior to beginning his coursework at the Rutgers School of Public Health, Connor worked in behavioral health coordinating intake at a large practice in Boston. From there, he began working with a public health consulting firm focused on assisting underserved populations working primarily in HIV/AIDS prevention and policy. This path sparked a strong passion for Connor and has encouraged his professional aspirations of furthering the field of LGBTQ health and for harm reduction in all its forms. As a Master of Public Health student, Connor assisted with research focused on studying transgender people's access to HPV care and treatment within the state of New Jersey.

"The LGBTQ Health concentration gives me the space to learn and grow as a public health professional while also showing me how I can best serve my community. My education will help me work to start actually eliminating the health disparities we spend so much time talking about."

- Connor, MPH '22

CURRICULUM

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

Total: 45 credits

CAREERS

- HIV Strategy Coordinator
- Director, Office of Health Equity
- Health Equity Researcher
- Community Health Worker
- Advocacy Director
- Policy Analyst

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.