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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:



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

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

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### 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.*

## 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 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.*