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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN SOCIAL WORK AND PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

ABOUT

The Rutgers School of Social Work and Rutgers School of Public Health's Master of Public Health (MPH) in Social Work and Public Health degree, is a concentration specifically designated for Master of Social Work (MSW)/MPH dual-degree students to maximize credit sharing and leverage social work and public health. This dual-degree concentration offers advanced training opportunities for public service individuals, particularly social workers, that are dedicated to achieving health equity and overcoming health disparities in health care settings and systems.

This program, founded upon the intersection of public health and social welfare, prepares students to prevent, address, and resolve health problems at various levels, including the micro (individual/clinical), mezzo (family, organizational, or community), or macro (society or population) levels. Honing students' knowledge in urban health and social and behavioral sciences, graduates will become public health social workers that understand the intertwining individual, biological, social, economic, political, and environmental factors that critically influence treatment and health outcomes.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified in Public Health Exam and apply for licensing in social work.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The MPH in Social Work and Public Health degree is offered to students on a full-time basis. The degree requirements may be completed in three years.

Students will complete a total of 72 credits, 42 credits of MSW coursework and 30 credits of MPH coursework, including a practicum experience and capstone research project. 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. 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.

FAST FACTS



Program Size: 8 to 10 Students

Total Credits: 72
Social Work Courses (42 credits)
Public Health Courses (30 credits)

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

Degree Options: 15+ additional certificates

Certified in Public Health Exam Eligibility: Yes

Social Work Licensing 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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in the MPH in Social Work and Public Health degree will be required to apply and be accepted to both the Rutgers School of Social Work and Rutgers School of Public Health separately.

A complete application includes:

- Online express 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.

CAREERS

- Public Health Social Worker
- Advocacy Director
- Community Health Worker
- Provider Relationship Manager
- Dementia Services Coordinator

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



"The MSW/MPH dual-degree's content and courses have brought me greater clarity and a stronger skill set for serving the communities and causes I am most connected to and passionate about. One year into my work, I already feel more prepared to partner with participants, communities, and organizations to better serve LGBTQIA2S+ participants, including to work toward access to mental healthcare and substance use treatment; housing; and gender-affirming physical healthcare."

– Corey, MSW/MPH Student

CURRICULUM

- Social Work Courses (42 credits)
- Public Health Courses (30 credits)
- Other Requirements

Total: 72 credits

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.