FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a graduate admission test or GRE required?
Yes, GRE scores are required but there is no minimum score listed for admission. Scores are used in combination with the other application materials to help determine the best students for the program. Applicants who already hold a graduate degree, master’s or doctorate; a graduate professional degree: D.V.M., M.D., D.D.S., etc.; or have completed nine hours of core courses in the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Core Concepts program with a 3.25 GPA or better may ask for a waiver of this requirement.

Do I need a certain degree to apply to the program?
No. Public health needs people from all discipline areas. Prerequisites may be required before taking biostatistics, epidemiology and some other courses in a selected emphasis.

How long does it take to complete the program?
Students have up to six years to complete the program, and can take as many or as few credits/courses each semester as desired. If taking nine credits — three courses — a semester, the program may be completed in five semesters.

Where do alumni work?
With an MPH, your knowledge and skills will be in high demand in this rapidly growing field. Careers include:

- State public health veterinarian
- Food and agricultural organizations
- Veterinary services at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health
- Inspection Service agency
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Epidemic Intelligence Service
- Quality assurance coordinator for a major food corporation
- International nongovernmental organizations
- U.S. Army Veterinary Corps
- Biological science lab technician
- American Red Cross
- Nursing/Infection control
- State and local health departments

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WHY PUBLIC HEALTH?

The Master of Public Health program, or MPH, is a unique, graduate-level program designed to prepare individuals to better address health issues at the local, state, national and international levels. This interdisciplinary program involves multiple academic departments and colleges.

Areas of emphasis available at K-State Olathe

Food safety and biosecurity — Learn to identify and categorize risks, challenges and solutions in the food system for food safety, biosecurity and defense issues in the food production continuum. Courses in this emphasis focus on the multidisciplinary and complex nature of food safety and biosecurity policies, globalization and international trade, as well as their influence on public health.

Infectious diseases and zoonoses — Learn how to strengthen zoonoses prevention and control programs; investigate emerging infectious diseases; enhance the public’s ability to respond to bioterrorism and biosecurity emergencies; and coordinate rapid response activities among government, agriculture industries, nonprofit organizations and academia.

Program advantages

• Courses are instructed by faculty experts from multiple departments and fields so students gain a more comprehensive and well-rounded understanding of public health.
• Flexible online and on-campus classes to accommodate working professionals.
• Accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health, or CEPH.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

In addition to the 15-hour core — five courses — required for all MPH students, students choose an area of emphasis for this 42 credit hours program: either food safety and biosecurity, or infectious diseases and zoonoses. Both provide graduate-level education to individuals currently employed in or anticipating a career in public health. Courses are offered online, in person and a hybrid of the two teaching/delivery methods.

Topics in the five core areas of public health:

• Biostatistics
• Environmental health sciences
• Epidemiology
• Health sciences administration
• Social and behavioral sciences
• Plus unique courses and topics from your chosen emphasis