

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

ADMISSION GUIDE

Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) in the last 60 hours of coursework.

Admission Checklist

- 1. **Graduate School Application and Application Fee**
\$65 US Citizens and Permanent Residents; \$75 International
<http://www.k-state.edu/grad/application/>

- 2. **Narrative Letter**
Submit a narrative letter addressed to the Program Director of two to three pages in length addressing the following:
 - Discuss why you are interested in pursuing the MPH degree, the strengths you have and those areas in which you would like to increase your expertise, competencies and personal development.
 - Outline your professional goals, both immediate and long term, (e.g., what do you see yourself doing with your degree?).
 - The MPH degree at K-State Olathe has two different areas of emphasis. In addition to the core courses, you will take courses in an area of emphasis. Give your preference for the area of emphasis you wish to study in public health and why:
 - Infectious Diseases/Zoonoses
 - Food Safety/Biosecurity

Note: You must select an emphasis area because that determines which faculty will review your application.

 - Please detail which aspects of your chosen area of emphasis are most appealing to you and how they fit into your career goals. Also, mention if there is a faculty member whose expertise seems to match your interests.
 - Describe those experiences that have shaped your interest in the field of public health.
 - Describe one academic experience that has meant the most to you in your educational career.
 - Remember to date and type your name on the letter.

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More information

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3. Official Transcripts

Upload a copy of all transcript(s) in PDF format from each college or university where you received your bachelor's degree(s) or completed any other coursework or degrees. If you are admitted, you will be required to submit an official transcripts to the Graduate School. Students whose transcripts are not in English must furnish an English translation by an appropriate authority. *Please note: Unofficial transcripts can be used when submitting the online application. Official transcripts will be required after official acceptance.*

4. GRE Scores – (Required of all applicants)

Note: A waiver for the GRE may be requested by an applicant that: (1) Has a graduate degree or professional degree from an accredited institution of higher education in the United States; or (2) Is already in the Graduate Certificate for Public Health Core Concepts program and has completed at least 9 semester credit hours from the required core courses with at least a 3.25 GPA on those hours.

5. Three Letters of Reference

Request recommendations from your advisor, former/current professors, employers, or other professionals who are in a position to evaluate your potential for graduate study. Unless you have been out of school for several years, at least one of your references needs to be an academic reference. The online application will ask for their name and email address. Make sure your references know to look for an email from K-State.

6. TOEFL Score – Required only if English is not your native language

Send an official record of the TOEFL score directly from ETS. Required score of 550 or above.

Application Deadlines

Domestic students: *There are no specific deadlines for domestic students.* Applications are accepted at any time, and students are admitted continually, but for timely processing, the following dates are suggested for submission of complete applications:

- **1 July** – for fall semester enrollment
- **1 November** – for spring semester enrollment
- **1 April** – for summer semester enrollment

International students are only accepted for fall enrollment. The Graduate School deadline for International enrollment is:

- **1 January** for fall semester enrollment.

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