



# PUBLIC HEALTH

TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER





More than ever before, our elected officials and the public are interested in what we do.

National figures show a dramatic increase in the demand for trained professionals in the public health workforce. Accredited schools of public health, like the School of Public Health at the Texas A&M Health Science Center, are poised to help you prepare for an exciting career in this expanding field. Data clearly indicate that the substantial advances we have made in key indicators of population health (e.g., infant mortality rates or life expectancy) in the last century were driven by public health interventions.

## DEGREE PROGRAMS

**Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)**—a professional degree for students pursuing administrative practice in health service-related settings: provider organizations, physician offices, clinics, managed care organizations and a variety of organizations that supply or otherwise support public or private health service organizations. The goal of the M.H.A. program is to develop effective health care managers to provide leadership in health delivery systems.

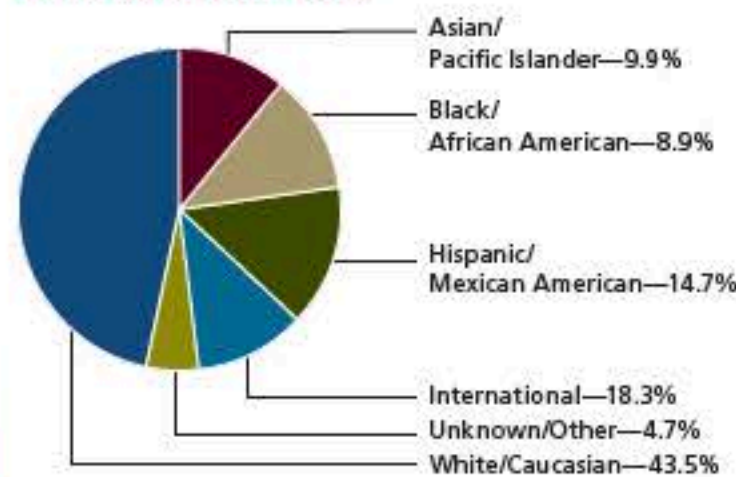
**Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)**—prepares graduates for positions that require a broad knowledge of the field of public health and the ability to critically assess and apply a variety of tools and skills to public health issues. Through their studies and first-hand experiences students acquire a sound foundation in the core disciplines of public health.

**Master of Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.)**—prepares students for careers in research settings where investigators address important public health issues or for further doctoral study.

**Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)**—considered an advanced degree for practitioners, it is designed to prepare leaders who can make a difference in the field of public health through the development of critical assessment, interventions, and leadership skills.

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Health Services Research**—prepares students to conduct high quality research to then obtain a career in teaching or research concerning issues related to access, cost or quality in health care.

## STUDENT PROFILE



416  
ENROLLMENT

61%  
FEMALE

39%  
MALE

7:1  
STUDENT TO FACULTY  
RATIO

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The School of Public Health has several student organizations that students can choose to participate in as they move through their graduate training. These organizations provide so much in the way of “other” public health opportunities, exposure, experiences, and outreach. More information can be found on school web pages, and by contacting current student officers or SPH Office of Student Affairs.

- American Society of Safety Engineers
- Association for Future Healthcare Leaders
- Community Health Promotion Student Organization
- Environmental Sustainability Group
- Epidemiology Student Organization
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement
- Medical Group Management Association
- Public Health Student Association

## CORE DISCIPLINES

**Department of Environmental and Occupational Health**—concerned with understanding the factors associated with environmental or occupational diseases. Environmental health faculty study the health effects of exposures to air and water pollution, pesticides, organic solvents, naturally occurring toxins and other environmental hazards. Occupational health faculty study the health and safety hazards that occur in the home and the workplace. Students may choose from the two master’s degree concentrations: Environmental Health or Occupational Safety and Health.

### DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.)
- Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)

**Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics**—prepares students for careers in academia and numerous public and private health arenas by selecting a concentration study in Epidemiology or Biostatistics. Students acquire the expertise necessary to design and implement basic and applied research in disease etiology, control, and prevention. Students may work with colleagues in other departments to apply their epidemiologic and biostatistics skills to various substantive areas.

### DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Epidemiology *Web-based for Texas residents only*
- Master of Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.)
- Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)

**Department of Health Policy and Management**—prepares students to take on significant responsibilities in both private and public sectors of public health or health care delivery. The emphasis on policy issues and management practices provides the student with a truly unique opportunity to prepare for careers in various health settings.

### DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Health Services Research

Many factors influence individual and population health, from biology and individual behavior to environmental and social forces. The **Department of Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences** prepares public health professionals to incorporate these broad factors into planning implementing and evaluating programs, services and policies that will improve the health of individuals and communities.

### DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Science in Public Health (M.S.P.H.)
- Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)

## Why Texas A&M Public Health?

The mission of the School of Public Health is to improve the health of communities, with emphasis on improving population health, through education, research, service, outreach and creative partnerships. At the School, our professors care about impacting the community with their research as well as their students. Professors have research projects ranging from emergency preparedness to community health development. Yet, all of them share a passion for learning. Faculty serve as advisors to students, and each student participates in a practicum during their stay. Students have conducted epidemiologic studies, assisted in programs/centers of faculty, and many others have served as interns in Texas and abroad.





## Public health is a diverse field with many opportunities.

Students who graduate with a public health degree and a specialization in one of the core disciplines at the School of Public Health will be qualified for many exciting careers.

<b>Administration/Management</b>	<b>Health Education</b>
<b>Community Practice</b>	<b>Policy</b>
<b>Disaster Preparedness</b>	<b>Public Safety</b>
<b>Global Health</b>	<b>Research</b>

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

For consideration for fall and spring admissions, applicants must assure that complete application materials are received by the published dates below.

### Fall

Doctoral and International • Mar. 1 | United States • June 1

### Spring

Doctoral, International and United States • Aug. 1

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants seeking admission to the School of Public Health must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants to one of the master's degree programs must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; applicants to one of the doctoral degree programs must also hold a related master's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Competitive applicants will have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 for master and doctoral degree programs.
- Official test scores are required for all programs. A GRE score of 300 is considered competitive and preferred across degree programs.
- Applicants whose native language is not English are required to meet English Language Proficiency (ELP).

In addition, it is preferred that applicants have public health experience, either paid or volunteer. For full application requirement details, please refer to the School's website: [www.sph.tamhsc.edu](http://www.sph.tamhsc.edu).

## APPLICATION PACKET

The following are required components of an application packet:

- Complete application online at [www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org), or M.H.A. applicants may also choose to apply online at [www.hampcas.org](http://www.hampcas.org).
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary academic US institutions should be sent to the central application service. International coursework requires a WES evaluation.
- Three letters of recommendation. SPH prefers at least one academic and one professional reference. The remaining letter should be either professional or academic.
- Official test scores are required for all degree programs.
- Statement of purpose.

## FINANCIAL AID

The first step in the financial aid process is to complete a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA can be completed by going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/).

Students accepted to the School of Public Health who complete a FAFSA are considered automatically for a combination of loans and grants.

For additional information visit [www.tamhsc.edu/education/financial/](http://www.tamhsc.edu/education/financial/) or call (979) 436-0192.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

A limited number of competitively selected graduate assistantships and scholarships are available to students within the School of Public Health. At a minimum, students must be in good academic standing (with an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater and not be on academic probation) to qualify for either an assistantship or scholarship. Information on both is available on the SPH website at [www.sph.tamhsc.edu/](http://www.sph.tamhsc.edu/).

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