

Master of Public Health (MPH)

A Full-time, Two-year Professional Degree Program – Part-time Program Also Available (45 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Shenandoah University's Division of Public Health (SUPH) offers an innovative online graduate program leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. At Shenandoah University, the online program format allows students the flexibility to earn this degree from any location, and engage with students and faculty who have a shared drive and passion for making a difference. This program focuses on rural and underserved populations, providing students with training in public health issues present in populations living and working in rural and underserved areas.

The MPH program prepares students to assume a wide-range of public health positions that address today's most challenging population health issues. The MPH Program blends the strengths and experiences of the Health Professions programs at Shenandoah University, as well as the community health agencies of Virginia and the surrounding areas.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application for admission.
- Unofficial transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
- Two letters of reference (up to four may be submitted). One from a current supervisor or academic advisor. The other from a professor, mentor, or person familiar with the applicant's academic and/or professional ability. A faculty letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged.

Dual Degree Only: One letter from current program SU faculty.

- Resume/C.V.
- Personal statement that describes the applicant's education, experience, and professional career objectives (1500-word maximum).
- Academic Writing Sample (excerpt, 2-10 pages) with citations.
- Language Proficiency requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>

Upload all documents to your [Shenandoah Admissions Self-Service Center](#)

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

OTHER FACTORS

- Other factors considered in the determination of a candidate's potential for success in the MPH program are:
 - Long range goals and commitment to public health
 - Successful leadership experience or potential
 - Public health experience or interest
 - Documented experience and/or commitment to under-served areas and rural populations

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Admissions

START TERM: Fall and Spring
Summer Start for Dual Degree Only
 APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Fall: August 1

Spring: December 3

Completed applications reviewed regularly

MINIMUM GPA: 3.0 cumulative

PREREQUISITES: Bachelor's Degree or higher

GRE: Not Required

Applying to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process by going to www.su.edu/phapp.

Required Tests

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
(scores should be sent to code 5613)

Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at www.naces.org and <http://aice-eval.org/>.

Transfer Credit

Up to 6 graduate credits may be transferred when earned at an accredited institution. All transfer credit must fill curricular requirements or electives and have earned a grade of "B" or higher.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
PH 501	History and Philosophy of Public Health	3
PH 505	Social & Behavioral Aspects of Public Health	3
PH 510	Biostatistics	3
PH 515	Principles of Epidemiology	3
PH 520	Health Policy & Management	3
PH 525	Program Planning and Implementation	3
PH 530	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3
PH 535	Health Communication	3
PH 540	Rural Health Systems	3
PH 545	Public Health Perspectives on Chronic Disease	3
PH 550	Public Health Leadership and Professionalism	3
Applied Practice & Integrated Learning Experience (6 credits total)		
PH 700	Applied Practice Experience	4
PH 701	Integrated Learning Experience	2
2 Elective Courses from the following (6 credits total)*		
PH 605	Maternal and Child Health	3
PH 610	Environmental & Occupational Health	3
PH 615	Public Health Law and Ethics	3
PH 620	Community Health Research & Assessment	3
PH 625	Global Health	3
Total		45

* Students are allowed to take graduate-level electives outside of Public Health with advisor approval and additional elective courses may be offered depending on student interest.

PUBLIC HEALTH CURRICULUM

Shenandoah University's MPH program is delivered entirely online. Students will attend classes and learn in an online environment that will be engaging and interactive. The online learning model requires students to be highly motivated, active, independent and self-directed learners. Students are expected to think critically and act professionally in the application of course material to real-world health problems.

This program will provide students with an opportunity to analyze current health problems from a variety of interdisciplinary and interprofessional viewpoints. The program provides coursework opportunities for students to obtain broad knowledge and basic skills in public health. Students will also be exposed to rural and underserved population health through advanced coursework, and will gain experience in applying basic skills and advanced knowledge to health problems in rural or urban settings during practicum training.

CAREER OUTLOOK

An MPH is a widely recognized and valued professional degree for those interested in entering the field of public health or pursuing continued work in the health professions. It is an exciting time to enter the field, and the employment opportunities for this degree are wide-ranging.

The current employment outlook for public health professionals is strong and growing annually. The demand for public health professionals continues to rise in response to increasing domestic and international health concerns such as: growing problems with chronic diseases, potential pandemics, air and water quality issues, workplace safety and more. As these health concerns continue to impact the health of our populations, the need for a trained public health force to respond to these issues persists.

Public health offers a wide range of career opportunities, and annual wages for public health jobs range from \$35,000-\$130,000.