Accreditation

The Master of Public Health program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), a national agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Accreditation is an important public recognition that Hofstra’s program meets the highest standards of training set by the profession. Hofstra’s MPH program is the only one in Nassau County and Queens County that is CEPH-accredited.

MPH Admission Requirements

Candidates should demonstrate strong evidence of quantitative skills and writing abilities, and a commitment to public health through previous course work, independent study, and/or professional experience. Applications may be completed online through SOPHAS, the centralized application service for public health, available at hofstra.edu/gradapply or SOPHAS.org.

Admission to the program is based on a comprehensive review of multiple criteria, including the following:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university (a course in statistics is preferred)
- A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in all course work
- Three letters of recommendation
- Written personal statement identifying areas of interest and reasons for seeking advanced training in public health
- Resume
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (MCAT, LSAT, and GMAT are acceptable substitutions). Medical school graduates are waived from this requirement. Graduates of a master’s degree program in a relevant field or discipline may also be waived from this requirement.
- Interview with program director
- TOEFL scores (required for international applicants)

Public Health as a Profession

Public health is an interdisciplinary field that seeks to prevent injuries, illness, and premature death; promote health and wellness; and prolong life. The MPH program teaches students to understand and apply public health theory and research methods to improve the overall health of the community and population. At Hofstra, our mission is to prepare students to become dedicated, competent, and ethical public health researchers, practitioners, and policymakers who meet society’s need to prevent and ameliorate local, national, and global public health problems.

Career Opportunities

Hofstra’s MPH program prepares students for careers in public health practice and research in community, government, and private-sector settings. Students develop highly marketable skills in core public health functions such as assessment and research, program planning, evaluation, and policy development that translate well into a variety of fields and positions.

Our alumni are working as administrative managers, data analysts, health care analysts, health educators, practice administrators, program coordinators/managers, and research coordinators/managers at organizations such as:

- Long Island Association for AIDS Care
- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- Nassau County Department of Health
- Northwell Health
- U.S. Food & Drug Administration
- U.S. Public Health Service Corps

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About the Master of Public Health Program

The Master of Public Health (MPH) program offers an innovative curriculum and advanced training for the next generation of public health professionals, preparing them to analyze and adapt to an increasingly complex and changing health care system.

The program combines the expertise and resources of Hofstra University’s School of Health Professions and Human Services, Northwell Health, the Nassau County Department of Health, and local community-based organizations. The program’s interdisciplinary approach recognizes the contributions of other disciplines, including economics, education, law, political science, psychology, public administration, and sociology.

The 42-semester-hour generalist program includes an internship and culminating experience. The program can be completed in 1 1/2 years of full-time study or, for working professionals, in less than three years of part-time study. It features a flexible instructional model that combines distance learning, hybrid courses, and traditional, classroom-based instruction, over eight semesters (summer, fall, and spring).

The MPH program helps fulfill the mission of the School of Health Professions and Human Services to educate students in the theory and practices of their specialized area of study, while providing a strong foundation in the natural, social, and behavioral sciences. Our students are educated to become effective and compassionate clinicians, evidence-based practitioners, policymakers, managers, and advocates who promote health equity. Graduates are able to adapt to changing health care, community, and educational environments, and are dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of populations, locally, nationally, and globally.

### MPH Program Highlights
- **The program** provides an interdisciplinary academic environment that fosters collaborative inquiry to address public health problems and support faculty and student research.
- **Program faculty** include clinicians, practitioners, researchers, policymakers, policy analysts, and health care executives. They are innovative leaders in their fields whose combined decades of experience in community, government, and private-sector settings enhance the study of core disciplines, such as biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, health policy and administration, and social and behavioral sciences.
- **Program faculty** develop and strengthen students’ analytical, critical thinking, and oral and written communication skills; promote cross-cultural competencies; and enhance students’ information literacy and technological skills.
- **The 150-hour internship** and culminating experience can be done in a wide range of clinical and community settings, such as health institutions; governmental health agencies; private industry; and community-based advocacy, education, and service organizations.
- **Students** are educated about the scientific, community, political, and social dimensions of public health research and practice, and are prepared to conduct core public health functions for the purposes of improving community and population health.
- **The MPH Community Advisory Board** includes leading experts, scholars, and professionals working with prominent state and community-based organizations such as the Health & Welfare Council of Long Island, Hispanic Counseling Center, Nassau County Department of Health, New York State Senate, Northwell Health, NJHealth, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, and the United Way of Long Island.
- **The Society of Public Health Advocates (SOPHA)** is a student-run organization within the MPH program whose members encourage environmental awareness, disease prevention, and health promotion both on and off campus through advocacy as well as community outreach and engagement.
- **The Public Health Alumni Association (PHAA)** was established to build and strengthen personal and professional relationships among public health alumni and current Hofstra MPH students, faculty, public health professionals, and the community. PHAA works actively to establish an engaged, connected alumni network.

### MPH Curriculum
- **Introduction to Public Health**
- **Epidemiology I**
- **Biostatistics I**
- **Biostatistics and Epidemiology Lab**
- **Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health**
- **Environmental and Occupational Health**
- **Research Methods for Quantitative Studies**
- **Research Methods for Qualitative Studies**
- **Introduction to Global Health**
- **Public Health Policies and Systems**
- **Program Planning and Evaluation**
- **Core Electives**
- **Professional Development Seminar**
- **Internship and Culminating Experience**

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