

The UCLA School of Public Health provides an opportunity to contribute to a healthier and more prosperous future in Los Angeles, in the nation and around the world.

Each year, 700 students representing every region of the United States and some 35 countries are enrolled in the UCLA School of Public Health. These students are attracted not only by the School's world-class faculty, but also by the wealth of educational opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, including hands-on internship experiences locally and abroad.

Through master's-and doctoral-level training, students are prepared to become leading health practitioners, educators and researchers, contributing through a host of approaches and from a variety of positions to advance the health of populations. While in residence at the School, public health students learn cutting-edge field practices and contribute to important research and public service projects under the guidance of our highly acclaimed faculty.

Among the top schools of public health in the country, the School offers superior public health training under the same roof as UCLA's world-renowned hospital and medical, dental, and nursing schools, and just steps away from the University's science facilities and schools of engineering, law, management and public policy.

We welcome your interest in the UCLA School of Public Health and hope you will join us in building healthy futures.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

The Department of Community Health Sciences focuses on the determinants of health within the context of the social structure, community, health care systems and family units. In particular, how health-related behaviors of individuals are influenced by and interact with conditions in the social, cultural, physical and biological environment to influence health status.

Faculty in the department represent diverse disciplines related to community health such as the social and behavioral sciences, nutrition, medicine, and a range of fields of research including health education and promotion, international health, child and family health, public health nutrition, life course, women's health, population and reproductive health and health disparities.

The curriculum integrates basic and public health theories and methods applied to real problems of human populations. Assessment, planning, and evaluation are common themes in the department's educational programs.

Elective courses for the MPH may be taken entirely within or across clusters in subjects such as aging and life course, child and family health, disaster planning and relief, health promotion and education, health policy, international health, population and reproductive health, public health nutrition, social and behavioral sciences and women's health.

Doctoral coursework includes theories in Community Health Sciences, research methods and statistics, substantive classes, and four courses in a minor field.

Students gain real-world experience through field placements and can participate in faculty research conducted in the School's diverse interdisciplinary centers including the Bixby Program in Population and Reproductive Health; Center for Adolescent Health Promotion; Center to Eliminate Health Disparities; Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities; Center for Public Health and Disasters; Center for Health Policy Research; and Center for Human Nutrition.

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.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health (Ph.D.)

Community Health Sciences Department Profile

For the complete profile for this department, visit:
www.ph.ucla.edu/dept_chs.html

Cost of Study

For the complete schedule of fees for the above programs, visit:
www.registrar.ucla.edu/fees/

HOW TO APPLY

School-Wide Admission Requirements:

The deadline for applications is **December 1st**, for admission to the following Fall Quarter. Applications received after this date may not receive full consideration for financial aid. Applications are available on-line at: www.gdnet.ucla.edu

To be considered for admission, applicants must submit the following items to UCLA:

- UCLA Application for Graduate Admission & Application Fee
- School of Public Health Supplemental Application
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Official Transcripts
- Official GRE Scores
- 3 Sealed Letters of Recommendation

Department Admission Requirements:

Masters applicants must meet the University minimum requirement of an acceptable bachelor's degree with a B (3.0) average in upper division coursework and/or prior graduate study. Exceptionally qualified applicants may be considered on an individual basis. Prior field experience is not required as a condition of admission, although a background of public health experience may be considered in the evaluation.

Doctoral applicants must have a masters degree in a related area with a 3.5 GPA in their graduate work. Applicants without a masters degree in public health are required to take additional public health coursework.

All applicants must perform satisfactorily on the verbal, quantitative and analytic sections of a recent Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), or Dental Admission Test (DAT). MCAT or DAT scores are accepted only for applicants already holding M.D. or D.D.S. degrees.

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The UCLA School of Public Health

Every day we benefit from advances in public health. From the food we eat, to the health care we receive, to the safer conditions in which we work, we are living longer, healthier lives than previous generations.

Public health saves millions at a time by

- *Preventing disease and disability*
- *Promoting healthy behaviors in individuals and populations*
- *Advancing high-quality, cost-effective healthcare*

UCLA faculty in public health have made important discoveries and established new ways of thinking that have dramatically changed the way we approach public health issues nationally and globally.

UCLA School of Public Health researchers leading the way:

- *Established a direct link between lifestyle and longevity*
- *Demonstrated the transmission of HIV-related immune deficiency among heterosexual men, preventing infection in millions*
- *Led early international efforts to control the spread of HIV and AIDS*
- *Discovered a relationship between chronic exposure to air pollutants and impaired respiratory function*
- *Found a genetic link for susceptibility to multiple sclerosis*
- *Documented the health benefits and cost savings of helmet use among motorcyclists*
- *Pioneered the study of violence in the US as a public health issue*
- *Identified the link between acute pesticide poisoning and permanent neurologic disorders*



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