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, 780 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 to health 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

The research and educational activities of UCLA’s Department of Environmental Health Sciences emphasize the protection of human health and ecology from biological, chemical and physical hazards. Several degree programs are offered to allow students to tailor their education to suit their interests.

The academic programs are designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of how environmental stressors cause injury, populations are exposed, the potential for harm is assessed and what legal instruments are used by government to protect people and the ecology. Students conduct independent research under the guidance of faculty members of their choice. In addition to the academic programs, the Centers for Environmental Quality and Health serve as an umbrella for many specialized research centers that address specific environmental problems. These centers enrich the academic programs by providing seminars and research opportunities.

Degrees Offered

Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
Master of Science in Environmental Health Sciences (M.S.)
Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health Sciences (Ph.D.)
Doctor of Environmental Science and Engineering (D.Env.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Toxicology (Ph.D.)

The department offers the M.S. and Ph.D. academic degrees in Environmental Health Sciences, and the M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. professional degrees. The Department is also home to two interdepartmental programs that include faculty from the medical school and campus. The Environmental Science and Engineering Program offers the D.Env. (Doctor of the Environment, a professional degree) and the Molecular Toxicology Program offers a Ph.D.

Specialized Training Programs

■ The Southern California NIOSH Education and Research Center (ERC)
■ Fogarty International Training Program
■ The UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health (LOSH) Program
■ The Lead Campus in Molecular Toxicology
■ Lead Campus in Nanotoxicology

Websites

Environmental Health Sciences: www.ph.ucla.edu/ehs/
Environmental Science and Engineering: www.ph.ucla.edu/ese/
Molecular Toxicology: www.pathnet.medsch.ucla.edu/educ/Mol Tox/index.htm
Centers for Environmental Quality and Health: www.ph.ucla.edu/centers_ceq.html
Center for Occupational Health: www.ph.ucla.edu/ohs/
California NanoSystems Institute: www.cnsi.ucla.edu/
Environmental Health Sciences Department Profile
For the complete profile for this department, visit: www.ph.ucla.edu/dept_ehs.html

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.gpaet.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: 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. If undergraduate coursework has been deficient in breadth of fundamental training, students must take specified undergraduate courses after admission. Prior field experience is not required as a condition of admission, although a background of public health experience may be considered in the evaluation.

Applicants must perform satisfactorily on a recent Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), or Dental Admissions Test (DAT). MCAT or DAT scores are accepted only for applicants already holding M.D. or D.D.S. degrees. Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores are accepted only for applicants to the joint MBA/M.P.H. program. The GRE requirement may be waived for applicants with a doctoral degree from a U.S. university and five years of appropriate postdoctoral experience.

The applicant’s prior program of study should include adequate preparation in mathematics, physical sciences, biological sciences, and social sciences and typically includes two courses each in mathematics, biological sciences, social sciences, one course in physical sciences, and other courses that constitute an adequate preparation for the proposed area of specialization.

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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