

## 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.

## EPIDEMIOLOGY

Epidemiology is the study of the distribution and determinants of disease and injury in human populations. Epidemiologists determine the health needs of populations, investigate and develop controls for disease outbreaks, study environmental and industrial hazards, evaluate preventive or curative programs or treatments and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of intervention or control strategies. The contribution of epidemiology to any study involving groups of people is critical to improving the health of populations.

The field extends from study of the patterns of disease to the causes of disease and the control or prevention of disease. Epidemiology is distinguished from other clinical sciences by a focus on health problems in population groups rather than in individuals. Many tools of epidemiology are adapted from other fields such as microbiology, immunology, medicine, statistics, demography, medical geography, molecular biology, ecology and medical entomology.

Students benefit from a wide variety of prestigious programs housed within the School. The Department of Epidemiology is home to the UCLA/Fogarty International HIV/AIDS Training Program, is a participant in the Southern California Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, and houses the Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center, which focuses on the epidemiology of injuries, as well as on intervention and prevention strategies to control injuries. In addition, the department has active research programs in cancer epidemiology, diabetes, reproductive health, infectious diseases, genetics and research methodology. The department is home to the Global Health Training Program in conjunction with Community Health Sciences. The department is also undertaking a new effort on emerging infectious diseases that combines international surveillance, high-throughput laboratory technology and computerized analysis of large databases.

Epidemiologists may work in many settings, including international health agencies, state and local health departments, federal government agencies and health programs, health maintenance organizations, colleges and universities, as well as on privately and publicly sponsored research projects.

### Degrees Offered

Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)  
Master of Science in Epidemiology (M.S.)  
Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)  
Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology (Ph.D.)

### Epidemiology Department Profile

For the complete profile for this department, visit:  
[www.ph.ucla.edu/dept\\_epi.html](http://www.ph.ucla.edu/dept_epi.html)

### Cost of Study

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

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 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. Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) scores are accepted only for applicants to the joint M.B.A./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*



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