

## MPH ADMISSION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

### I. Purpose and Scope

The MPH program seeks to attract and admit applicants who demonstrate the desire and potential to, upon graduation, assist in sustaining and building the Public Health workforce in the Commonwealth, the Nation, and the global community. Applicants from diverse cultural, geographic, academic, and professional backgrounds are encouraged to apply, as are current practitioners in the public health workforce.

### II. Procedures

#### 1. Develop criteria for admission in good standing and conditional admission

- A. Communicate on program website and recruitment materials

#### 2. Review of Applicants

- A. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.
- B. Applications are submitted online to the Graduate School. Completed applications that meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School are sent to the MPH Program Coordinator for review.
- C. Applicants who meet one of the pathways to admission in good standing, and whose personal statement is congruent with program offerings (e.g., wants MPH instead of MHA) are made by the MPH Program Coordinator.
- D. Applicants who do not meet one of the pathways to admission in good standing are reviewed holistically by the MPH Program Coordinator for a conditional (provisional) admission and sent to primary MPH faculty to review, as needed.
- E. Admission recommendations are forwarded to the Department Head. The Department Head renders the final departmental admission decision, which is sent back to the Graduate School.
- F. The Graduate School notifies the applicant of acceptance or denial.

#### Current Criteria:

#### Admission in Good Standing ( In addition to the Graduate School requirements)

Pathway 1: GRE minimums of 145 verbal, 148 quantitative, and 3.0 analytical writing score

Pathway 2 cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.2 on 4.0 scale from a regionally-accredited US institution of higher education

Pathway 3: current enrollment in regionally-accredited US medical school or doctoral program;

Pathway 4: graduation from a regionally-accredited US medical school, master's, or doctoral program

Pathway 5: cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale from a regionally-accredited US institution of higher learning and three years of professional public health experience.

Conditional Admission. Applicants who do not meet one of these pathways may be admitted conditionally into the MPH program. Conditional admissions require students to maintain 3.0 GPA during first 12 hours of required MPH course work. Failure to do so may result in being academically dismissed from the program.

All Applicants must submit the following:

1. Written personal statement that addresses, at minimum:
  - a. Format (online or campus-based)
  - b. Why public health
  - c. Why WKU
  - d. How MPH will be used/goals
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae
3. Contact information for two professional references