

MPH Admission Requirements

Applicants must possess a baccalaureate or graduate degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher (on a 4.00 scale) for the undergraduate degree or a graduate cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher in the major subject area. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required but may be submitted for review by applicants if desired. Applicants whose native language is not English will be expected to submit certificates of proficiency in English or a minimum score of 500 (paper test) or 173 (computer-based test), or 61 (Internet-based test) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Three letters of recommendation are required from three individuals (at least one letter from a former instructor, professional reference, or employer) familiar with the applicant's academic background and/or interest in public health. Applicants must also submit a personal statement of approximately 500-1,000 words indicating their interests and career goals, including why the applicant wants to complete an MPH degree. Overall admission into the program is competitive; therefore, students with the strongest credentials will be selected over those who are less competitive.

A minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework must be completed in residency. Students may be allowed to take up to (9) credit hours without being fully admitted into the program. (Successful completion of the nine hours does not guarantee acceptance into the MPH program.)

PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION

A prospective student should apply for admission at least six weeks before the beginning of the semester in which the student wishes to enroll. The applicant who does not enter the MPH Program within the Graduate School during the term of admission indicated on the application form must re-apply. The procedures for admission are these:

1. Begin the Graduate Admissions application at <http://go.tnstate.edu/inquiryform>.
2. The completion of the form will forward you to GradCAS (<https://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>) for completion of the electronic application. Select one major from the list provided on the application form, check the semester of enrollment, and indicate the degree sought;
2. The completed application form requires a \$35.00 non-refundable fee to the Graduate School;
3. Request the registrar(s) of all colleges and universities attended (including Tennessee State University) to send one official transcript to the Graduate School;
4. Submit official copies of all test scores appropriate to the degree program to the Graduate School.

All documents, including transcripts submitted for admission, become the property of the University and will not be returned.

A person, who wishes to take courses for graduate credit, whether or not that person desires to become a candidate for a degree, must make formal application for admission to the Graduate School.

You can also send your application online via <https://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>

Select on "Apply" and the semester of your choice and go from there.

Application Deadlines for Spring Semester: November 1

Application Deadlines for Fall Semester: July 1