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**Admission Instructions and Secondary Application**

**Graduate Degree Programs  
and  
Graduate Certificate Program Options  
2008 - 2009**

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## School of Public Health and Health Services

### Application Deadlines

Please check the School of Public Health and Health Services website ([www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/](http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/)) for deadline extensions that may occur on a space-available basis. Admissions decisions for Master's degrees and/or graduate certificates are made on a rolling basis. DrPH decisions are announced by June 1. We encourage you to apply as early as possible, before the stated deadlines for scholarship consideration. The dates below indicate the date your **COMPLETE** application needs to be submitted to SOPHAS and SPHHS. For full scholarship consideration summer and fall applicants need to have an admission decision by March 1. Therefore, SOPHAS and SPHHS Secondary Applications should be submitted in early January.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Summer Semester</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>
Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)	N/A	February 15	N/A
Master of Public Health (MPH)	April 1	May 15	November 1
Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA)	N/A	May 15	November 1
Specialist in Health Services Administration	April 1	May 15	November 1
Master of Science in Exercise Science	April 1	May 15	November 1
Master of Science in Health Policy	April 1	May 15	November 1
Master of Science in Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases	April 1	May 15	November 1
Graduate Certificate Programs	April 1	May 15	November 1
Joint BS/MPH Programs	NA	May 15	November 1
Joint MD/MPH Programs	April 1	May 15	November 1
Joint JD/LLM Programs	April 1	May 15	November 1
Joint PA/MPH Programs	NA	October 1 Submit only the CASPA and PA Secondary Application	N/A
Joint MA International Affairs Programs	April 1	January 15 (with Fellowship Consideration) February 1 (Without Fellowship Consideration)	November 1

Dear Graduate Level Degree Program and Graduate Certificate Program Applicants:

Thank you for your interest in the academic programs at The George Washington University's School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS).

The School offers the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree and five Masters-level degree programs: Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA), Master of Science in Health Policy (MSHP), Master of Science in Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases (MS PHM&EID), and Master of Science in Exercise Science (MSES).

- The graduate degrees in public health focus on interdisciplinary efforts to address the physical, mental, and environmental health concerns of communities, domestically and around the world. Their goal is to promote health and to prevent injury and disease in populations through the application of leadership principles in public health practice and public health policy.
- The Master of Health Services Administration focuses on leadership in health systems management, including hospital management and long-term care facilities.
- The Master of Science degree in Health Policy is available for applicants who have had health policy advocacy experience and are interested in health policy research.
- The Master of Science degree in Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases provides students with an in-depth understanding of the major laboratory, clinical, and public health aspects of humankind's microbial pathogens, and epidemiologic skills relevant to the prevention and control of problems arising from infectious diseases and modern biotechnologies.
- The Master of Science degree in Exercise Science is aimed at individuals who are interested in helping others maintain healthy lifestyles and in understanding the physiological and psychological components of active, healthy living.

A variety of other academic programs are also available, including:

- Joint degree programs with the GW Law School (JD/MPH or LLM/MPH); the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (MD/MPH and PA/MPH); and the Elliott School of International Affairs (MA/MPH in Global Health); and the new, BS/MPH joint program
- The Master's International Program, which combines the MPH with the Peace Corps
- A Specialist degree from the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership
- Graduate Certificate Programs, including the new, HIV/AIDS Studies certificate

SPHHS has earned a reputation, both nationally and internationally, as a leader in public health and health services graduate education. Because the School is part of the GW Medical Center, its students have opportunities to work collaboratively with medical students, with students training in other health professions, and with faculty, and to form lasting, professional relationships across disciplines. SPHHS' premier location in the nation's capital offers students unique and diverse social, cultural, and academic learning opportunities. Community outreach and research are essential components of the School's programs.

We hope you find your interests, talents, and lifelong learning goals can best be fulfilled at the GW School of Public Health and Health Services. An admissions Secondary Application and supplemental materials that highlight the admissions process, deadlines, and programmatic information are enclosed. Please contact the Office of Admissions if you have questions or desire more information about specific academic programs.

Sincerely,  
Ruth J. Katz, JD, MPH  
Dean and Walter G. Ross Professor of Health Policy

# Admissions Application Instructions for 2008-2009

## SPHHS Graduate Degree and Graduate Certificate Academic Programs List

<p><b>Master of Public Health (MPH) and Certificates</b>          Biostatistics          Community-Oriented Primary Care (MPH Only)          Environmental and Occupational Health          Epidemiology          Global Health          Health Policy          Health Promotion          Maternal and Child Health          Public Health Communication and Marketing          Public Health Management          Emergency Management and Public Health (Certificate Only)          HIV/AIDS Studies (Certificate Only)</p> <p><b>Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) and Certificates</b>          (Graduate Certificates: Long Term Care or Health Services Generalist)</p> <p><b>Specialist Degree in Health Services Administration</b></p>	<p><b>Master of Science Degree Programs</b>          Exercise Science in:          -Clinical Exercise Physiology          -Exercise, Nutrition, and Eating Behavior          -Strength and Conditioning          Health Policy          Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases</p> <p><b>Joint and Dual Program Offerings</b>          BS/MPH          Law: JD/MPH or LLM/MPH or Certificate*          Medicine: MD/MPH or Certificate*          Medicine: MSHS-PA/MPH – <b><i>Complete only the CASPA Application and the PA Secondary Application.</i></b>          MA Elliott School of International Affairs/MPH Global Health*          * Complete the professional school application also.</p> <p><b>Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)*</b>          Environmental and Occupational Health          Health Behavior          Health Policy          Global Health          * DrPH applicants must have earned a master’s degree and should have several years of experience in the public health workforce.</p>
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**General Application Instructions:**

Please use this application if you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree and/or graduate certificate at The George Washington University’s School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS) – this includes applicants who are applying only to SPHHS and these joint degree applicants: JD/LLM/MPH, MD/MPH, MA/MPH. The Committee on Admissions reviews only **complete** applications and your application will not be reviewed until all required documents, including the SOPHAS and the SPHHS Secondary Application, have been received. The application and supporting documents become the property of The George Washington University and cannot be returned. The George Washington University considers applicant information records to be confidential.

## Part I. REQUIRED SOPHAS APPLICATION MATERIALS

As a Council for Education on Public Health (CEPH) accredited school of public health, SPHHS is participating in the new, on-line, Association of Schools of Public Health Application Service – SOPHAS [www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org) . All SPHHS graduate program applicants (except PA/MPH Joint Program applicants) who are applying will submit the SOPHAS application. You can request a paper SOPHAS application by contacting SOPHAS.

SOPHAS  
 PO Box 9111  
 Watertown, MA 02471

Phone: 617.612.2090  
 Fax: 617.612.2092  
 Email: [sophasinfo@sophas.org](mailto:sophasinfo@sophas.org)  
 Web Application and Information: [www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org)  
 SOPHAS Checklist – Submit:

## SOPHAS Check List

SOPHAS Application

SOPHAS Application Fee

(according to SOPHAS instructions and based on the number of applications you submit.)

### SOPHAS Fee Structure\*

One Designation	\$95
Two Designations	\$140
Three Designations	\$180
Four Designations	\$210
Five Designations	\$250
Six Designations	\$290
Seven Designations	\$330
Eight Designations	\$380
Nine Designations	\$430
Ten Designations	\$480
Each additional designation above 10	\$30

\*Applicants who can demonstrate financial need can apply for a fee waiver for the first application.

Standardized Test Scores

Plan to take tests several months prior to the SPHHS application deadlines and arrange for your GRE ([www.gre.com](http://www.gre.com) – SOPHAS code number 5688), MCAT ([www.aamc.org/students/mcat/start.html](http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/start.html) - SOPHAS Schools of Public Health Application Service), and TOEFL ([www.toefl.com](http://www.toefl.com) code number 5688) to be sent directly to SOPHAS. The list of test scores that can be sent directly to SOPHAS is found under the FAQ section, <http://www.sophas.org/FAQ.cfm>. If you are submitting the GMAT, please have scores sent directly to SPHHS. If you are submitting the LSAT, please copy your score sheet and send directly to SPHHS.

### SPHHS Policies on Standardized Test Scores:

Most all SPHHS graduate degree and graduate certificate applicants are required to submit official scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Test scores are valid for five years. Have your official scores sent from ETS to the **SOPHAS-Institutional Code 5688**. All tests must be taken in time for the scores to arrive by the application deadlines. **All international applicants and Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) applicants, without exception, must submit official GRE scores. The exceptions listed below do not apply to international applicants. TOEFL scores are sent to ETS code 5688.**

Exception: MHSa and HSA Specialist applicants may submit the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) – and GMAT Scores are sent to SPHHS, **not** SOPHAS.

Exception: Test scores are not required if you are a Master’s degree or certificate applicant (US citizen, permanent resident, refugee) who has earned a Master’s degree or higher degree.

Exception: BS/MPH applicants are not required to submit test scores

Exception: MPH and Public Health certificate applicants can substitute the Medical College Admissions Test scores (MCAT). Send the scores directly to SOPHAS.

Exception: Joint JD and LLM/MPH applicants send a copy of the LSAT with their SPHHS Secondary Application to the SPHHS Office of Admissions.

Transcripts

Submit official transcripts from all prior undergraduate, graduate, and professional study to SOPHAS. You will need to complete a section on all degrees earned, universities attended, and to fill out all college classes that you have taken (undergraduate, graduate and clinical sciences). You should have a copy of your transcripts with you so that you can fill out the coursework section. Do not enter foreign courses taken at Universities outside the U.S. or Canada. Foreign transcripts or evaluations will need to be submitted to SOPHAS.

**SPHHS Policy on International Transcripts:**

If academic records are in a language other than English, SPHHS will require a certified English evaluation or the official transcript. Evaluations alone will not be accepted. If the institution at which the courses were taken issues one official copy of the transcript and no other, a facsimile copy of the transcript must be certified by an official government agency or authorized official (a notary public is acceptable if the applicant is in the United States). All international transcripts must be evaluated to the U.S. four-year baccalaureate degree or advanced degree and sent to SOPHAS. **A copy of the evaluation also must be sent to SPHHS.** Please use this service:

World Education Services, Inc.  
Bowling Green Station  
P.O. Box 5087  
New York, NY 10274-5087  
Phone: 212.966.6311 [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)

Recommendations

Think about academic or professional contacts who could speak most powerfully to your ability to do graduate work in public health. We suggest that you talk to your recommenders to make sure they agree to submit a recommendation on your behalf as well as to find out if they would prefer to send the recommendation electronically or by paper. Arrange for **two or three** letters of recommendation to be sent to SOPHAS.

Personal Statement/Essays

Begin drafting your essay, paying attention to the distinctions you wish to make apply to SPHHS (SPHHS does not accept generic personal statements). We suggest that you write these essays in Word or another word processing software and copy and paste into SOPHAS. There is a 1,800 character limit for the SOPHAS Personal Statement/Essay section.

**SPHHS Policies on Personal Statements/Essays**

**Master's and Graduate Certificate Applicants:** According to SOPHAS instructions, submit a Statement of Purposes. Your personal statement must be specific about your interest in attending SPHHS. Do not use a generic personal statement that you are also sending to other schools. You must specify your choice of SPHHS degree, program or specialization, and address the reasons for your interest in the program. Include your reasons for wanting to attend SPHHS, academic and career interests, and professional and volunteer experiences as they relate to the specific degree program, specialization or certificate.

**DrPH Applicants:** According to SOPHAS instructions, submit a Statement of Purposes. Your personal statement must be specific about your interest in attending SPHHS. Do not use a generic personal statement that you are also sending to other schools. You must include your choice of DrPH specialty field and address the reasons for your interest in the program. Include your academic and career interests and professional and volunteer experiences as they relate to the specific specialty field. Describe your current skills and future goals related to research, leadership, and problem solving in public health.

Experience

There are three main sections for you to complete on your work experience, volunteer experience, and honors and awards received. Please fill out these sections completely, detailing all relevant experience.

CV/Resume

SPHHS requires you to submit/upload either a CV or a resume to SOPHAS.

## Part II. SPHHS Secondary Application Required Materials

All SPHHS graduate program applicants (except PA/MPH Joint Program applicants) will submit the SPHHS Secondary Application. You can request a paper SPHHS Secondary Application by contacting SPHHS. Send to Secondary Application and all related materials to:

### Office of Admissions

School of Public Health and Health Services  
The George Washington University  
202 Ross Hall  
2300 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037

Phone: 202.994.2160

Fax: 202.994.1850

Email: [sphsinfo@gwumc.edu](mailto:sphsinfo@gwumc.edu)

Web Secondary Application: [www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/](http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/)

## SPHHS Secondary Application Checklist

SOPHAS Application

See above instructions – Part I SOPHAS Instructions

SPHHS Secondary Application

Submit either before or immediately after submitting the SOPHAS application, but before the stated SPHHS application deadlines.

### Special SPHHS Secondary Application Instructions

**Instructions for Question #11.** Check the box indicating the selection of your degree program (MPH, MHSA, MS, HSA Specialist). Using the list on page 4, indicate the program/specialization for which you are applying. **You must select only one program/specialization and write it as it appears.**

**Instructions for Question #12.** If you are applying for a Graduate Certificate instead of a Degree Program or in addition to a degree program\*, check the box indicating the selection of either a public health or health services graduate certificate, then indicate the program for which you are applying.

#### **\*Add a Graduate Certificate to your Master's Degree Program**

SPHHS offers all Master's degree students a unique opportunity to add a Graduate Certificate to their degree. Since six credits of the Master's degree transfer to the Graduate Certificate, only 12 additional credits are required to complete this additional credential. Combining the Master's degree in one of our academic departments with a Graduate Certificate in another department uniquely positions students for careers that require both breadth and depth of knowledge and skills in public health and health services. If you wish to apply for the Master's degree and a Graduate Certificate, just follow the application instructions in this section and indicate both the Master's degree and the Graduate Certificate on the application form (Questions 12 and 13).

**Instructions for Question #14.** If you are applying for a joint/dual program, check the appropriate box on question #14. Admissions decisions are made independently by each school or program. Acceptance letters from both schools indicate you are accepted to the joint/dual program.

**Instructions to DrPH Applicants** The Committee on Admissions strongly prefers DrPH applicants who have earned a Master of Public Health degree. Applicants with substantial public health work experience in their field of interest are also strongly preferred. DrPH applicants without a Master of Public Health degree will need to explain, on a separate sheet of paper to be submitted with the secondary application materials, how they have equivalent public health experience/training.

\$60 Non-Refundable Secondary Application Processing Fee  
Check or money order made payable to The George Washington University.

Exceptions:        This fee is waived with the SOPHAS fee waiver  
                         This fee is waived for McNair Scholars  
                         This fee is waived for GW alumni, and currently registered GW degree and certificate students

Secondary Essay Responses to both Questions (250 words each)

- How will the degree (graduate certificate) from SPHHS advance your goals to become a leader in improving the health and well being of our local, national and/or global communities?
- Within the program area to which you have applied, what public health issue concerns you the most and why?

Any standardized test scores that are not accepted by SOPHAS (e.g. If you are submitting GMAT or LSAT)

International Applicant Documents to obtain a F-I or J-I student Visa (see international application instructions below).

#### **Tuition and Fees for 2007-2008**

Tuition is \$1024.00 per credit hour and the fee is \$1.00 per credit hour with a cap of \$15 per semester. Tuition raises annually at the rate of about 5% beginning with the new fiscal year that begins every summer.

#### **Security Information:**

GW is committed to assisting all members of the GW community in providing for their own safety and security. The annual security compliance document is available on the University Police Department (UPD) website at <http://gwired.gwu.edu/upd/compliance> .

If you would like to receive a booklet called, The Pride Brochure, that contains this information, please stop by the UPD, 2033 G. Street NW, Woodhull House, Washington, DC 20052.or request a copy be mailed to you by calling 202.994.6948.

The website and booklet contain information regarding campus security and personal safety, including: crime prevention, university policy law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures, and other matters of importance related to security on campus. They also contain information about crime statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings, or property owned or controlled by GW; and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus. This information is required by law and is provided by the George Washington University Police Department.

#### **Equal Opportunity Policy:**

The George Washington University does not unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation. This policy covers all programs, services, policies, and procedures of the University, including admission to educational programs and employment. The University is subject to the District of Columbia Human Rights Law.

Inquiries concerning the application of this policy and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination in education or employment programs and activities may be addressed to Susan B. Kaplan, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; The George Washington University; Rice Hall, 2121 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052; 202.994.4433; or to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education.

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## **Secondary Application Forms**

**2008-2009**

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School of Public Health and Health Services  
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 Graduate Degree Programs and  
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**Graduate Degree and Certificate Program  
 Check List**

**Dear SPHHS Applicant:**

The SPHHS Secondary Application is required for all applicants. The Secondary Application is submitted either before you submit your SOPHAS application ([www. SOPHAS.org](http://www.SOPHAS.org)) or immediately after you submit the SOPHAS, but before the deadline dates. To expedite the processing of your admissions application, The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services Committee on Admissions requests that all secondary application materials be submitted in one envelope and returned to:

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 Washington DC 20037  
 Phone: 202.994.2160  
 Email: [sphhsinfo@gwumc.edu](mailto:sphhsinfo@gwumc.edu)  
 Fax: 202.994.1850

**Are you sending all the required admissions documents to the Office of Admissions?**

Please check the appropriate boxes on the checklist to the right to indicate the required documents you are sending to the SPHHS Office of Admissions. When a required document is not being sent, indicate in the space provided the reason it was not included and the date it will be sent to the Office of Admissions. The application instructions inform you when required documents are waived for you.

Explanation of Missing Required Documents

MPH, MHSA, MS, HSA Specialist, Graduate Certificate, and DrPH

Required Documents	Yes	No
<b>I. SOPHAS. Application Materials and all Required Documents have been sent to SOPHAS:</b>		
-SOPHAS Application Form		
-Fee for SOPHAS		
-Transcripts – All Schools		
-Test Scores (see instructions)		
-Resume		
-Personal Statement		
-Two or Three letters or recommendation		
-WES transcript translation for international transcripts. <a href="http://www.wes.org">http://www.wes.org</a>		
<b>II. SPHHS Secondary Application</b>		
-SPHHS Secondary Application Form		
-\$60 Fee made payable to GWU		
-Secondary Questions (2 Essays)		
-Test Scores (see instructions)		

**International Applicants**

Include these documents with your Secondary Application to SPHHS

Required Documents	Yes	No
Financial Certificate, Original Bank Statements and Related Documents according to instructions		
Copy of Passport Biographical Page and Expiration Date		
<b>Additional Requirements for International Applicants in the US</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Copy of I-94 document (front and back with red INS stamp visible)		
Copy of Visa Stamp		
Optional Practical Training (OPT) applicants submit copy of Employment Authorization Card front and back		
Attending college in the US? Request a Transfer Verification From <a href="mailto:sphhsinfo@gwumc.edu">sphhsinfo@gwumc.edu</a>		

**Include this page with your Secondary Application**

## SECONDARY APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly with a black ball point pen. Refer to this admissions packet for detailed instructions and deadline dates. Please visit The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services website, [www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/](http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/), for program updates and possible application deadline extensions. Please notify the Office of Admissions immediately of any change in your contact information.

### General Information

1. Social Security Number \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ (Used only for document tracking. GW will assign an ID number)

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST OR FAMILY NAME                      FIRST NAME                      MIDDLE NAME

3. Have you ever registered at this or any other institution under a different name?  Yes       No  
If yes, state name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

At what institutions? \_\_\_\_\_

4. I wish to receive my mail at my here:

**Address**  
\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER                      STREET                      APARTMENT NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY                      STATE/PROVINCE                      ZIP                      COUNTRY

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if available)

### Personal Data

5. Gender  Male  Female Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you a  U.S. Citizen?  Permanent Resident?  Refugee?

If not, state the country of your citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

7. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we are required to ask the following questions of U.S. Citizens and permanent residents. Answers will not affect admissions decisions. Your cooperation is requested and appreciated, but not required.

How would you describe yourself?

Black or African American       American Indian or Alaskan Native       Asian  
 Hispanic or Latino       Native American or other Pacific Islander       White

### Admissions Information

8. This application is for  Summer 20\_\_  Fall 20\_\_  Spring 20\_\_

9. Have you previously applied for admission to The George Washington University (degree or non-degree, on or off campus)?  Yes  No

If yes, to which degree/program? \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when did you last register? \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
SEMESTER      YEAR

10. Do you plan to enroll  Full time (9 credit minimum for spring and fall and 6 credit minimum for summer)

Note: International Students are required to enroll full time for spring and fall.

Part time

11. Please check the **degree-level program** to which you are applying (check one).

- MPH    MHSΔ    MSES    MS Health Policy  
 MS Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases    HSA Specialist    DrPH

Refer to the instructions (see page 4) for the correct program and/or specialization and enter your area of study here (list only one program/specialization): \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please check the **Graduate Certificate program** to which you are applying (check one only if you are applying to a Graduate Certificate).

- Public Health Graduate Certificate    Health Services Graduate Certificate

Refer to the instructions (see page 4) for the correct program or specialization and enter your area of study here (list only one program/specialization): \_\_\_\_\_

13. Joint degree program and special program applicants, please indicate the program to which you are applying:

- International Affairs**       MA Elliott School of International Affairs/MPH Global Health
- Undergraduate/MPH**       BS/MPH
- Law**                       JD/MPH                       LLM/MPH  
                                  JD/Graduate Certificate       LLM/Graduate Certificate
- Medicine**                 MD/MPH                       MD/Graduate Certificate  
NOTE: PA/MPH (submit only the CASPA and PA Secondary Application)
- Masters International**       MPH/Peace Corps

14. **Two Essay Questions** (each about 250 words and included in your application. If you prefer, please provide these responses on a separate piece of paper and attach to your Secondary Application)

- How will the degree (graduate certificate) from SPHHS advance your goals to become a leader in improving the health and well being of our local, national and/or global communities?

- Within the program area to which you have applied, what public health issue concerns you the most and why?

**Education**

Complete this section even if the information appears on your resume. List all the institutions you attended in reverse chronological order, starting with the most recent. List all schools attended beyond high school. Applicants are required to have a bachelor’s degree or higher to matriculate in any of the graduate programs. Some degree programs have specific course prerequisites and these are listed on the individual curriculum guides located on this site: <http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/academicprograms/graduate.cfm>

Have you been the subject of disciplinary or academic action (i.e., probation, suspension, dismissal) at any college or university?

Yes (you must explain on a separate sheet and submit with application materials)  No

Name of Institution	Location City, State	Attendance Dates		Major/Field	Degree(s) Received
		From mo./yr.	To mo./yr.		

**Financial Aid**

Do you plan to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan, Perkins Loan, or Work-Study position from this University?

Yes  No

**Test Scores**

Name of Standardized Test taken (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT) \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken \_\_\_\_\_

**Self-reported scores** for individual test sections (if available)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

I hereby certify that I have personally filled out this form and the information is complete and accurate. I understand that all credentials submitted in support of this application become the property of the University and will not be returned. By submitting this application, I agree to abide by and be subject to the University’s rules, regulations, and disciplinary code. I further understand that it is my responsibility to assure that all documents necessary to complete my application arrive before the application deadline.

Joint and Dual Program students: Your signature on this form authorizes SPHHS to obtain application materials from the other School to complete your application.

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**International Applicants Only**

Please read the admissions application section titled Special Additional Requirements – International Applicants. Indicate the type of immigration status you plan to hold while enrolled at The George Washington University.

A (Diplomatic)  B (Temporary Visitor)  F-1 (Student)  G (International Employee)  
 J-1 (Exchange Visitor)  Other (Permanent Resident, Refugee, etc. Specify)

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting an I-20 (F-1 Visa) from this University?  Yes  No  
Are you requesting a DS-2019 (J-1 Visa) from this University?  Yes  No

Note: International applicants seeking a J-1 or F-1 Visa are required to submit the Financial Certificate (\$49,000 for year one and according to the Cost Charts thereafter) and original supporting bank statements and sponsor documents according to the instructions in this packet. Admission applications are reviewed by the Committee on Admissions only when all required documents, including the Financial Certificate and supporting documents, have been received. I-20 documents are prepared only when the accepted international applicant returns the Declaration of Intent (a part of the Acceptance Packet) and the \$300 Advanced Enrollment Deposit (\$200 applied toward the first semester’s tuition, \$100 Processing Fee). Students who defer admission to another semester pay \$400 (\$200 applied toward the first semester’s tuition, \$200 Processing Fee). The check or money order is made payable to The George Washington University.

Are you currently residing in the U.S.?  Yes  No

If yes, when did you arrive? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH DAY YEAR

Are you transferring from another U.S. institution?  Yes If yes, what institution \_\_\_\_\_  No

TOEFL Score, if known \_\_\_\_\_ **All international applicants are required to take the GRE.**

Include this page with your secondary application.

**School of Public Health and Health Services**

**Request for Waiver of Prerequisites**

Applicants to specific graduate degree programs who seek to waive any of the additional course requirements listed below must return this form with their applications. If you do not return this form with your application, we will assume that you do not seek a waiver of additional course requirements, and you will be required to take them. Prerequisites and additional course requirements do not count toward the credit requirement for the degree. **Request waivers for only those courses that apply to your chosen degree program (MHSA, or MS EXSC, or MPH EOH).**

I am requesting a waiver of the following additional course requirements by checking the appropriate box(es).

<b>Degrees that Require the Course</b>	<b>Course/Course Deficiencies</b>	<b>Credits</b>	
MHSA	Introductory undergraduate accounting with a grade of $\geq$ B. This is an enrollment requirement that must be taken before you matriculate at GW.	3	
MHSA	Introductory undergraduate statistics with a grade of $\geq$ B. This is an enrollment requirement that must be taken before you matriculate at GW.	3	
MS Exercise Science	EXSC 119 or equivalent undergraduate Basic Nutrition This course may be taken at GW.	3	MS EXSC Exercise, Nutrition, and Eating Behavior only
MS Exercise Science	EXSC 151 or equivalent undergraduate Kinesiology. This course may be taken at GW.		MS Exercise Science For Strength and Conditioning Only
MS Exercise Science	EXSC 152 or equivalent Introductory undergraduate Exercise Physiology. This course may be taken at GW.	3	MS EXSC All Programs
MS Exercise Science	EXSC 154 or equivalent Introductory undergraduate Applied Anatomy and Physiology. This course may be taken at GW.	3	MS EXSC All Programs
MS Exercise Science	STAT 053 or equivalent Introductory undergraduate statistics. This course may be taken at GW.	3	MS EXSC All Programs
MPH Environmental and Occupational Health	PubH 171 Introduction to Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences for applicants lacking chemistry and/or organic chemistry	2	Free, on-line course

Use this space to state your justification for requesting this waiver by indicating courses that fulfill requirements. **Credits for courses you list to fulfill these requirements do not count toward the total graduation credit requirement.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

## International Applicants – Special Additional Requirements

### Read this if you are:

- An International Applicant who is **NOT** a U.S. citizen, permanent resident Visa holder, or refugee.

*Note: The Committee on Admissions reviews only **complete** applications. Please submit all of your Secondary Application materials in one envelope (including your Financial Certificate and related documents). Keep informed of changes in U.S. government policies by checking [www.gwu.edu/~grad](http://www.gwu.edu/~grad) info*

### Special Additional Application Requirements

In addition to the application requirements listed elsewhere in this application packet, international applicants applying for the Graduate Degree and Graduate Certificate Program must also submit the required documents listed below. **Applications are not reviewed by the SPHHS Committee on Admissions until all admissions documents, including the Financial Certificate and supporting bank statements, have been received. I-20 and DS-2019 Documents are prepared only after the accepted international applicant commits to attending GW by returning the Declaration of Intent (included in the acceptance packet) and the \$300 Advanced Enrollment Deposit.**

### Check List for International Applicants

Send the following documents to SPHHS:

- Financial Certificate and Related Documents, including original bank statements (see explanation below)
- World Education Service Transcript Translation for all international transcripts ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org))
- Copy of Passport Biographical Page and Expiration Date
- Home Country Permanent Address
- Sponsor Documentation, if relevant

### For International Students in the US, also submit:

- Copy of the I-94 document (front and back with the red INS stamp clearly visible)
- Copy of the Visa Stamp
- Optional Practical Training (OPT) and a written statement that you will forfeit the OPT while a student
- Currently attending College in the US? Request a Transfer Verification from SPHHS after admission, if you plan to attend GW.

### TOEFL and GRE

The official score sheet from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required from ETS (use Institutional Code 5688) when the applicant is from a country in which English is not an official language, or has attended universities where English is not the language in which courses were taught. The required minimum TOEFL score is 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based).

TOEFL scores may be no more than two years old. **All international applicants, without exception, are required to submit GRE scores.**

Exception: Physicians may substitute the English validating examination of the FMGEMS or ECFMG in place of the TOEFL.

NOTE: Applicants scoring below 600/250 are required to take the English as a Foreign Language (EFL) placement test at The George Washington University before registering for classes. EFL coursework is required for those who need it. Depending on the test results, you may be restricted in the number of courses that can be taken in addition to EFL courses. Students assigned to EFL courses should anticipate additional tuition expenses as well as a possible extended period of time required to complete their programs.

## **Financial Certificate for International Applicants Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019**

The Financial Certificate is included in this Secondary Application packet. Additional copies and instructions are available on the SPHHS website at [www.gwumc.edu/sphhs](http://www.gwumc.edu/sphhs). All international applicants who require an I-20 for F (student) immigration status or an DS-2019 for J (exchange visitor) immigration status must complete the Financial Certificate, related bank statements, and sponsor letters according to instructions. All relevant sections of the Financial Certificate must be completed. You are required to demonstrate that you have sufficient funds available to you to cover the cost of your academic and living expenses. **Failure to follow the instructions and/or failure to provide the required documentation will result in your application being withdrawn from consideration.** Do not base your funding figures on any type of U.S. employment while attending GW.

**Self-supporting Applicants.** If you plan to use your own funds to support yourself at GW, you must provide documentation in the form of an official bank statement showing that you are able to support yourself for the duration of your study here. The amount on the bank statement(s) must match the amounts listed on the cost charts for your degree that follow the Financial Certificate (minus any sponsorships/scholarships you may have). Include the Financial Certificate and related documents with your Secondary Application and submit them in one envelope to the Office of Admissions.

### **Parental Support/Individual Sponsor.**

If you plan to use parental financial support or the financial support of an individual sponsor to cover your GW expenses, that person must submit an official bank statement verifying amounts listed on the cost charts for your degree that follow the Financial Certificate for your first year. Masters and Doctoral degree candidates must have their parent or individual sponsor write a letter verifying their ongoing financial support for the duration of your study. All of these letters must be submitted together with your Financial Certificate and included with your Secondary Application in one envelope to the Office of Admissions.

### **Spouse and/or Children.**

The *Financial Certificate for International Applicants Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019* outlines estimated increased living expenses if you plan to bring your spouse and/or children. All of your financial documentation must reflect these increases in available funds.

**Special Notice:** The *Financial Certificate for International Applicants Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019* and all supporting materials must be received by the Office of Admissions with your other Secondary Application materials in order for the Committee on Admissions to review your application. **Upon acceptance to SPHHS, your Declaration of Intent that is included in your acceptance packet and \$300 Advanced Enrollment Deposit must be received by the Office of Admissions in order to prepare your I-20 or DS-2019 form that is required for you to obtain your Visa. We strongly recommend that you remit the Advanced Enrollment Deposit and the Declaration of Intent prior to the posted return deadline to ensure prompt processing of your I-20 or DS-2019.**

**School of Public Health and Health Services  
Financial Certificate  
for International Applicants  
Requiring Forms I-20 or DS-2019**

Both pages of this form must be completed and submitted with your other Secondary Application materials. Your application will not be considered complete until this Financial Certificate and the necessary verification documents are received. This information is required to generate your I-20 or DS-2019 form used to request your Visa. Accepted international applicants must return their Declaration of Intent with the \$300 Advanced Enrollment Deposit to hold their place in the class and to assure prompt processing of their I-20 or DS-2019. *Please type or print in black ink.* NOTE: Applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 must also provide: 1.) Copy of passport biographical page; 2.) copy of passport expiration date; 3.) Copy of all U.S. Visa stamps. Delays in processing will result if this information is not provided.

**General Information**

1. Name:         Mr.     Ms.

\_\_\_\_\_ LAST (FAMILY NAME)                      FIRST                      MIDDLE

2. Permanent address:

\_\_\_\_\_ STREET

\_\_\_\_\_ CITY                      STATE/PROVINCE                      ZIP/POSTAL CODE                      COUNTRY

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL CALLING CODES)

3. This application is for:  Fall 20\_\_\_\_                       Spring 20\_\_\_\_                       Summer 20\_\_\_\_

4. GW school to which you are applying: School of Public Health and Health Services

5. School of Public Health Degree  MPH  MHSA  Specialist in Health Services Administration  
 DrPH.  MS Health Policy  MSES  Graduate Certificate

Program/Specialization \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you currently in the U.S.?  No  Yes  
(If yes, attach a photocopy of your I-94. Red Stamp must be legible.)

7. Are you presently in F-1 or J-1 status?  No  Yes (If yes, attach a copy of your I-20 or DS-2019. If you are on F-1 optional practical training, attach a legible photocopy of your employment authorization document.

8. If requesting an DS-2019, please provide the following information:

City and country of birth:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Country of permanent residence:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Information about Dependents Who Will Accompany You**

Please check where appropriate:

I plan to come alone.

Family Expenses If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.

I plan to bring the following dependents (please complete the information below).

Name	Relation	Date of Birth	Country of Birth

**Dependents are currently with me in the U.S. and plan to remain with me.** Attach a legible photocopy of the biographical/ identification page, I-94 (front and back), passport, and the I-20 or DS-2019 for you and each dependent. On a separate sheet of paper list each dependent's 1.) Name (family and given name); 2.) Gender; 3.) Relationship to you; 4.) Date of birth; 5.) Country of citizenship; 6.) City and country of birth; and 7.) Country of legal permanent residence.

**Financial Certificate**

Please complete the chart below, and include with this Financial Certificate all financial verification documents requested for each funding category you will use. Financial information must be provided for the estimated length of your academic program (see the degree cost charts that follow). **Bank statements must be submitted to verify the resources are available to you.**

**AMOUNTS IN U.S. DOLLARS**

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Attach Documents	Projected Support			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
<b>SELF-SUPPORT</b> A bank official must attach a statement on the bank’s stationery verifying the amount you indicate for all years of study.	\$				
<b>PARENTS or INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS</b> Your sponsor must sign the certification portion below, as well as have an official of his/her bank attach a statement verifying his/her ability to provide you with the funds indicated.	\$				
<b>GOVERNMENT or AGENCY SPONSORS</b> Enclose with this form a signed copy of your letter of award, specifying the current data, the name of The George Washington University, the dollar amount, and the exact starting date and length of the scholarship.	\$				
<b>THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY</b> Enclose a copy of your letter of award of a GW assistantship, scholarship, or grant.	\$				
<b>OTHER (specify) _____</b> Enclose with this form a signed affidavit from a person authorized to certify the accuracy of this entry.	\$				
<b>DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (if necessary)</b> If you or a dependent require attendant care, please contact the GWU Disability Support Services to estimate the cost here. cwillis@gwu.edu and 202.994.8250 (TDD/ Voice)	\$				
<b>TOTAL (You must complete this final section)</b> Use the degree cost charts that follow and indicate the exact total cost for <u>each year</u> of your degree.	\$				

**Applicant’s Certification**

I certify that I have read the information provided on this certification, that it is true and accurate, and that the funds are available. I understand that submission of incomplete or inaccurate information or documents may be grounds for denying or withdrawing an offer of admission or termination of enrollment if I have been admitted.

Applicant’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Certification by Family or Individual Sponsor**

I guarantee that I will provide the above-named applicant the amount indicated on the above char for purposes of full time study at The George Washington University.

Sponsor’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

If living in the U.S., please indicate:  U.S. citizen  permanent resident  other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsors who are living in the U.S. and are NOT a U.S. citizen must provide copies of their immigration papers (I-94 and visa stamp), as well as a copy of the biological page of their passport and passport expiration date.**

Sponsor's Address:

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STREET

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CITY

STATE/PROVINCE

ZIP/POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL CALLING CODES)

You are required to certify that you have sufficient funds available for your academic and living expenses. You must complete the Source of Funds form that follows these cost charts for each degree. Enter the exact totals for each year on the form that corresponds with the degree you are seeking. These amounts are based on 2007-2008 costs; tuition and other expenses can be expected to increase yearly.

## DEGREE COST CHARTS

<b>Master of Public Health (MPH)</b> <b>MS Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases</b> 45 Total Credits 2007-2008 Tuition is \$1024 Per Credit						
Note: The cost listed here for summer tuition 2008 is approximate and can be expected to increase by about 5% with the budget increases associated with the new fiscal year. Some programs will require students to enroll for summer 2.						
Year 1						
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Approximate Tuition for Summer Session 2008 (tuition will increase by about 5%)		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
10	10,240	10	\$10,240	6	\$6,144	~\$26,624
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$49,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						
Year 2						
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
10	\$10,240	9	\$9,216	NA	NA	\$19,456
Living Expenses for 9 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$11,700
Other Expenses for 9 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$5,100
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$36,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**Master of Health Services Administration**

50 Total Credits

2007-2008 Tuition is \$1024Per Credit

Note: The cost listed here for summer tuition 2008 is approximate and can be expected to increase by about 5% with the budget increases associated with the new fiscal year.

**Year 1**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Approximate Tuition for Summer Session 2008 (tuition will increase by about 5%)		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
11	\$11,264	10	\$10,240	4	\$4,096	\$26,624
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$49,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**Year 2**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits Residency	Cost	Credits Residency	Cost	
8	\$8192	8	\$8192	3	\$3073	\$19,456
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$42,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**Year 3**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits Residency	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
3	\$3,072	3	\$3,072	NA	NA	\$6,144
Living Expenses for 3 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$3,900
Other Expenses for 3 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$1,700
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$12,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**MS Health Policy**

48 Total Credits

2007-2008 Tuition is \$1024 Per Credit

Note: The cost listed here for summer tuition 2008 is approximate and can be expected to increase by about 5% with the budget increases associated with the new fiscal year.

**Year 1**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Approximate Tuition for Summer Session 2008 (tuition will increase by about 5%)		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
10	\$10,240	10	\$10,240	6	\$6,144	\$26,624
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$49,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**Year 2**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
11	\$11,264	11	\$11,264	NA	NA	\$22,528
Living Expenses for 9 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$11,700
Other Expenses for 9 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$5,100
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>\$39,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**MS Exercise Science**

36 Total Credits

2007-2008 Tuition is \$1024 Per Credit

Note: The cost listed here for summer tuition 2008 is approximate and can be expected to increase by about 5% with the budget increases associated with the new fiscal year.

**Year 1**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Approximate Tuition for Summer Session 2008 (tuition will increase by about 5%)		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
9	\$9,216	9	\$9,216	NA	NA	\$18,432
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$41,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**Year 2**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
9	\$9,216	9	\$9,216	NA	NA	\$18,432
Living Expenses for 9 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$11,700
Other Expenses for 9 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$5,100
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>~\$35,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**DrPH**

72 Total Credits

2007-2008 Tuition is \$1024 Per Credit

Note: The cost listed here for summer tuition 2008 is approximate and can be expected to increase by about 5% with the budget increases associated with the new fiscal year.

**Year 1**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Approximate Tuition for Summer Session 2008 (tuition will increase by about 5%)		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
9	\$9,216	9	\$9,216	6	\$6,144	\$24,576
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>-\$47,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**Year 2**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
9	\$9,216	9	\$9,216	6	\$6,144	\$24,576
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>-\$47,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

**Year 3**

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
9	\$9,216	9	\$9,216	6	\$6,144	\$24,576
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>-\$47,000</b>
Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s) If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and						

bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.	
Total for Student with Dependent(s)	

Year 4						
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Sessions		Annual Tuition
Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	Credits	Cost	
Living Expenses for 12 Months Including: Food, housing, and utilities						\$15,600
Other Expenses for 12 Months Including: Books, supplies, health insurance, and miscellaneous costs						\$6,800
<b>Total for Individual Student</b>						<b>\$22,400</b>
<p>Additional Costs for Student with Dependent(s)</p> <p>If you plan to bring your spouse and/or children, you must also certify an additional \$11,000 for your spouse and \$5,500 for each child. Health insurance is strongly recommended and will cost approximately an additional \$4,100 for your spouse/partner and \$2,000 for each child on an annual basis. These additional expenses need to be added to your financial certificate and bank statements need to demonstrate that support is available for your dependents.</p>						
Total for Student with Dependent(s)						

## FAQ for George Washington University SPHHS Applicants

- 1. What if I only want to apply only to The George Washington University (GW) School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS)? Can I apply directly to GW and not through SOPHAS?**

If you are applying only to GW, you will need to apply through SOPHAS and complete the SPHHS Secondary Application.

- 2. What if I have a specific question about the SPHHS?**

Contact SPHHS by calling 202.994.2160 or email [sphhsinfo@gwumc.edu](mailto:sphhsinfo@gwumc.edu)

- 3. Will paper applications still be available?**

Yes, applicants will have the option of completing a paper application. Contact SOPHAS for a paper SOPHAS application and SPHHS for a paper Secondary Application.

### **For a Paper SOPHAS Application**

SOPHAS  
P.O. Box 9111  
Watertown, MA 02471

Tel: 617-612-2090  
Fax: 617-612-2092  
TTY Tel: 617-612-2093

### **For a Paper SPHHS Secondary Application**

School of Public Health and Health Services  
2300 I Street, NW, 202 Ross Hall  
Washington, DC 20037

Tel: 202-994-2160  
Fax: 202-994-1850

- 4. Should I write a personal statement (essay) for SPHHS?**

Yes, you will be able to personalize your statements/essays for SPHHS on the SOPHAS Application.

- 5. Where will I send my original transcripts?**

Original transcript should be send to the SOPHAS. Students who have not graduated by the time they submit their transcripts to SOPHAS will be required to send their final transcript to SPHHS.

- 6. Will I be able to send test scores directly to the SOPHAS?**

The SOPHAS will accept many standardized test scores directly so in many cases, you will be able to use SOPHAS as a designation when you take a standardized test. For other tests that may add SOPHAS as a designation, you will need to have your scores sent directly to SPHHS. Below is a current list of tests that will send scores directly to SOPHAS; please check back periodically for updates of tests that now will send test scores to SOPHAS. (Please check the instructions in the SPHHS Secondary Application for test requirements.)

- a. GRE - [www.gre.com](http://www.gre.com) - Designation #5688
- b. MCAT - <http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/start.htm> - SOPHAS (Schools of Public Health Application Service)
- c. TOEFL - [www.toefl.com](http://www.toefl.com) - Designation #5688

- 7. Does SPHHS have a Secondary Application?**

Yes, SPHHS requires all applicants to submit the SPHHS Secondary Application and a \$60 check or money order made payable to The George Washington University. You will need to look at the specific application requirements determine if you are exempt from this fee.

**8. How will letters of reference be administered?**

SOPHAS will request two to three letters of reference. You will designate two to three authors, who will be contacted and prompted to complete a standard letter of reference form. You will be able to view which letter authors have completed the form and which have not and to designate another author if need be. Be sure you have talked to your letter authors for permission to list them on the SOPHAS application.

**9. Will the letter of reference be the same for each school?**

Yes, the letter of reference completed by your three letter authors will be sent to all schools to which you are applying. However, if circumstances are that you would like a personalized letter to be sent to SPHHS, you may certainly ask your author(s) to send a separate letter to SPHHS directly. However, you will need to have two to three letters of reference sent to SOPHAS for your application to be complete, so any letters sent directly to schools should be in addition to the two to three letters required by SOPHAS.

**10. How much will it cost to apply through the SOPHAS?**

The fee structure for SOPHAS is as follows:

One designation	\$95.00
Two designations	\$140.00
Three designations	\$180.00
Four designations	\$210.00
Five designations	\$250.00
Six designations	\$290.00
Seven designations	\$330.00
Eight designations	\$380.00
Nine designations	\$430.00
Ten designations	\$480.00

Each additional designation above ten is an additional \$30.00.

**11. Will there be a SOPHAS fee waiver program?**

Yes, U.S. residents who can demonstrate financial need can apply to a fee waiver program which will waive the fee for the first application.

**12. Will schools have the same deadlines?**

No, each school will each have its own deadlines. Please designate that your application be sent to GW and submit it as early as possible, as students who do receive scholarship priority.

**13. When can I use SOPHAS?**

SOPHAS will be closed from August 15 through September 1. The first day you can apply for spring, summer or fall semesters 2008 is September 1.

**14. If schools have their own deadline, then how will I know by when to apply?**

You should apply by the earliest school's deadline. This is still the case; you are just adding more schools to your application.

**15. What happens if I apply to certain schools and then decide to add another school? Do I need to apply all over again?**

No, as long as it is in the same application year, you can add another designated school to your existing application.

**16. What if I am applying to a PhD or Master's program that is awarded through the graduate school, not the school of public health?**

In many cases, you will still apply through SOPHAS, which will send your information to the graduate school directly. However, there will be exceptions. You will be able to tell from the website for each specific degree program whether you should apply through SOPHAS or the graduate school directly.

**17. What if I apply to several schools - will the schools know which schools I applied to?**

No, the schools will not see which other schools you applied to. However, the application service will ask your permission to share that information after your matriculation to a particular school.

**18. Can I be accepted at more than one school?**

Yes, the SOPHAS is part of the application process, not the admission process. If you are accepted at more than one school, you will have to make a decision about which school to attend. The schools will not know if you are accepted at another school so this will not affect your application.

**19. Are the schools in the service going to be asking for CVs or resumes?**

Yes, some schools participating in SOPHAS will require a CV or resume. SOPHAS will allow you to upload the requirement documents and these will be forwarded to the participating schools, along with your application.