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Applying for Admission to the GW School of Public Health and Health Services

The GW School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS) Committee on Admissions invites you to submit your application for admission. Each application is carefully reviewed. The instructions located in the SPHHS Admissions Application detail the required documents you must submit to complete your application for review by the Committee on Admissions. Please follow the instructions carefully. You can access the Admissions Application on the web at www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/admissions/. *All of the required admissions documents must be received before your application is considered complete for review.*

The SPHHS Office of Admissions staff is available to assist you throughout your application process.

Office of Admissions

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SOPHAS Application

GW School of Public Health and Health Services as one of the 40 CEPH accredited schools, participates in the School of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS), on-line application service. See www.sophas.org. Most all of your application materials are sent directly to SOPHAS including your transcripts; letters of recommendation; resume; and statement of purpose. A graduated fee is charged for this application, depending on the number of accredited schools to which you apply.

SPHHS Secondary Application – Table of Contents

The SPHHS Admissions Application is available on the website at: www.gwumc.edu/sphhs/admissions/. The Secondary Application form and your GRE scores (ETS code 5268), if required, are to SPHHS. The SPHHS Secondary Application includes the following:

- ◆ Admission Deadline Dates – check the website regularly for application deadline extensions
- ◆ Message from the Dean
- ◆ Application Instructions for Master’s-Level Graduate Degree Programs and Graduate Certificates
- ◆ List of Master’s Level Degree Programs, Graduate Certificates, and Joint, Dual, and Special Programs
- ◆ Application Instructions for Doctor of Public Health Programs
- ◆ International Applicants – Special Additional Requirements
- ◆ Secondary Application Form with two 250 word essays
- ◆ Request for Waiver of Degree Program Prerequisites Form (MPH EOH, MHSA, MS PH Microbiology, and MS Exercise Science only)
- ◆ Financial Certificate and Instructions for International Applicants
- ◆ Cost Charts
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions

Admissions Decisions

Regular Acceptance Status

Nearly all accepted applicants are admitted on regular acceptance status.

Provisional Acceptance Status

Occasionally, applicants who fall below the established criteria for regular academic status may be admitted on provisional status. Applicants do not need to request this consideration; it happens automatically.

Requirements for students admitted on provisional status to obtain regular academic status (transcripts are reviewed after 9 credits have been earned at GW):

- ◆ While on provisional acceptance status, students are required to earn no grade less than a 3.0 (B).
- ◆ Grades of I (Incomplete) are not acceptable.
- ◆ A minimum of two core courses must be completed by the end of your second semester (see advisor).

This status also requires that students meet with their advisors prior to registration for course planning.

After successfully completing these requirements, provisional admission is converted to regular acceptance status.

Denied Status

This status means that the applicant was not accepted for admission.

How Admissions Decisions are Determined

Please be assured that each application is carefully reviewed and each piece of the application is considered. Our program is quite competitive and the Committee on Admissions tries its hardest to make ethical decisions about admissions...they admit only those students whom in their best judgment can be successful in our rigorous curriculum and a career in public health and health services. 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>

Grade Point Average and Test Scores

The average GPA for regularly accepted applicants is about 3.4 and average GRE scores are: verbal = 540, quantitative = 620, analytical writing = 4.8. Averages, of course, mean that applicants are accepted with scores both higher and lower than these. These academic indicators are important because the Committee on Admissions wants to accept applicants who can be successful in our rigorous academic programs. Beyond these quantitative indicators, we look for applicants who have a passion for serving others, which can be demonstrated through their resume, personal statement, and the wonderful things the letter writers say about them. We encourage you to apply so we can evaluate your complete application.

Please read the SPHHS Admissions Application for information about required standardized tests, and exceptions when the test is not required. All international applicants, without exception, are required to take the GRE. All DrPH applicants, without exception, are required to take the GRE. GRE scores are valid for five years. TOEFL is not required when English is the first language or applicants have attended English schools. Most domestic applicants are required to take a standardized test, usually the GRE. Schedule the GRE so that the results will be received by SPHHS at about the time the Office of Admissions receives your admissions application and no later than the deadlines stated in the Admissions Application. See the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website www.gre.org for information about standardized tests. GRE scores are sent to ETS code 5268.

Statement of Purpose

The Committee reviews your Statement of Purpose to determine your motivation for pursuing a career in public health and health services. This is submitted with your SOPHAS application.

The Statement of Purpose for master's degree and graduate certificate program applicants should be approximately 1500 words, and contain the following information:

- ◆ Name.
- ◆ Choice of degree, program, concentration, and/or graduate certificate from the lists in the Application for Admission.
- ◆ Reasons for selecting this academic program.
- ◆ Academic and career interests.
- ◆ Professional and volunteer experiences as they relate to your academic program.

This Statement of Purpose is submitted to SOPHAS.

The Statement of Purpose for Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) applicants should be approximately 1,000 words and contain the following information (Doctoral programs will be open again for admission for fall 2010):

- ◆ Name.
- ◆ Choice of degree, program, concentration, and/or graduate certificate from the lists in the Application for Admission.
- ◆ Reasons for selecting this academic program.
- ◆ Academic and career interests.
- ◆ Professional and volunteer experiences as they relate to your academic program.

AND

- ◆ A description of your current skills and future goals related to research, leadership, and problem solving.

Your Statement of Purpose is returned to the Office of Admissions in one envelope with the other required application materials.

Recommendations

Three recommendations are required. Recommenders enter their letters on the SOPHAS website: www.SOPHAS.org Letters should be written by professionals who know you well, but who are not relatives.

Resume

Send your resume to SOPHAS. Your resume that includes your educational and professional background, volunteer service, research, leadership, honors and other interesting facts about your life experience and talents helps you demonstrate your long-time commitment to excellence and desire to serve others.

Your resume should contain:

- ◆ Contact Information: Name, address, telephone number, email address.
- ◆ Educational Experiences: Colleges and universities attended, majors, dates degree(s) was earned.
- ◆ Work Experiences: Company name, location, dates of employment title, responsibilities.
- ◆ Research Experience: Name of research center, title, brief description of experiences, and skills learned.
- ◆ Volunteer or Service Experiences: Organization, location, dates of experience, title, responsibilities.
- ◆ Honors and Leadership Experience.
- ◆ Publications.
- ◆ Interesting Facts, including languages spoken, travel, athletic experiences, hobbies, etc.

International Applicants – Special Additional Requirements

All international applicants who are seeking an F-1 or J-1 visa must submit the Financial Certificate, verifying bank statement(s), and other required documents for their applications to be complete and ready for review by the SPHHS Committee on Admissions. The Financial Certificate and instructions are located in the Admissions Application. International applicants must demonstrate that they have the financial support to cover their educational and personal expenses to attend GW (see the cost sheets for each degree in the financial certificate).

All international applicants, without exception, must submit their Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores to SPHHS at ETS institutional code 5268. TOEFL scores must be submitted to ETS institutional code 5268 according to the Admissions Application instructions.

International applicants in F-1/J-1 visa status must enroll as a full-time student (minimum 9 credits) spring and fall semesters according to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization rules governing registration requirements. Furthermore, international students beginning their program summer semester must enroll as a full-time student (minimum 6 credits) for that semester as well.

When Masters Degree and Certificate Admissions Decisions are Determined

The SPHHS Committee on Admissions understands that you expect a thoughtful review of your application and an expeditious response about the decision. The Committee makes master's degree and graduate certificate admissions decisions on a rolling basis throughout the year, and your decision packet most probably will be mailed to you within a month after the Admissions Office has received your complete application. DrPH applicants are notified by June 1.

Scholarship Priority Consideration

The Committee on Admissions encourages you to submit your SOPHAS Application and the SPHHS Secondary application by February 15 to receive scholarship priority consideration.

Enrolling as a Non-Degree Student

The George Washington University requires all applicants for non-degree status to submit their application online. The online system maintains your confidentiality through the assignment of a personal identification number. It also allows you to complete the application at your convenience. For more information see this site: <http://www.gwu.edu/~ous/step1.cfm>

An application fee of \$25, payable by credit card (MasterCard/ Visa) or by check, is due at the time of application. Checks should be made out to: The George Washington University. Checks should be sent to the Office of University Students; 801 22nd Street NW; Phillips Hall, Suite 411; Washington, DC 20052 .

Applicants should apply as early as possible and before the semester begins to avoid any potential late registration fees. Questions about the online application process should be referred to:

Office of University Students
801 22nd Street NW
Phillips Hall, Suite 411
Washington, DC 20052
202-994-1972 (tel)
202-994-6683 (fax)
ous@gwu.edu

School of Public Health and Health Services Academic Programs

Public Health Programs	
Master of Public Health Degrees	Public Health Graduate Certificate Programs
Biostatistics	Biostatistics
Community Oriented Primary Care	Community Oriented Primary Care
Environmental Health Science and Policy	Environmental Health Science and Policy
Epidemiology	Epidemiology
Global Health	Global Health
Health Policy	Health Policy
Health Promotion	Health Promotion
	HIV/AIDS Studies
Maternal and Child Health	Maternal and Child Health
Public Health Communication and Marketing	Public Health Communication and Marketing
Public Health Management (restricted admission)	Public Health Management (restricted admission)
	Public Health Generalist
	Public Health and Emergency Management
Doctor of Public Health	Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases
Environmental and Occupational Health	
Health Behavior	
Health Policy	
Global Health	
Health Services Management and Leadership Programs	
Degree	Certificates
Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA)	Health Services Generalist
	Long Term Care
Specialist Degree	
Master of Science	
Master of Science	Master of Science - Exercise Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Policy • Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases (certificate also available) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Clinical Exercise Physiology ◆ Strength and Conditioning
Joint Programs and Special Programs	
Law JD/MPH, JD/Public Health Certificate LLM/MPH, LLM/Public Health Certificate	Medicine MD/MPH, MD/Public Health Certificate PA/MPH (Apply only through CASPA and the PA Secondary Application)
MA International Affairs – Elliott School/MPH Global Health	Masters International (MI) Peace Corps Program MI/MPH
MBA/Concentration in Health Services Administration	BS/MPH Program (for GW rising Juniors only)

Financial Assistance – Office of Student Financial Assistance

Student Financial Assistance
800 21st Street, NW
Ground Floor, Marvin Center
Washington, DC 20052

Phone: 202.994.9000
Web: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/finaid-g/HowToApply>
Web: www.gwired.gwu.edu/finaid
Email: finaid@gwu.edu

GW's on line Financial Aid Application is located here: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/finaid-g/HowToApply>

The 2009 graduate aid application packets are, available for download on our website (www.gwired.gwu.edu, financial assistance, graduate students, forms). Please file the 09-10 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can request information about financial assistance at any time, even before you apply.

2009-2010 Tuition and Fees

Tuition	\$1115 per credit
Fees	\$1.00 per credit hour

The MPH degree is 45 credits

The MS Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases degree is 45 credits

The Graduate Certificate in Public Health and Emerging Infectious Diseases has various credits (~24 credits)

The Graduate Certificate in Public Health and Emergency Management is 20 credits

All other graduate certificates are 18 credits

The MHS degree is 50 credits

The MSES degree is 36 credits

The MS Health Policy degree is 48 credits

The DrPH degree is 60 credits

Visit The George Washington University Campus

The Washington, DC area is served by three airports (Ronald Reagan Washington National, Dulles International, and Baltimore-Washington International), by rail (AMTRAK) and local railways (MARK and VRE), and Greyhound Bus Services. For more information about public transportation check www.metwashairports.com and www.wmata.com.

Directions to GW SPHHS by Car

Coming to GW from North of the City?

Interstate 95 south to Interstate 495 (Capital Beltway) toward Silver Spring/Northern Virginia. Take exit 33, heading south on Connecticut Avenue for about 9 miles. Turn right onto Florida Avenue (just past the Washington Hilton) and turn left immediately onto 21st Street. Turn right on I Street. The visitor entrance to the parking garage is on the left between 22nd and 23rd Streets.

Coming to GW from Northwest of the City?

Interstate 270 to Interstate 495 (Capital Beltway) toward Silver Spring. Take exit 33, heading south on Connecticut Avenue for about 9 miles. Follow directions as given in from North.

Coming to GW from West of the City?

Interstate 66 and Route 50 both connect with the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. Cross the bridge and exit left at E Street, then again at Virginia Avenue. Bear left, following signs for 23rd Street. Turn right on 23rd Street and continue a few blocks to campus. Turn right on I Street. The visitor entrance to the parking garage is on your right between 22nd and 23rd Streets.

Coming to GW from South of the City?

Interstate 95 to Interstate 395 Arlington Memorial Bridge exit. Cross the bridge and bear left at the Lincoln Memorial. Turn left onto 23rd Street, NW, and follow directions as given in From West.

Coming to GW by Rail through Amtrak's Union Station Terminal

If you are arriving in Washington DC by rail at Amtrak's Union Station Terminal, take the Metro (Metrorail) to Metro Center and transfer to either the Orange or Blue Line to the Foggy Bottom/GW Metro Station.

Coming to GW by Air

- ◆ Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is the closest to campus (6 miles/9km away). It serves only flights from the US and Canada. The Metro Blue Line goes directly to the Foggy Bottom/GW Metro Station.
- ◆ Washington Dulles International Airport is located in Virginia about 20 miles/30 km from GW.
- ◆ Baltimore Washington International Airport is located in Maryland about 33 miles/53 km from GW

Visit GW

The Office of Graduate Student Enrollment Management offers tours for prospective applicants and new graduate students. The tours are led by current GW graduate students, from the Foggy Bottom campus. The tours are offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:30 p.m. . The tour starts at the Office of Graduate and Student Enrollment, 603 Rice Hall, 2121 I Street, NW. To register for a tour, please visit http://www.gwu.edu/~gradinfo/Visit_tours.cfm and select "Campus Tour" under the listing for type of event. Tours begin at Rice Hall, Suite 603, 2121 I Street, NW, Washington, DC, and last approximately one hour.

Remember to mention GW when making reservations

DC Area Hotels	Phone Numbers
American University***	202.885.3370
American Youth Hostel*	202.737.2333
Best Western New Hampshire Suites*	202.457.0565
Capital Hilton	202.393.1000
Carlyle Suites Hotel**	202.234.3200
Catholic University***	202.319.5615
Washington Suites (Pennsylvania Ave.)	202.333.8060
Double Tree Guest Suites (New Hampshire Ave.)	202.785.2000
Embassy Inn	202.234.7800
Embassy Square Suites	
Embassy Suites**	202.857.3388
Four Seasons	202.342.0444
GW University Inn	202.337.6620
Hotel Monticello	202.337.0900
Georgetown University***	202.687.4560
Grand Hyatt Washington	202.582.1234
Hay-Adams Hotel	202.638.6600
Holiday Inn Georgetown**	202.338.4600
Hostelling International USA* www.hiwashingtondc.org	202.737-2333
Hotel Lombardy	202.828.2600
Park Hyatt Washington	202.789.1234
River Inn	202.337.7600
St. Regis Hotel (closed until November 2007)	202.638.2626
Savoy Suites Georgetown Hotel	202.337.9700
Hilton Washington	202.483.3000
Fairmont Washington	202.429.2400
Watergate Hotel	202.965.2300
Westin Embassy Row	202.293.2100
Westin Grand	202.429.0100
William Penn House*	202.543.5560
Windsor Inn	202.667.0300
Renaissance M Street www.expedia.com *	202.775.0800 For your own investigation

*Reasonable Rates

**Student Discounts (based on availability)

***Summer Only

-For best rates, please book in advance. Keep in mind, this table is based on average rates and may vary depending on the time of year.

Washington DC

In addition to recently being named, “The Best Place to live in the United States” (*Money Magazine*), our Nation’s Capital is a diverse city of cultural, historic, and educational opportunities. For Public Health and Health Services students, the Washington, DC area offers a wealth of options for professional and personal development. These options include, but are not limited to, access to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Children’s National Medical Center (CNMC), the National Library of Medicine, Walter Reed Medical Center, the World Health Organization, the Whitman-Walker Clinic, and an exhaustive list of community clinics and public health venues.

Foggy Bottom

The George Washington University is located in Northwest DC in the beautiful historic neighborhood of Foggy Bottom. It is a short walk to the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, The White House, the Smithsonian Institution’s many museums, national monuments, and the Potomac River.

The George Washington University Medical Center

The George Washington University Medical Center (GWUMC) is a comprehensive academic health center composed of teaching, research, clinical, and administrative facilities and services. These components are represented by The George Washington University Hospital, a tertiary care institution; the Ambulatory Care Center; the Medical Faculty Associates, a clinical practice and teaching group; the GW Health Plan; the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library; Medical Research Center; the School of Public Health and Health Services; and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The GWUMC enjoys a long and distinguished history that began in 1825 with the establishment of the 11th medical school in the United States. Its first building was located near Ford’s Theater, and its lectures were frequented by public figures such as then-senator John Quincy Adams. The medical school’s first hospital, the Washington Infirmary, was created in 1844 as one of America’s first teaching hospitals. Serving as a military hospital for a short time during the Civil War, it was destroyed by fire in 1861. In 1884, it became one of only a few medical schools to admit women. Committed to the needs of the surrounding community, the GWUMC, in conjunction with three other area hospitals, founded the Health Care for the Homeless Project, in the mid 1980s to provide health care for Washington’s homeless population. In 1993, the Ambulatory Pediatrics Association named our pediatrics clerkship at Children’s National Medical Center the best clerkship in the nation. The new George Washington University Hospital opened in 2002, and is one of the most technologically advanced hospitals in the country. With millions of dollars of medical equipment, and a completely wireless network, GW offers state-of-the-art medical care and patient accommodations.

Ross Hall

This self-contained research, educational, and administrative facility fills almost an entire city block and has more than ten acres of floor space. The building is home to the Medical Center’s schools, the School of Public Health and Health Services and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. In the beginning of 2001, the main lobby underwent a major renovation the goal of which was to brighten and modernize the lobby and to allow for more effectual use of the space. The renovation provided an area for donor recognition and an enhanced space for student activities.

The Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library

2300 I Street, NW

Phone: 202.994.2850 Web: www.gwumc.edu/library

Fax: 202.994.4343

Adjacent to Ross Hall is the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, which houses nearly 25,000 medical monographs and more than 1,400 active journal holdings, with a growing number of titles available electronically. The library

also maintains an extensive audiovisual study center and microcomputer laboratory that offers video programs, computer-aided instruction, software, and interactive media for components of the curriculum. Also the site of recent renovations, the Himmelfarb Library created the Terrace Level during the summer of 2000. In addition to housing the book collection, three well-lit study rooms were created on this new level. A few levels up, the third floor, vacant of the book collection, was re-fitted with 72 new study carrels, each wired with electricity, and eight new study tables to create study space for 104 additional students.

Lerner Health and Wellness Center

2301 G Street Phone: 202.994.1522
Washington DC 20052 Web: gwired.gwu.edu/gwellness

The Lerner Health and Wellness Center, located two blocks from Ross Hall, is a 183,000 square foot recreational facility for students, faculty, and staff upon presentation of a validated GWorld photo ID card. Students may check out recreational equipment free of charge. The facility houses two gyms that can accommodate basketball, volleyball, badminton, and indoor soccer and hockey. In addition, a natatorium with a three-lane lap pool, a suspended jogging track, racquetball and squash suites, and a fitness suite housing free weights and cardiovascular equipment complete the facility. Locks and towels are available at twenty-five cents each. Students wishing to use the Health and Wellness Center pay \$7.50 per credit hour.

The Marvin Center

800 21st Street, NW Phone: 202.994.7474
Washington DC 20052 Web: gwired.gwu.edu/marvincenter

The Marvin Center, the University's student center, has recently finished extensive renovations to provide enhancements to select areas and systems of the building. Construction of a "Great Hall" addition also includes a ballroom and additional bookstore sales area tucked within the current 21st Street entrance plaza. The Marvin Center houses student dining, food venues, a copy center, student radio station, travel agency, computer sales store, post office (202.994.6823; Mailbox Fees: \$40/semester, \$75/academic year; \$100/calendar year), convenience store, book store, student activities offices, conference center, recreation activities area, and the Betts Theater.

We invite you to submit your application to The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, and please contact the Office of Admissions with your questions.