

# Masters of Public Administration & Masters of Public Health

## MPA/MPH Joint Degree

### Admissions Process and Requirements

**Division of Public Health** website: <http://medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/public-health/>

**Master of Public Administration** website: <http://www.mpa.utah.edu/>

The final deadline to apply for **Fall is February 15** (subject to change without notice). The MPA program accepts applications for Fall Semester only.

#### **Before applying to the MPA portion:**

If possible, meet with the MPA Program Manager.

The MPH/MPA takes approximately six semesters (going full-time). However, it is not a requirement to be a full-time student. Nine hours are considered full-time.

#### **Tuition Fees:**

- **Public Health** for resident and non-resident can be found here: <http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/school-of-medicine/>. Public Health tuition includes a differential, make sure under the heading **School of Medicine** you select **Public Health Students**, not the General Graduate tuition.
- **Public Administration** for resident and non-resident can be found here: <http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/political-science-department/>. In addition, students enrolled in any of the MPA core courses will pay a differential tuition rate of \$109.20/credit hour (typically class is 3 credits so \$327.60/class). **MPA students pay a \$100 program fee for every fall and spring semester they are enrolled.**

The Division of Public Health is not able to offer financial aid, however you can view the **University of Utah financial aid program** at the following url: <http://www.sa.utah.edu/finance/>

**Residential Living** offers apartment spaces for single graduate students; apartments for students with families; housing to Post-Doctorates, and Research Assistants: <http://www.housing.utah.edu>

**University Student Apartments:** <http://www.apartments.utah.edu/>

We are here to help you successfully complete your application. If you have questions or need assistance, regarding the MPH please call 801-581-6385 and questions regarding the MPA please call 801-585-7985.

## Application requirements for the MPH/MPA joint degree program:

Submit all application materials through [Apply Yourself](#)

(<https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=utahgrad>)

- You are responsible to Check Your Status online. Make sure all of the required materials have been submitted.
- A tutorial can be found on the Division of Public Health's homepage.
- All transcripts must be received before your application will be considered. Please do not send transcripts to the MPH or MPA Offices.

**Three (3) letters of recommendation** - There is no specific format for recommendation letters. Please have three academic or professional (not personal) references. If you finished a degree (undergrad or grad) within the past two years, one of your three letters must be from a professor or instructor.

**Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement** – not to exceed 500 words

### GRE (General Graduate Record Examination)

- Public Health Department Code 0616, School Code 4853
- Public Policy Department Code 4853, Program Code

The **GRE** is required for candidates without a terminal degree (M.D. or Ph.D.) earned in the U.S. GRE scores expire after five years. GRE Preparation courses:

<http://continue.utah.edu/prep/>.

- **Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Describing relevant work, community, and extracurricular experiences.
- **Pre-requisites**
  - MATH 1050 College Algebra or equivalent
- **Co -requisites** - Students do not need to complete the co-requisite before apply or beginning the program, but are required to complete the co-requisite before graduation.
  - Political Science 1100 American Government
- **International applicants:**
  - The **TOFEL** is also required. It expires after two years from the date test is taken. NOTE: International Students must submit their TOEFL score to the Graduate School with their application by Feb 1. The MPA Program requires a TOEFL score of 580 paper, 237 computer or 92 Internet, or higher. [International Students](#)
  - *Please note an in-person interview may be required.*
- **\*\*A candidate with a GPA below 3.0 will need to submit a justification letter. This letter will detail why their GPA is lower than 3.0 and why they feel they are prepared to pursue a Master's degree in spite of their lower than accepted academic performance.\*\***