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/DivisionPH/index.htm
Master of Public Administration website: http://www.mpa.utah.edu/

The final deadline to apply for Fall is February 1 (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, Melissa Hall. Please e-mail
     (melissa.hall@cppa.utah.edu) or call to schedule an appointment – 801-585-7985.

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
     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
     http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/index.php/ tuition. In addition, students enrolled in any of the MPA core
courses will pay a differential tuition rate of $86.24/credit hour (typically class is 3 credits so
$258.73/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.orl.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 801-585-6225 and questions regarding the MPA please call 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.**