

# admission to master of **public health** in general public health

You can discover a world of possibilities for an exciting and challenging career at the Arnold School. Our programs can provide you with the specialized knowledge and skills you need to address current and emerging public health issues. Our faculty prepare students to be scholars, research specialists, teachers and experts in a vast array of public health professions. An advanced degree from the Arnold School will open doors to professional advancement, competitive salaries, and a meaningful career. You can become one of our passionate and committed graduates helping people across the nation and around the world.

The Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and is the only School of Public Health in South Carolina.

Located in Columbia, SC, the school offers reasonable tuition, day and evening classes and one of the most beautiful, historic campuses in America.



The Master of Public Health in General Public Health degree provides students with the academic experiences to understand and appreciate the broad range of public health issues. Combined with the understanding of the basic principles of public health, the student will develop a knowledge base and skill set across the public health disciplines. Participants will choose five advanced courses, including courses in at least three public health core disciplines: biostatistics, environmental health sciences, epidemiology, health services policy and management, and health promotion, education, and behavior.

## **Program Learning Outcomes**

Students in this program will:

- understand the history and fundamental concepts constituting the breadth of public health disciplines, with the goal of developing graduates who are interdisciplinary in their approach to practice;
- broaden their knowledge of several areas of public health;
- obtain experience in a public health, community, school or worksite setting, and will demonstrate basic understanding of the philosophy of public health practice in the student's chosen area of interest.

## **Areas of Faculty interest**

- Biostatistics
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Exercise Science
- Health Services Policy and Management
- Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior

## **Program of Study**

- Public Health Core (15 hours)
- Special Interest in Public Health (15 hours including courses in at least three public health core disciplines)
- Practicum experience (6 hours)
- Electives (6 hours)
- Total Credit Hours—42

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## General Information

- This master's degree is administered through the Office of Academic Affairs, Arnold School of Public Health.
- Admissions applications are reviewed by a committee of faculty representatives from each core public health department.
- Financial aid is available on a competitive basis, including graduate research and teaching assistantships and veterans' benefits.
- Students admitted to the program are assigned an advisor to assist in developing a program of study in the special emphasis area.
- A practicum committee composed of a faculty member from the Arnold School of Public Health and a mentor from the practicum site assists in establishing and mentoring practicum experiences.
- Final authority for all decisions remains with The Graduate School and is based on the Graduate Studies Bulletin and published University policy.

## Admission Requirements

Specific information and links regarding admissions, including deadline dates, can be found at the Arnold School of Public Health webpage: <http://www.sph.sc.edu/futurestudents/index.htm>. Applicants must apply through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS). Please visit [www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org) for further details.

The MPH in General Public Health is also recommended to USC Preventive Medicine residents and MD/MPH dual degree students. Applicants to either of these programs must apply through the USC Graduate School at <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/apply.htm>.

- Acceptance into the USC Graduate School
- Satisfactory MCAT, DAT, or GRE scores
- An official transcript from each school/college previously attended
- Minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- Three letters of recommendation
- A detailed statement of career goals and areas of interest
- For all international applicants, satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the IELTS Academic Course Type 2 Exam and non-US institution transcripts verified by World Education Services (WES) or equivalent evaluation service.

## USC in Focus

For more than 200 years, USC has distinguished itself as a center of learning with a tradition of leadership and service in higher education. USC has a diverse and talented student population, a dedicated and successful faculty, a world-renowned library, outstanding research programs, and a campus that has been named one of the most beautiful in America.

The University offers more than 350 degree programs. Many programs are nationally and internationally ranked. If you want to learn more about the University of South Carolina, visit the Web site at [www.sc.edu](http://www.sc.edu).

Information about the city of Columbia can be found at [www.columbiasc.net](http://www.columbiasc.net) or [www.columbiacvb.com](http://www.columbiacvb.com).



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