

### University Admission Requirements

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education
2. Submission of all required admission materials, including:
  - a. Completed graduate application for admission
  - b. \$30 nonrefundable application fee (*unless you have previously applied to Grand Valley*)
  - c. Official transcript from degree granting university. Transcripts must be sent from that university directly to the GVSU Admissions Office. *NOTE: We do not require official transcripts from Grand Valley*
  - d. For applicants whose native language is NOT English. Test scores from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), or IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery).

### MPH Program Admission Requirements

In addition to the University requirements of admission, all students seeking a degree for the Master of Public Health (MPH) must also meet the following requirements:

1. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
2. Recommendations: Two recommendations. You can provide the emails of up to three references in your account at [www.gvsu.edu/gradapply](http://www.gvsu.edu/gradapply), and they will be sent a link to fill out for their online recommendation.
3. Essay/Personal Statement: All applicants must provide a written statement that addresses both of the following questions. The overall response should not exceed two, double-spaced pages (maximum).
  - a. What would make you an excellent candidate for the Grand Valley State University MPH program?
  - b. What are your expectations for a future career in Public Health (highlighting your emphasis area of interest)?
4. Résumé detailing work and volunteer experiences
5. All Applicants should review the MPH website for more detailed information and any additional requirements.

### MPH Core Courses: (24 - 33 credits)

PH 500 - Introduction to Public Health  
 PH 505 - Social and Behavioral Public Health  
 PH 510 - Public Health Epidemiology  
 PH 520 - Environmental & Occupational Health  
 PH 525 - Quantitative Research Methods in Public Health  
 PH 530 - Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health  
 STA 610 - Applied Statistics for Health Professions  
 PH 693 - Public Health Project  
   or PH 695 - Public Health Thesis  
 PH 688 - Public Health Practicum  
   or PH 689 - Practicum in a Global Setting

Upon completion of the fulltime 5-semester MPH program, graduates will be qualified to earn voluntary professional certification by taking the National Board of Public Health Examiners Certified in Public Health (CPH) Exam.

### **2 Track Options – Choose One**

#### **Epidemiology (21 credits)**

PH 600 - Advanced Quantitative Research Methods in Public Health  
 PH 602 - Chronic Disease Epidemiology  
 PH 608 - Infectious Disease Epidemiology  
 PH 610 - Cancer Epidemiology  
 PH 612 - Public Health Genetics  
 PH --- - Two Epidemiology Elective classes (6 credits)

#### **Health Promotion (21 credits)**

PH 620 - Health Education  
 PH 622 - Health Behavior and Promotion  
 PH 628 - Health Program Evaluation  
 PH 630 - Health and Disease Disparities in Diverse Communities  
 PH 632 - Public Health Social Campaigning and Distribution  
 PH --- - Two Health Promotion Elective Classes (6 credits)