

# MPH Graduate Program Podcast Script

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Hello, my name is Kelsey and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Master of Public Health program. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this program entails. The Master of Public Health, also known as an MPH, will prepare students to become diverse public health professionals in practical settings through lecture and lab courses. This is a 51 credit hour program and can be completed in 20 months as a full-time student or 40+ months as a part-time student.

Growth and employability for public health is promising. There is an expected 22% growth rate between now and 2022 nationally and 12% growth rate in Michigan for the same time period. Public Health professionals work in many diverse areas of health care including hospitals, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, private businesses, public policy and advocacy, environmental health and research.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a \$30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Additionally, the Masters of Public Health program requires a 3.0 or higher GPA, two letters of recommendation, an essay, and a current resume. This program also reserves the right to request an interview of potential candidates.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Master of Public Health website, [www.gvsu.edu/grad/mph](http://www.gvsu.edu/grad/mph).

The great news about GVSU's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/financialaid](http://www.gvsu.edu/financialaid) or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu).

The Master of Public Health at GVSU is a 51-credit hour program with two emphasis options in Epidemiology or Health Promotion. A portion of those credit hours will cover public health core concepts and a general overview of the discipline. 21 credit hours will be dedicated credits specific to the emphasis area. Additional credit hours will go towards a practicum or field work experience and a culminating experience project. For a complete listing of all courses please go to [www.gvsu.edu/grad/mph](http://www.gvsu.edu/grad/mph).

The Masters of Public Health program at GVSU is unique for a number of reasons. Students have the opportunity to choose their emphasis area, class sizes are small with hybrid options for delivery

of the curriculum, and community-based service learning is embedded throughout every course in the program. This program also has two locations where the MPH program is offered, our downtown Grand Rapids location as well as our Traverse City location. .

That is just a snapshot of the Master of Public Health graduate program at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director and Department Chair, Ranelle Brew, at [brewr@gvsu.edu](mailto:brewr@gvsu.edu) or to The Graduate School at [gradschool@gvsu.edu](mailto:gradschool@gvsu.edu). Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.