

Community and Behavioral Health, PhD

Admission

PhD applicants must apply through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS). Applications must include academic transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose, and a writing sample. International transcripts should be evaluated by the World Education Service (WES) and submitted to SOPHAS. Interested PhD applicants are asked to connect with community and behavioral health faculty by Dec. 1. For detailed application information, visit [How to Apply to the PhD in Community and Behavioral Health](#) on the Department of Community and Behavioral Health website.

The community and behavioral health admissions committee considers several factors when evaluating applications for admission, including grade-point averages, letters of recommendation, intent and motivation for graduate study, and research interests. Students with deficiencies in one area may be admitted if all other components of their application are very strong.

Applicants must have a graduate grade-point average of at least 3.40 and have earned a graduate degree from an accredited college or university in a related public health, social science, or clinical health field. Applicants who do not hold a graduate degree should apply to a master's program prior to applying for the PhD program. PhD program applicants must also submit their master's thesis, or if no thesis is available, a sample of their scholarly writing.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the [Manual of Rules and Regulations](#) on the Graduate College website.

The application deadline is Jan. 15 for the fall semester. Applications are not accepted for spring or summer semesters.