



MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The [Master of Public Health \(MPH\)](#) program offered by Cal State LA in Downtown Los Angeles includes a unique focus on urban community health and serving diverse populations in urban areas like Los Angeles. Students will understand how to improve health outcomes at the population level and how a variety of factors can impact the health of local communities. Cal State LA's program allows both recent bachelor's degree recipients and seasoned public health professionals to learn the intricacies of this growing field.

Cal State LA is accredited by [WASC Senior College and University Commission \(WSCUC\)](#). The MPH program is currently in the self-study process for specialty accreditation by [Council on Education for Public Health \(CEPH\)](#).

ADMISSIONS

A Public Health faculty committee will make admission decisions. To be admitted to the Cal State LA MPH program, applicants must meet the basic CSU Graduate Program admission requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher is suggested; a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is strongly recommended. Some exceptions to this may be defined by the committee.
- A statement of purpose explaining the rationale for pursuing an MPH in urban health.
- A professional resume.
- Unofficial transcripts from all colleges or universities attended including Cal State LA.
- Official transcripts for bachelor's or professional degrees obtained, as well as certificate programs in which letter grades were awarded.
- Two reference forms: One academic and one professional. If last degree is over five years ago, two professional references are allowed.

PROGRAM DETAILS

COST	\$525 Per Unit \$22,050 Total Program Cost
LENGTH	2 years (five consecutive semesters)

SCHEDULE

Three courses are offered during the Fall and Spring semesters and two courses are offered during the Summer.

Each class meets once per week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.*

*Summer Term classes begin at 6:00 p.m.

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HOW TO APPLY: FALL 2023*

To apply to the Master of Public Health Graduate Degree program, prospective students should complete the steps below:

- Complete the program and University application through Cal State Apply calstatela.edu/apply.

APPLICATION WINDOW:

October 1, 2022 - April 15, 2023

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT DEADLINE:

May 5, 2023

- Send official transcripts from ALL previous universities attended to:

Cal State LA – MPH
Office of Admissions
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032

DEPARTMENT DECISIONS:

April - June 2023

- * *The MPH program does not accept applications for spring terms.*

Note

Students pursuing their degree at Cal State LA Downtown may not take courses at Cal State LA's Main Campus as part of their degree program. Only students admitted to programs offered in Downtown may attend courses at Cal State LA Downtown after paying all required fees.

REQUIRED COURSES

Students must complete 42 units from the program curriculum below:

Core Courses (24 units)

Catalog Number	Title	Units
PH 5110	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
PH 5120	Biostatistics	3
PH 5130	Environmental Health	3
PH 5140	Principles of Epidemiology	3
PH 5150	Health Services Administration	3
PH 5230	Public Health Research Methods	3
PH 5950	Field Experience	3
PH 5995	Culminating Project	3

Concentration Courses (12 units)

Catalog Number	Title	Units
PH 5210	Current Issues in Urban Health	3
PH 5220	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
PH 5240	Urban Health Policy	3
PH 5250	Health Communication: Theory and Practice	3

Electives (6 units)

Catalog Number	Title	Units
PH 5310	Social Networks and Health	3
PH 5320	Applied Leadership and Community Engagement	3
PH 5330	Grant Writing	3
PH 5340	Concepts on Health Behavior and Disease in Urban Populations	3
PH 5540	Special Topics	3
PH 5980	Graduate Directed Study	3

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Convenient and accessible, Cal State LA Downtown is located at 8th Street and Grand Avenue in the heart of the financial district. Cal State LA Downtown provides:

- State-of-the-art Wifi enabled classrooms
- Comfortable student lounge areas
- MAC and PC labs featuring the latest technology
- Technology enabled collaborative work spaces

