

Public Health at VCU

- Offers innovative, rigorous educational offerings flexible to meet diverse student needs
- Provides a thriving transdisciplinary research base in which students will participate
- Works synergistically with state and local public health practitioners to provide opportunities for translating research to public health practice

Graduate public health programs include the MPH degree, with courses offered by the VCU public health departments. Dual MPH programs with medicine, pharmacy, and social work are available. VCU Public Health offers doctoral degrees in biostatistics, epidemiology, healthcare policy and research, and social and behavioral science.

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Located in the heart of Richmond

Named one of Frommer's Top Destinations for 2014, Richmond is located within two hours of Washington, D.C., the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Chesapeake Bay, and the Atlantic Ocean beaches. The city has many museums, historical homes and sites, a variety of cultural and educational centers, and sports activities.

Visit these web sites for information on:

Graduate admissions:

<http://graduate.admissions.vcu.edu/>

Graduate programs information:

<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/>

Tuition and fees:

<http://accounting.vcu.edu/tuition/>

VCU academic calendar:

<http://academiccalendars.vcu.edu/>

VCU courses:

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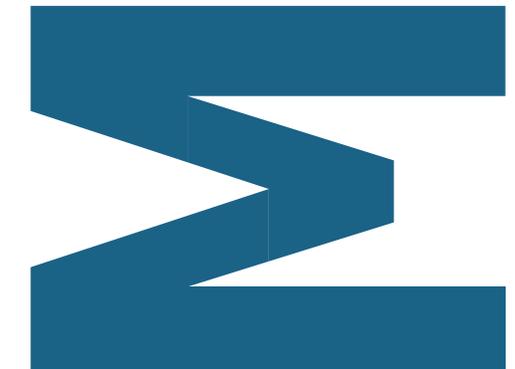
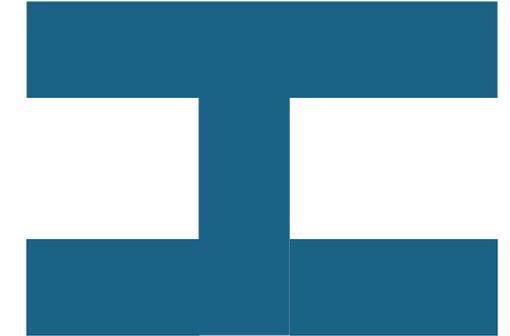
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VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Master of Public Health



Why Choose Public Health?

Public health is a multidisciplinary field dedicated to maintaining and improving the health of populations—in communities, regions, and around the world. Examples of public health careers include health department epidemiologist, community health program director, health policy analyst, and academic researcher. Public health professionals may be involved in activities such as conducting programs to reduce childhood obesity, leading initiatives to prevent cardiovascular disease, ensuring clean water supplies for communities, or lobbying for legislation to improve access to health care for underserved populations.



Mission Statement

The mission of the Virginia Commonwealth University MPH program is to engage students in an experiential, learner-centered environment, collaborate with public health partners in central Virginia to promote health equity and community wellness, and foster life-long inquiry and discovery in interdisciplinary, translational research that improves human health.

Program Curriculum

The MPH program provides a rigorous curriculum to help students develop the analytic and critical reasoning skills necessary to improve population health. The MPH program boasts experiential learning, a highly interactive environment, accessible and approachable faculty, and student involvement in professional projects. Students complete a minimum of 45 credits of formal coursework, including:

- Coursework in biostatistics, epidemiology, health policy, social and behavioral health, environmental health, data analysis, public health ethics, and interprofessional collaboration
- 120 hours of practical training and applied experience in the first program year
- 180 hours in a public health internship in the second program year
- 12 credits of electives that allow students to individualize the course of study and focus on public health topics of particular interest, accommodating varying backgrounds and experiences
- a capstone project planned and executed in the second program year

In addition, students complete 20 hours of community service and attend a minimum of 12 hours of public health seminars.

Dual Degrees

The MPH Program offers the following dual degrees: MD/MPH, MPH/MSW, and PharmD/MPH.

How to Apply

Students are admitted to the program in the fall semester only. Applications for the MPH Program are through SOPHAS, (www.sophas.org). All elements of the SOPHAS application with a supplemental application to VCU Graduate Admissions must be present by the deadline for the application to be considered. Applicants must hold a Baccalaureate or a more advanced degree from an accredited institution and provide:

- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores (taken within the past 5 years), with scores at or above the 75th percentile preferred in all exam components
- undergraduate and any graduate transcripts with grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- 3 current letters of recommendation;
- a curriculum vitae or resume
- a statement of interest in the MPH program

A background in the biological sciences and statistics is helpful but is not required.

