CSULB
Health Science-MPH Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where do I send my department application?
A: Health Science Graduate Program
   California State University, Long Beach
   1250 Bellflower Boulevard, HHS2-115
   Long Beach, California 90840-4902

Q: How many applications need to be submitted?
A: Two separate applications with separate requirements are needed. One will be submitted through CSUMentor and one will be submitted to the HSC-MPH department. Both links can be found on our website.

Q: Is the GRE required of all students?
A: Yes, it is a requirement for all students, regardless of prior degrees or work experience.

Q: What is the CSULB GRE Institution Code?
A: The CSULB Institution Code is: 4389

Q: Is there a GRE code for the Health Science Department?
A: No, all GRE scores must be submitted via the University Code.

Q: What are the application deadlines?
A: Applications will be accepted for the fall semester November 1 through March 15.
   Applications will be accepted for the spring semester April 1 through October 1.
   Deadlines for receipt of applications are final. ALL materials must be in your file by the deadline.

Q: Is there a minimum GPA for students?
A: We typically accept students with a GPA of 3.0 or above.

Q: What is the average GPA of students accepted into the MPH program?
A: Typically the average GPA is approximately 3.4.

Q: Besides GRE scores and GPA what else are you looking for when evaluating applications for the MPH program?
A: Strong recommendations, narrative/personal statement and at least one year of public health work experience.

Q: Can I still apply to the MPH program if my undergrad GPA is below 3.0?
A: GPA is only one out of the 5 elements used to evaluate our students. If GPA is just below 3.0 but the rest of the application is strong, having a GPA less than 3.0 may be overlooked as we also evaluate GRE’s, resume (work experience), letters of recommendations and personal statement.

Q: Can I apply for Conditional Admission?
A: No, Conditional admissions are determined by the graduate committee on a case-by-case basis.
Q: Where can I find information about the application requirements?
A: The Health Science website: http://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/health-science/contact/HealthScienceGraduateApplicationRequirements.htm

Q: How do I learn about Financial Aid?
A: http://web.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/financial_aid/

Q: How many units are required for the MPH degree?
A: 42 or 14 classes total

Q: Is the CSULB Health Science Graduate Program MPH degree accredited?
A: Yes, we have been accredited by Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) since 1983.

Q: What prerequisite classes are needed for the MPH program?
A: A basic statistics course (HSC 403 or equivalent) and a Community Health course with grant writing (HSC 402 or equivalent).

Q: Is it possible for a student to be admitted without these prerequisites?
A: Yes, sometimes students can take them within the first year of the program as a Conditional Admission.

Q: How can I learn more about the Health Science Faculty?
A: http://web.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/health-science/faculty-profiles/

Q: What kind of career opportunities are there in Public Health?
A: Secondary schools, community colleges/universities, local and county health departments and agencies, volunteer agencies such as the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and Planned Parenthood, hospitals and health clinics, industrial corporations, health maintenance organizations, community based organizations

Q: How many hours of internship are required?
A: It depends, if you choose the Comprehensive Exam as your summative project you are required to complete 6 units of HSC 585 or 480 hours. If you choose the Thesis option, you are required to complete 3 units of HSC 585 or 240 hours.

Q: Do you have MPH information sessions?
A: We do not offer MPH Information Sessions at this time.

Q: Can I make an appointment with an advisor to discuss the MPH program?
A: Yes, we offer appointments on Tuesday or Thursday from 2-4 during the fall and spring semesters. We do NOT offer advising during the summer or winter sessions.