Why GRADUATE STUDIES in PUBLIC HEALTH?

Public health initiatives like clean air and water standards, vaccination and tobacco control have changed the world, yet some of our greatest challenges may still be ahead. The dynamic and growing field of public health needs graduates who can effectively take the best available evidence from research, context and experience and move it into action that reduces inequities, prevents disease and improves health and well-being for all.

Boost your career prospects by completing a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at Queen’s. Develop your capacity to lead Evidence-Informed Action for Public Health.

“The Queen’s MPH program exposed me to areas in public health that I had not previously considered. With a focus on evidence-informed action, it prepared me for tackling public health issues in my current work.”

– MPH Graduate

Why QUEEN’S?

The Queen’s Master of Public Health is a professional, course-based degree that educates, equips and inspires students to take Evidence-Informed Action for Public Health. Our generalist MPH degree focuses on the foundational sciences of epidemiology and biostatistics. We train our students to effectively define public health issues and search, appraise, synthesize, and adapt public health evidence in order to implement and evaluate public health programs and policies.

We teach our students face-to-face and prioritize collaborative learning. Through a combination of academic course work and a 400-hour summer practicum, our students learn to:

• Think like public health professionals – we educate students on public health theory and methods
• Perform like public health professionals – we equip students with practical skills and competencies
• Act like public health professionals – we inspire students to lead with the ethics and values of public health

Program STRUCTURE

We offer two MPH program options:

• Our 12-month Accelerated MPH is for experienced professionals with a minimum of 2 years full-time cumulative paid work experience in health care, public health or a related field. The degree includes 8 courses (6 core, 2 elective) and a 400-hour practicum.

Part-time studies are also available.

Earn a specialization in INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPAC)?

The MPH with Specialization in IPAC (IPAC Specialization) is a unique, embedded training opportunity within the MPH. To complete the MPH with Specialization in IPAC, students must complete six required foundational courses and three IPAC elective courses:

- EPID 851 - Medically Relevant Microbiology in Infection Prevention and Control.
- EPID 852 - Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control and Environments of Care.
- EPID 853 - Healthcare Quality, Safety and Risk.

And complete the 400-hour practicum placement with an IPAC focus.

Visit the Public Health Sciences website to learn more about the program and its opportunities.
How to use this map
Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions—you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Grad Map tool.

2023-2024
Public Health MPH Map

GETTING STARTED

ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS

- Get settled in Kingston and begin your course work.
- Begin to collect and generate artifacts for your MPH Competency ePortfolio.
- Find your way through the academic process with help from departmental and School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs professional development workshops, the department Grad Chair and the SGSPA website.

MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF YOUR PRACTICUM

- Consider the learning objectives of the practicum, and what areas of public health you are most interested in.
- Connect with the Professional Development Officer to discuss your practicum goals.
- Strengthen your professional career skills in the Public Health Professional Development course.

BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Serve on departmental or university committees. Talk to the Public Health Sciences Student Association for tips on getting involved.
- Consider positions in student services, the SGPS, or media outlets like the Queen’s Journal, CPRC, and the SGSPA Blog. Look in the AMS Clubs Directory for more ideas.
- Check out professional development workshops.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

- Explore how you can connect with your community through experiential opportunities on- and off-campus.
- Consider volunteering with different community organizations, such as KFL&A Public Health, Kingston General Hospital, and the Kingston Community Health Centres.

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

- Finding a career that fits starts with knowing yourself. Get help by taking a Career Services workshop or meeting with a career educator and coach.
- Stay on the lookout for special events like School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs Career Week to explore your career pathways.

INTERMEDIATE STAGE

A Master of Public Health can equip you with:

- Public Health Science: Key knowledge and critical thinking skills related to epidemiology, biostatistics, prevention of disease and more
- Assessment and Analysis: Skills to collect, assess, analyze, and apply information
- Policy and Program Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation: Skills to plan, implement, and evaluate policies and programs
- Partnerships, Collaboration, and Advocacy: Ability to influence and work with others, to build teams and mediate different interests
- Diversity and Inclusiveness: Ability to interact effectively with diverse individuals, groups, and communities
- Communication: Skills to communicate effectively in written, oral, and multimedia forms to different audiences
- Leadership: Ability to build capacity and improve performance, as well as create, communicate, and apply shared vision, mission, and values

WRAPPING UP

WHERE CAN I GO?

How to use this map

- Complete your course work.
- Leverage your practicum experience to clarify your professional goals, and help you transition from graduate studies to professional work in public health.
- Set up a meeting with the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs to go on Grad Chat to discuss your research interests.
- Attend a major conference in your field, such as the OPHA’s Fall Forum or The Ontario Public Health Convention.
- Practice articulating the skills you have been developing in settings outside the university, such as casual conversation, networking, and interviews. Get help from a Career Services workshop.
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Graduate Studies FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Minimum 75% average in one of the following degrees awarded by a recognized university:
- An Honours Bachelor Degree in Arts or Science
- A Bachelor Degree in Applied Science or Law
- A Degree of Doctor of Medicine
- Or equivalent

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- Undergraduate-level course in mathematics, statistics or data analysis.
- Two copies of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended.
- Two academic reference letters.
- Statement of Interest responding to specific questions outlined in the “How to Apply” section of the MPH program website.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.
- For applicants from universities outside of Canada, a Graduate Records Examination (GRE) score is mandatory. A minimum score of 149 on the quantitative section is required. The GRE institution code is 0949 and the department code is 0606.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCELERATED MPH PROGRAM
- Demonstration of a minimum of two years cumulative full-time paid employment in health care, public health or a related field.
- Work experience may include two years of accredited residency through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
- Eligible work experience is paid employment after the completion of an undergraduate degree and may not include co-op work experience that was part of an undergraduate degree. Supervisors may be contacted to verify your employment and role.
- Reference requirements are one academic reference from a professor under whom you have recently studied, and one professional reference from a supervisor in a relevant employment setting.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- Application due: January 31.
- Admission: There is only one admission date per year, in September.

What about FUNDING?
Queen's University does not provide funding to students entering professional degrees. As a result, the Master of Public Health program is not funded by the Department of Public Health Sciences or Queen's University. MPH students are responsible for supporting themselves financially over the course of the program.