

PUBLIC HEALTH - RURAL HEALTH (MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH)

Application Materials Required for the MPH with a Major in Public Health

Applicants for the MPH with a major in Public Health must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. A curriculum vitae including education, employment, and other applicable experience/skills (e.g., practicum/research experience, presentations, publications) OR resume.
5. Letter of intent describing reasons for pursuing a master's degree with a major in Public Health at JSU.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Admission Requirements for the MPH with a Major in Public Health

Admission to the MPH in Public Health program is determined on a selective basis after careful review of all application materials. Applicants may be required to interview with the Kinesiology Graduate Admissions Committee so that additional information can be gathered before a final admission decision is made. Meeting the minimum standards for consideration for admission does not guarantee admission to the program, and the Kinesiology Graduate Admissions Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to admission requirements.

Unconditional Admission

- Unconditional admission is determined by the Kinesiology Graduate Admissions Committee. Applicants with at least a 3.0 undergraduate GPA and an undergraduate degree in Public Health or a related field will be given priority.

Conditional Admission

- Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission and who completed their undergraduate degree with a GPA of at least a 2.7 may be conditionally admitted with

the recommendation of the Kinesiology Graduate Admissions Committee.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from the Graduate School.

Minimum Requirements for the Master of Public Health- Rural Health Concentration

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

Course	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
PH 502	Theories of Health Behavior and Communication	3
PH 511	Biostatistics	3
PH 517	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
PH 520	Administration of Public Health Initiatives	3
PH 525	Issues and Trends in Public Health	3
PH 527	Epidemiology for Public Health	3
PH 530	Research Design	3
PH 560	Field Experience in Public Health	3
PH 562	Directed Studies in Public Health	3
Concentration Courses		
PH 535 or PH 536	Survey Research Methods in Public Health Qualitative Methods for Public Health	3
PH 540	Health Communication and Leadership	3
PH 541	Rural Public Health Practices	3
6 hours of electives in public health or social and behavioral sciences courses.		6
Total Hours		42

42 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

Graduation and Comprehensive Exam

All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.