4.2.2.1 Master of Public Health (MPH)

The Master of Public Health (MPH) programme underwent a programmatic review to design a new curriculum that provides greater integration and alignment of academic components. The revised programme seeks to equip public health professionals to use systems and evidence-based approaches to identify and solve public health problems to improve the health of communities.

Leveraging on the NUS system and our close links with the National University Hospital (NUH), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS Business School, as well as the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences and Engineering, our School ensures that research and teaching provided is both progressive and comprehensive.

Our MPH graduates are equipped to address both traditional and emerging public health issues, and have gone on to assume leadership and administrative positions in diverse public health disciplines in local and international settings.

Admission requirements

Medically Qualified Applicants

- MBBS or equivalent;
- One year of general clinical experience (excluding housemanship*); AND
- One year of experience in public health, health administration, occupational and environmental health or have entered clinical specialty training, OR
- Enrolled in the preventive medicine residency programme

* Applicable to Singapore-trained doctors only

Non-Medically Qualified Applicants

- A good Honours degree or equivalent; and
- Two years of experience in public health, health promotion, health administration, occupational and environmental health experience or clinical research.

English Proficiency for International Applicants

Test scores for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) must be submitted for all international applicants except those whose undergraduate or graduate degrees are from NUS, NTU, SIT, SMU, SUSS and SUTD or from English-medium institutions in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The following minimum scores for the respective tests are required:

- 580 on the TOEFL paper-based test
- 237 on the TOEFL computer-based test
• 85 on the TOEFL internet-based test
• 6.0 on the IELTS test

Note:
Scores for the TOEFL and IELTS are valid for 2 years from the test date.

**Curriculum structure and requirements**

All students are required to complete 48 modular credits (MCs) of prescribed modules.

Students are required to complete 24 MCs of core modules, including a Practicum project. The remaining credits are fulfilled by elective modules.

**CORE MODULES (24MC)**

SPH5001 Foundations of Public Health (0MC)
SPH5002 Public Health Research Methods (8MC)
SPH5003 Health Behaviour and Communication (4MC)
SPH5004 Introduction to Health Policy and Policy Analysis (4MC)
SPH5005 Practicum (8MC)

**ELECTIVE MODULES (24MC)**

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**Residency requirements and candidature**

The MPH programme is offered on both full-time and part-time basis.

Students can complete the degree with a normal/ minimum of 12 months of full-time study or 24 months of part-time study. The maximum candidature periods are 2 years for full-time study and 4 years for part-time study respectively.
Continuation and graduation requirements

A student pursuing a Master's degree by coursework must achieve a minimum CAP of 3.00 to be eligible for graduation.

To continue in a Master’s programme, a student may not have:

- CAP below 3.00 (but ≥ 2.50) for three consecutive semesters; or
- CAP below 2.50 for two consecutive semesters.

Assessment modes / Examination rules

Students’ performance will be assessed through a combination of examinations and continuous assessments. The Board of Examiners will govern all assessments.

Assessment can be based on tutorials, laboratories, projects, reports, as well as mid-term and final examinations.

For more information on the Master of Public Health programme, please refer here.