

# MPH Generalist Concentration

## Admission Requirements

- **Prior Degree** Bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited U.S. institution or international equivalent.
- **Grade Point Average** Admitted students typically have at least a combined undergraduate/graduate grade point average of 3.00/4.00. However, all applicants are given a holistic evaluation of their application. Applicants with less than a 3.00 are encouraged to apply if they believe that their application is strong in other areas.
- **Tests** GRE not required.
- **Letters of Recommendation** At least three external recommendations submitted via SOPHAS are required. Recommenders will be contacted via Liaison Letters once their contact information is filled in. They will be asked to complete a few Likert scale questions and upload a letter of recommendation. Letters are helpful in holistically reviewing applications, so they are strongly encouraged (in addition to the Likert responses).
- **Resume or CV** Required, uploaded via the SOPHAS application.
- **Personal Statement** Applicants will upload a 500-800 word statement via the SOPHAS application. The statement should focus on the applicant's interests/experiences in public health, goals with the degree, and why they would be successful in the program.
- **English Proficiency** Additional information on the English proficiency test requirement for international students can be found on the [UIC Admissions website](#). Minimum test scores for this program are:

Exam	Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing
TOEFL iBT (exams taken on or after January 21, 2026)	4.5	4	4	4.5	4.5
TOEFL iBT (exams taken prior to January 21, 2026)	80	19	17	20	21
IELTS Academic	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
PTE Academic	54	51	47	53	56

## Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 42
- **Coursework** The curriculum is comprised of the MPH core curriculum (22 required hours), required non-degree training, and the concentration courses (20 required hours).

## School-Wide MPH Core Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses (22 semester hours)</b>		
IPHS 450	Foundations and Determinants of Public Health	
IPHS 451	Public Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy	
IPHS 452	Public Health Planning, Practice, and Evaluation	
IPHS 453	Public Health Management and Leadership	
IPHS 454	Quantitative Methods and Analysis I	
IPHS 455	Quantitative Methods and Analysis II	
IPHS 456	Introduction to Research Design for Public Health	
IPHS 650	Applied Practice Experience (3 hours)	
IPHS 698	Integrative Learning Experience	

## Non-Credit Training Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Training</b>		
	Title IX Training - Sexual Harassment	
IPHS 421	SPH Success	
	• Quantitative Baseline Assessment	
	• SPH & UIC Policies Module	
	• Human Subjects Research (HSR)	
	• SPH Academic Integrity Tutorial (AIT)	

## Concentration Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses (20 semester hours)</b>		
EOHS 401	Foundations of Environmental and Occupational Health	
CHSC 421	Community Health 1: Assessing, Promoting and Improving Community Health	
HPA 431	Public Health Law and Ethics	
IPHS 409	Global Public Health Challenges	
IPHS 457	Current Topics in Public Health	
CHSC 485	Communications, Mass Media and Public Health	
HPA 413	Economics of Public Health	

## Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00/4.00 or better across all required coursework.