COLLEGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Public Health

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Saint Louis University’s College for Public Health and Social Justice, formerly the School of Public Health, is the only Catholic, Jesuit college of public health in the nation and the only accredited college of public health in Missouri. The college is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health and is the only accredited public health program at a Jesuit institution.

The college offers a Master of Public Health, a Master of Science in public health and a doctoral degree in public health studies, with several concentrations available in each program, as well as several dual degrees.

The priority deadline for applications for a scholarship or graduate research assistantship to the master's programs is Feb. 15. The priority deadline for the doctoral program is Feb 1.

Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health requires 42-48 credit hours to complete, depending upon the concentration selected. The program offers nine diverse concentrations:

• Behavioral science and health education
• Biosecurity and disaster preparedness
• Biostatistics
• Environmental and occupational health
• Epidemiology
• Global health
• Health management and policy
• Maternal and child health
• Public health practice

Master of Science in Public Health

The Master of Science in public health degree program is designed for those who are interested in improving their research skills related to a specific public health content area: behavioral science and health education, epidemiology, or environmental and occupational health. The M.S. requires 36-39 credit hours.

Ph.D. in Public Health Studies

The Ph.D. in public health studies requires 72 credit hours and offers seven concentrations:

• Behavioral science and health education
• Biosecurity and disaster preparedness
• Biostatistics
• Environmental and occupational health
• Epidemiology
• Health management and policy
• Health services research

Dual Degree Options

Master of Public Health:
• Law: M.P.H. in health management and policy and J.D.
• Medicine: M.P.H. in public health practice and M.D.
• Nutrition/dietetics: M.P.H. in public health practice and M.S.
• Social work: M.P.H. in public health practice and M.S.W.

Master of Science in public health:
• Clinical psychology: M.S. in public health and Ph.D. in clinical psychology

Career Paths:
Graduates are employed at federal, state and local health agencies; consulting firms; consumer advocacy organizations; community-based organizations and health care centers; hospitals; universities; and research centers.
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APPLICATION DEADLINE

M.P.H. and M.S. Ph.D.
FALL: Feb. 15 (priority) Jan. 15
SPRING: N/A N/A
SUMMER: N/A N/A

DEGREES OFFERED

- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Science in public health (M.S.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in public health studies (Ph.D.)

COURSES AVAILABLE

DAYS ✔ NIGHTS ✔ WEEKENDS ❌ ONLINE ✔

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- GRE scores (may be substituted by GMAT, MCAT or LSAT)
- Three letters of recommendation (M.P.H. and M.S. only)
- Four letters of recommendation (Ph.D. only)
- Résumé/curriculum vitae
- Professional goal statement

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The College for Public Health and Social Justice at SLU offers several opportunities for financial assistance, including merit-based scholarships, presidential and diversity fellowships, graduate research assistantships, part-time jobs and loans.