

# Baylor MPH Program Admission Requirements and Tips

## Application Deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>

Program entry begins in the fall semester (though some graduate assistants begin in the summer). The application deadline listed above is specific to our Baylor Master of Public Health (MPH) Program. Program applicants who are also interested in the possibility of an assistantship **MUST** meet the programmatic application deadline (via SOPHAS) and also email an assistantship application to the program director by the same deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>. (See “Apply for Assistantships” below.) Our admissions committee *may* agree to review a late submission for program entry if it is completed by mid-April, however, late applicants are rarely considered for assistantships. For more details, contact the program director: Dr. Renée Umstattd Meyer at [Renee\\_Umstattd@baylor.edu](mailto:Renee_Umstattd@baylor.edu)

## How to Apply to the MPH Program

We only accept program applications via the SOPHAS application system at <http://www.sophas.org> (Search for the Baylor University Public Health Program on the SOPHAS webpage.) You will be required to submit a personal statement, reference letters, official transcripts, and official GRE scores.

### *Admission Requirements*

All required components of your application will be reviewed and considered. The following information relates specifically to our GRE and GPA requirements.

**GRE** - All applicants to our on-campus MPH program must take the national Graduate Record Exam (GRE). We do not accept scores from other exams, nor do we consider previous training or work experience, as a substitute for the GRE.

Minimum Scores and Percentiles. Your combined raw score (quantitative+verbal) must be at least 300 for further consideration. The national *percentile* for each score is also considered (at least a 50<sup>th</sup> percentile preferred). A minimum *writing* score of 4.0 is also preferred. Contact the director if you have additional questions

Take the GRE early!! Baylor accepts the highest score in each exam area. If you take the GRE early in the fall, you will have time – if needed – to retake it late fall. Many of our applicants have benefitted from this strategy.

You may submit *unofficial* copies of your GRE scores, but your application will not be fully processed until the official scores arrive. You may also email an unofficial copy of these scores to the MPH program director for preliminary feedback.

**GPA** - The cumulative GPA from your previous degree must be at least 3.0.

### *International Students*

Foreign national and permanent resident applicants are required to take at least one of these two exams: TOEFL or IELTS. Check here for minimum score requirements: <http://www.baylor.edu/graduate/index.php?id=100085>

## Apply for Graduate Assistantships

The deadline for assistantship applications is the same date as indicated for program application (February 1<sup>st</sup>). Applying for assistantships is a separate step/process. Download an assistantship application form from our MPH program webpage at <https://www.baylor.edu/publichealth/index.php?id=952086>. (Click on “apply for an assistantship.”) **Do not wait until you are accepted into our program to apply for an assistantship!** We begin work immediately after the designated application deadline to review *MPH program* applications and recommend acceptances and (2) select a pool of assistantship candidates from among those who applied for an assistantship and have been recommended for program acceptance. Assistantship interviews usually occur late February/early March. See the application form for details.