

Baylor MPH Program Admission Requirements and Tips

Application Deadline: December 15th

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 December 15th. (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 graduate program director: Dr. Eva Doyle at Eva_Doyle@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 50th 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 must submit *official* copies of your GRE scores for your application to be processed. 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: <https://www.baylor.edu/graduate/index.php?id=959283>

Apply for Graduate Assistantships

The deadline for assistantship applications is the same date as indicated for program application (December 15th). Applying for assistantships is a separate step/process. Download an assistantship application form from our MPH program website 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, APPLY now!** 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 February - early March. See the application form for details.