

ISP to MPH

ISP students interested in pursuing a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree may apply to the Executive Program in Public Health Practice, a program in the Public Health Practice major.

Eligibility and requirements:

- ISP Course I and II must be completed before applying for the Public Health Practice Executive Program. Course III must be started but not necessarily completed before applying.
- Students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better for the entire ISP series.
- Students must also include a section in their final ISP research project that addresses the implications of their research to the field of public health.
- Preferred undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (Students must have earned a baccalaureate degree to be eligible for admission into the MPH program.)

Timeline:

- Students will apply during Course III or after.
- The application deadline is March 1 and students are admitted for summer term.
- TIMELINE EXAMPLE: Begin Course III in August 2008, apply for MPH program by the following March 1, 2009, begin the MPH program in June 2009.

How to apply:

- Students must apply via the Schools of Public Health Application Systems (www.sophas.org and <http://www.sph.umn.edu/pro/app/home.html>)
- Submit application, fee, personal essay, resume, three letters of recommendations, and official transcripts from every college and university you attended. (Don't forget about a transcript from the U of MN and from the university where you will take your ISP required statistics course.)
- You will also need to sign an "ISP Grade Release Form" which allows the ISP office to send us your specific ISP unit grades. Obtain and submit this form to Janet Duff in the ISP office.
- The complete file will be forwarded to the public health practice major for review by committee.

Next steps:

- If admitted, 'ISP to MPH' students will apply the thirty-six ISP credits to the MPH degree

- The statistics course and the research course taken as ISP requirements will be transferred to the U of MN as part of the Executive Program curriculum.
- 'ISP to MPH' students will need to complete three additional courses (8 additional credits).
- These three courses are offered every term and are offered online or on-campus.
- Students can take 1-3 courses per term depending on personal time/availability.
- These courses **MUST** be taken for a letter grade (A/F).
- The three courses are:
 - Fundamentals of Epidemiology – PubH 6320 (3 credits)**
 - Fundamentals of Social and Behavioral Science – PubH 6020 (3 credits)**
 - Environmental and Occupational Health – PubH 6102 (2 credits)**
- Students may take up to two of these three classes prior to completing the ISP program. But at least one of the three courses must be taken during the first term of admission to the MPH program.
- Students must take at least one course during the term of admission, otherwise the student must defer (i.e., if admitted for summer 2009, the student **MUST** take a course during summer 2009 unless they officially defer).

Graduation Requirements:

- Successful completion of ISP Course I, II, and III – GPA of 3.0
- Individual course grades of at least B- or better in the three additional MPH courses. Courses must be taken for a letter grade (A/F basis)
- Overall grade point average of 3.0 – (ISP combined with the three additional required courses)

Cost:

- Students in the Executive Program in Public Health Practice will pay resident rate tuition
- Resident rate is currently \$526 per credit, increases to \$565 in fall 2008
- Other fees will apply – University fee of \$50 per credit, Technology fee between \$90-115, etc.

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