Prepared leaders in epidemiology to push boundaries and drive the field forward in new and important directions.
CAREER
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- Minnesota Population Center
- Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
- Center for Leadership Education in Maternal & Child Public Health
- Center on Aging
- Epidemiology Clinical Research Center (ECRC)
- Obesity Prevention Center

ADMISSIONS
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Master’s degree in a related field
- Prior coursework in biological or behavioral sciences

RECOMMENDATIONS
Because of the program’s strong emphasis on methodology, quantitative aptitude is very important for academic success. Priority is placed on applicants with satisfactory grades in college-level courses such as statistics, algebra, calculus or trigonometry as well as analytical writing skills.

FACULTY PROFILE
Ellen Demerath’s research interests include the developmental origins of chronic disease, with an emphasis on obesity, body composition, and cardiovascular disease risk factors in infancy and childhood. Most recently, professor Demerath’s research is helping create a comprehensive understanding of the role of epigenetics—the study of the factors that influence genes—in chronic diseases in African Americans.

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