

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Department Admission Requirements

General

Application forms for admission to the MPH, MS and PhD graduate programs in Environmental Health Sciences may be obtained at <http://gradschool.sc.edu/gap> (<http://gradschool.sc.edu/gap/>). Applicants should submit an application packet through the School of Public Health Application Service (<http://www.sophas.org>). Individuals who wish to pursue graduate work in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences must meet or exceed the general admission requirements of The Graduate School and the following departmental requirements:

- grade point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale
- evidence of previous training/experience in a pure or applied scientific discipline
- minimum score of 310 (new scoring) or 1050 (old scoring) (verbal plus quantitative) on the Graduate Record Examination
- completion of a minimum of 24 hours of science-based courses to include the following for the MPH degree: college algebra, pre-calculus, chemistry (general; quantitative-organic chemistry also desirable), biology (general, plus advanced courses)
- completion of a baccalaureate degree with 120 hours of science-based courses or equivalent for the MS, MPH, and PhD degrees to include:
 - a. a minimum of 60 hours in physical or life sciences, mathematics, engineering, and/or technology
 - b. at least 15 hours of the 60 hours in upper level junior, senior, or graduate level courses
 - c. 21 or more semester hours in communication, humanities, and social sciences.

Applicants must submit the following:

- Graduate Record Examination scores
- official transcripts
- brief statement (maximum of two pages) that describes professional and educational objectives, work experiences, and activities applicable to the proposed plan for graduate study
- three letters of recommendation.

Applicants who do not meet all of the above requirements but who possess overall potential may be considered for conditional admission. Applicants should submit an application packet through the School of Public Health Application Service (www.sophas.org) unless advised otherwise by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Doctor of Philosophy

Applicants to the Ph.D. program must meet the above requirements and in addition must have at least baccalaureate degree in a pure or applied scientific discipline applicable to the environmental health sciences and from a university-accredited by a regional accrediting agency. Individuals with prior performance at the master's level are preferred. A personal interview may also be required.