

EPIDEMIOLOGY, M.S.

Admissions

Admissions decisions are based on an evaluation of the applicant's entire file in relation to the pool of applicants that year. We also evaluate whether the applicant's needs and goals fit well with our department's strengths and resources. We review applications once a year for fall matriculation.

Applicants for graduate degree programs in Epidemiology must meet all requirements of the Graduate School (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/public_health/apply/graduate_applicants/) for admission and the Arnold School of Public Health (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/public_health/apply/graduate_applicants/). All applications are submitted through SOPHAS (<http://www.sophas.org/>), with the following required documents:

- Resume or CV
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional sources
- Official transcripts from **all** schools or colleges previously attended
- GPA 3.0 or higher (4.0 scale)
- GRE scores are not required
- Personal statement describing your academic and research interests and professional goals, including how you became interested in epidemiology as a career choice.
- Non-US institution transcripts must be verified by World Education Services (WES) or equivalent service. Submit course-by-course evaluation (WES ICAP).
- For those whose native language is not English, we require either a TOEFL (minimum 80) or IELTS (minimum 7.0) score.

Admission requirements include a four-year baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution, preferably in the arts, sciences, or medicine, and one year of college math (beyond algebra) or statistics. Prior professional work experience is considered an asset but is not a requirement.

Admitted students who do not have academic or professional experience that provides a strong understanding of the biological basis of public health are strongly encouraged to select courses that will provide this understanding.