

EPIDEMIOLOGY, PH.D.

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 doctoral student applications twice/year for fall and spring 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, research, and professional goals. Your statement must discuss your research area of interest along with the faculty member who has agreed to mentor them.
- 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 90) or IELTS (minimum 7.0) score.

For the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program, applicants must have a master's degree in public health from an approved school of public health or related field or an equivalent advanced professional degree.

Before an application is reviewed, students must find an epidemiology faculty member in their research area of interest who agrees to be their mentor. This agreement should be mentioned in the personal statement. A holistic approach to the application review process is utilized.

Research experience and publications are not required; however, prior experience is highly encouraged along with publications, including first author.