

HEALTH PROMOTION, EDUCATION, AND BEHAVIOR, PH.D.

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Admission

Admissions requirements follow those of The Graduate School and include the following:

- a completed application.
- official transcripts from all post-secondary schools and colleges previously attended, including non-degree courses taken.
- evidence of academic performance at a B or better level on academic transcripts.
- satisfactory GRE scores. For the Ph.D. program, a minimum of 300 (combined verbal and quantitative) is required.
- three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional sources.
- a letter of intent which describes research interests and professional goals.
- satisfactory score on the TOEFL or the IELTS Intl. Academic Course Type 2 exam for applicants whose native language is not English. The minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL is 80 (Internet-based) or 570 (paper-based). The minimum acceptable overall band score on the IELTS Intl. Academic Course Type 2 exam is 6.5.
- current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Doctoral applicants should be supported by at least two HPEB faculty members willing to serve as mentors in order to be admitted into the program.

Admissions process information and links can be found at the Arnold School of Public Health webpage: <http://www.sph.sc.edu/futurestudents/index.htm>. (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/public_health/)

Applications for the Ph.D. program in HPEB are made through the Schools of Public Health Application System (SOPHAS). Please go to <http://www.sophas.org> for further details.

Only single program applications are accepted, so you may only apply to one program at a time (unless you are applying to a certificate program). Once received, your application and credentials are sent for review by the HPEB faculty. After reviewing your credentials, the department makes a recommendation to The Graduate School which officially grants admission. We will inform you of the department's recommendation regarding admission, but official notice of admission comes from the USC Graduate School.

You are encouraged to review carefully the information provided on the above websites before beginning the application process. If you have further questions, you may contact:

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