

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, PH.D.

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Admissions

Applicants should submit an application packet through the School of Public Health Application Service (<http://www.sophas.org>) unless advised otherwise by the department.

Admission Requirements

- While applicants with only a baccalaureate degree will be considered, strong preference is given to applicants with a Master's degree in public health, health administration, business administration, public administration, public policy, or a related field.
- The Ph.D. degree requires an approved program of 60 hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. Students with a relevant master's degree may complete the PhD in Health Services Policy and Management by completing a minimum of 46 additional credit hours (including 12 credit hours of dissertation preparation). A student without a prior master's degree will be required to complete a minimum of 60 graduate credit hours to graduate.
- A grade point average of 3.00/4.00 or higher is required on previous undergraduate and graduate course work.
- For international applicants, a satisfactory score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - minimum score of 80 internet-based, 230 computer-based, or 570 paper-based - or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Course Type 2 exam - minimum overall band score of 6.5. This requirement may be waived for applicants that have earned a prior degree from a US institution.

Application Requirements

- Resume or CV
- A personal statement that explains why you are interested in pursuing your PhD, outlines your research interests, and describes what appeals to you about our program, including potential faculty with whom you would like to work.
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional sources
- Official transcripts from **all** schools or colleges previously attended
- Non-US institution transcripts must be verified by World Education Services (WES) or equivalent evaluation service. Please submit a comprehensive course-by-course evaluation (WES ICAP).
- Scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are optional.
- TOEFL or IELTS scores are required for those whose native language is not English
 - TOEFL: Scores should be submitted electronically using the USC Institutional code: 5818
 - IELTS: Scores should be mailed directly to the USC Graduate School:

The Graduate School

University of South Carolina

Graduate Assistantship

All full-time PhD students are guaranteed to receive full coverage of tuition, fees, and health insurance, as well as a generous stipend during their first two years in the program. In exchange, they work with department faculty as graduate research assistants and graduate teaching assistants to gain applied experience and enrich the learning process beyond the classroom. To qualify for an assistantship, a student must be fully admitted to a degree program, be enrolled full-time, and maintain a 3.00 GPA.

Profiles of Admitted Doctoral Students Ph.D.

For Fall 2022, there were 19 applicants. Thirteen were accepted. Six enrolled. Their mean graduate GPA was 3.68 (on a 4.00 point scale).