

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, PH.D.

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

- Applicants must have a Master's degree; preferably in public health, health administration, public policy, or a related field (e.g., economics, political science, sociology).
- The Health Services Policy and Management PhD degree is a 61-credit hour program (including 12 credit hours of dissertation preparation).
- A grade point average of 3.00/4.00 or higher is required on previous undergraduate and graduate course work.
- All international applicants are required to provide English language proficiency exam scores unless they are from—or have earned a degree in—a country where English is an official language. Minimum score requirements are:
 - TOEFL iBT: 95
 - IELTS International Academic Course Type 2: 7 (overall band score)
 - PTE Academic: 60
 - Duolingo: 125

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.
- If applicable, submit English proficiency exam scores electronically using the following codes for USC:
 - TOEFL: 5818
 - IELTS: University of South Carolina, Columbia Graduate Admissions
 - PTE: University of South Carolina
 - Duolingo: University of South Carolina Graduate Admissions

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.

Profile of Admitted Doctoral Students

For Fall 2024, there were 66 applicants. Eleven were accepted. Six enrolled. Their mean graduate GPA was 3.83 (on a 4.00 point scale).