

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH APPLICATION Fall 2017 Admissions

The filing period for Fall 2017 admission is October 3, 2016 through March 3, 2017. All required application materials must be submitted by March 3, 2017 at 5:00pm PST. Please do not send any paper materials to the department office - all application materials are to be submitted online. Instructions and application details can be found in the online application.

Application Priority: The review of complete applications begins December 1, 2016. Early applications are encouraged, to ensure timely receipt of all required documentation. Complete applications received after December 1st may be considered, but will have reduced opportunities for program admission. Incomplete applications (including those missing letters of recommendation) received after 5pm (PST) on March 3, 2017 will not be considered.

Degree options (you may only apply to one):

- Master of Public Health in Community Health Education (MPH)
- Master of Public Health in Applied Epidemiology (MPH)

What you will need (due by March 3, 2017):

- 1 Statement of Purpose
- 1 Unofficial Transcript
- 1 Official e-Transcript (to be sent electronically to CSUN's Office of Admissions & Records)
- 1 Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Resume
- 3 References (at least one from an academic instructor)
- GRE scores (For those applicants with less than a 3.0 overall GPA, or 3.2 GPA for their last 60 units, you are required to take the GRE, score in the 50th percentile in one or more sections, and submit the official report directly to the University. CSUN's university code is 4707.)
- TOEFL (Required for international students who do not have a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. university.)

What to do:

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1	Complete the online CSU Graduate Admissions Application from the University Admissions and Records Office. This is known as CSU Mentor . https://secure.csumentor.edu/
2	Send directly to CSUN Admissions and Records office: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All official transcripts (electronically sent) 2) GRE scores (if needed – see above) 3) TOEFL scores (if needed – see above)
3	Create an account on the CSUN Health Science department online application via ApplyWeb . https://www.applyweb.com/cgi-bin/app?s=csun
4	Complete and/or upload the following materials on ApplyWeb : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Statement of Purpose (see below for tips) 2) Unofficial Transcripts 3) Curriculum Vitae (CV) /Resume (also known as work/volunteer experience) 4) Three References (a secured link will be sent directly to your recommenders asking them to upload recommendation letters)

Helpful Hints:

1. Make sure you apply to both the university at: <https://secure.csumentor.edu/> and the department at: <https://www.applyweb.com/cgi-bin/app?s=csun>
2. Allow for plenty of time to process your online application and remember to set up your letters of recommendations in a timely manner. Letters of recommendation can be from professional or educational contacts; but at least one letter should be from an academic instructor.
3. Your Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores are only needed if you have below a 3.0 GPA in your undergraduate GPA. If you do, please upload your unofficial scores to the MPH Application via ApplyWeb, AND send your official scores to CSUN directly to Admission and Records (University code 4707). If you are not required to submit GRE scores, please move on to the other sections on the MPH Application (Note: although the ApplyWeb system states GRE scores are required, you can move to the next section if your overall GPA is >3.0).
4. Statement of Purpose: Please upload your statement of purpose to the MPH online application. Your statement should be no more than three (3) double spaced type-written pages. Use Times New Roman size 12 font, 1" margins, and ensure the statement is double spaced. The statement must be done exclusively by the MPH applicant. Be sure to follow these instructions exactly, or your application will not be considered. See attached tips on writing your statement of purpose for the MPH in Community Health Education (see p.3) or Applied Epidemiology (see p.4).
5. International Students who are required to submit TOEFL scores for university admission, please send those directly to Admission and Records. More information can be found at: <http://www.csun.edu/admissions-records/international/apply-masters-student>
6. Unofficial transcripts can be scanned and uploaded on the MPH Application. CSUN undergrads are still required to upload unofficial transcripts; but do not need to have official transcripts sent. Applicants that graduated from other institutions, please remember to send official e-transcripts to CSUN's Admission and Records (electronic official transcripts are faster, and help to ensure your application is completed in a timely manner).
7. No paper applications, letters of recommendation, or transcripts are needed at the department level. Please do not send, thank you!

MPH Community Health Education Statement of Purpose Instructions:

1. The Statement of Purpose is an important part of your application and should demonstrate your motivation to enter a graduate program in the field of Public Health-Community Health Education. This statement will be used to assess your creativity, critical thinking, self-awareness, and writing skills.
2. Your Statement of Purpose should be no more than three (3) double spaced type-written pages. Use Times New Roman size 12 font, 1" margins, and ensure the statement is double spaced. Be sure to follow these instructions exactly, or your application will not be reviewed.
3. The writing of the Statement of Purpose must be exclusively by the MPH applicant. Please include your signature on each submitted page of your Statement of Purpose. This signature certifies that the submitted Statement of Purpose is true, accurate and written solely by the MPH applicant; and the applicant understands that any misrepresentation will be cause for denial of admission.
4. The following points should be included in the Statement of purpose:
 - Give a brief background about yourself, and make sure to include any educational and professional experience as it relates to community health, health education, public health, healthcare, and/or health-related research.
 - Explain your purpose in pursuing an advanced degree in Community Health Education. How did you become interested in the field of Community Health Education? How will you use your training in community health education? What aspects of CSUN and the MPH program appeal to you? What positive aspects do you bring to the program?
 - Discuss your short-term and long-term career goals, that is, what do you expect to be doing in five years and 10 years from now? How will a MPH in Community Health Education help you reach your personal/professional goals and future contributions?
 - Provide any special academic or other considerations that may be helpful to the Admissions Committee in reviewing your application.

Good luck!

MPH Applied Epidemiology Statement of Purpose Instructions:

1. The Statement of Purpose is an important part of your application and should demonstrate your motivation to enter a graduate program in the field of Public Health-Applied Epidemiology. This statement will be used to assess your creativity, critical thinking, self-awareness, and writing skills.
2. Your Statement of Purpose should be no more than three (3) double spaced type-written pages. Use Times New Roman size 12 font, 1" margins, and ensure the statement is double spaced. Be sure to follow these instructions exactly, or your application will not be reviewed.
3. The writing of the Statement of Purpose must be exclusively by the MPH applicant. Please include your signature on each submitted page of your Statement of Purpose. This signature certifies that the submitted Statement of Purpose is true, accurate and written solely by the MPH applicant; and the applicant understands that any misrepresentation will be cause for denial of admission.
4. The following points should be included in the Statement of purpose:
 - Give a brief background about yourself, and make sure to include any educational and professional experience as it relates to epidemiology, biostatistics, public health, healthcare, and/or health-related research.
 - Explain your purpose in pursuing an advanced degree in Applied Epidemiology. How did you become interested in the field of epidemiology? How will you use your training in epidemiology? What aspects of CSUN and the MPH program appeal to you? What positive aspects do you bring to the program?
 - Discuss your short-term and long-term career goals, that is, what do you expect to be doing in five years and 10 years from now? How will a MPH in Applied Epidemiology help you reach your personal/professional goals and future contributions?
 - Provide any special academic or other considerations that may be helpful to the Admissions Committee in reviewing your application.

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