

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Course Information

Select Appropriate Program	Graduate Degree Program ▼		
Name of New or Existing Program	* Master of Public Health admission requirements		
Select Category	Degree ▼	Degree Type	MPH
Select Action	Revision ▼		

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.
See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

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☐ **Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.**

Reason(s) for Request * (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)
Does not affect other department program/branch campuses.

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications. *

[Fall 2012 Form C justification.docx](#)

Fall 2012 Public Health Program

Form C: Admissions Requirements:

Current Admissions Requirements:

The program will consider applicants who satisfy all admission requirements as follows:

1. B.S., B.A. or equivalent from an accredited U.S. institution or a recognized foreign institution.
2. G.P.A. of at least 3.0 or demonstrated ability to complete graduate courses with a B or better.
3. All students must have:
Recent (within five years) GRE scores with preferred verbal and quantitative scores of 500 each and analytical writing of 4 and above,
OR
MCAT with preferred score of 10 and N in writing,
OR
GMAT with preferred score of 500 and above.
M.D.s & Ph.D.s who received their degrees from a U.S. university are exempt from submitting the above test scores.
All students must have an undergraduate biostatistics class.
Note: Foreign students must take the TOEFL examination and score at least 560.

Preference is given to students who have public health experience. Their experience may be in community development, research, health education, health science, health promotion, or other health-related work. Experience can be paid or voluntary.

Students may transfer 17 credit hours to the program from other institutions or other non-degree or graduate programs within UNM. However, those hours cannot have been used to meet the requirements of another degree program. Students must complete at least half of the program requirements after admission to the program.

New Admissions Requirements: All information in bold is new information.

MPH Admission Requirements:

The program will consider **MPH** applicants who satisfy the following :

- BS, BA, or equivalent from an accredited U.S. institution, or a recognized foreign institution.
- Undergraduate G.P.A. of at least 3.0 is preferred **or 9 credit hours with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better in public health-related graduate courses.**

- Undergraduate basic statistics or graduate level basic biostatistics course with a 3.0 or higher. MD & PhD students who have received their accredited degrees from US institutions are exempt from this requirement.

All students must have:

- Recent (within 5 years) GRE scores with preferred verbal, **quantitative and analytical writing score around the 50th percentile, OR**
- **MCAT with preferred total score of 22 and N in writing, OR**
- GMAT with a preferred score of 500 and above.

MD & PhD students who have received their degrees accredited from US institutions are exempt from submitting the above tests scores. Foreign medical graduates must be licensed to practice in the US or received their degrees from an accredited US institution to be exempt from submitting the tests scores.

NOTE: Foreign students must take the TOEFL examination and score at least 550.

4. Foreign Students must submit one of the following

English Proficiency Test Requirements

	Paper Test	Computer Test	IBT
• Graduate TOEFL	550	213	79-80
• Graduate IELTS	7.0	7.0	7.0
The Cambridge test may also be accepted with a satisfactory score of C or better for graduate students.			

Preference is given to students who have public health experience. Their experience may be **in public health practice in a health department**, community development, research, health education, health promotion or other related work. Experience can be paid or voluntary.

Students may transfer **up to 17** credit hours **with a B or better** to the program from other institutions or other non-degree or graduate programs within UNM, subject to approval. However, those hours cannot have been used to meet the requirements of another degree program.

Fall 2012: Form C: Admissions Criteria Justification:

I. Impact on long-range planning: The questions answered below refer to long range planning for the public health program. With the change in admissions requirements, the program seeks to recruit high caliber of students in addition clarifying the requirements and preferences that are needed for successful entry to the public health program.

1. Why was the G.P.A. changed to 3.0 preferred OR 9 credit hours with a 3.0 in public health related classes?

The undergraduate GPA of 3.0 was changed to “preferred” since some of our students coming from disadvantaged/non-traditional backgrounds have GPA’s lower than 3.0 and we want to be able to consider them. The 9 credit hours with a 3.0 in public health courses was added to be more specific in what kinds of classes we were considering.

2. Why were "undergraduate basic statistics or graduate level basic biostatistics courses with 3.0 or higher" added? This was added to ensure that the students have the basic background knowledge of statistics needed for successful completion of Epidemiologic Methods I and Biostatistics Methods I courses.

3. Why were the GRE and MCAT scores revised? There is a lot more detail in the new admissions version. The GRE and the MCAT both changed the scoring several years ago and the previous preferred scores no longer apply. These new preferred scores match the new scoring systems.

4. Why were the Foreign Student Requirements changed and why are they (in the new copy) more detailed? We added the more detailed requirements for foreign medical students in order to have comparable information about their level of skills and knowledge.

5. Why was preference to students who have experience in public health practice in a health department added? Public health practice in a health department was added as another category of experience. It’s not the only category for the preference since we also retained the other types of experience (community development, research, etc.).

6. Why was "B or better" added to 17 credit transfer hours?

This is a OGS requirement which we wanted to highlight in our requirements as well.

II. Detailed budget analysis: The change in Admissions Requirements does not affect the Public Health Program’s budget.

III. Faculty workload implications: The change in Admissions Requirements does not affect faculty workload.