

Advancing Health Saving Lives

Public Health utilizes a population-based approach to the prevention and treatment of diseases and other health issues on a local and global scale.

Public Health is an interdisciplinary profession that draws upon the physical and social sciences, including medicine, sociology, psychology, history, economics, biology, applied math, and statistics.

Public Health professionals work around the world to impact the health and lives of diverse populations through direct service, program planning, research, policy initiatives, and advocacy.

THE MAILMAN SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

The Mailman School of Public Health pushes beyond the traditional boundaries of public health training to provide exceptional learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Students at the Mailman School immerse themselves in the critical health issues affecting local populations and communities across the United States and around the globe, applying their knowledge and training through the School's myriad research and service programs.

One of the School's greatest assets is its faculty, whose research and policy-related work in the field, laboratory, and classroom lead to the creation of knowledge that impacts public health theory, service, and practice.

The Mailman School is a leader in **creating health programs that can be replicated throughout the country and around the world**, reaching large numbers of people with life-saving health interventions. Whether we are pioneering injury-prevention programs for children in cities across the United States or scaling up models of HIV treatment and care in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, we take seriously our role in meeting the health needs of underserved populations in all corners of the world.

Located in New York City at Columbia University's Medical Center, the Mailman School partners in study with the School of Dental and Oral Surgery, the School of Nursing, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Physicians & Surgeons, as well as with programs in Nutrition and Occupational and Physical Therapy.

As a part of a world-renowned university, students have access to state-of-the-art research facilities, library collections, and special lectures and events featuring prominent national and international leaders. Students also enjoy living in one of the most culturally rich cities in the world, with access to museums, theater, music, bookstores, and restaurants—all just a subway ride away.

Whether you are entering the field of public health or expanding your role and career options in the field, **we invite you to explore the vast learning opportunities offered at the Mailman School**. Please join us as we seek to build healthier communities in a healthier world.

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Epidemiology is considered the cornerstone of public health. It employs conceptual theory, specific methodology, and a body of substantive knowledge. Epidemiologists study the distribution and causes of disease in human populations; they also develop and test ways to prevent and control disease.

MAKING AN IMPACT

The Department teaches and practices with an eye toward active engagement in public health. While there is a focus on the basic methods and philosophy of the discipline, the Department's major research programs emphasize the practical public health benefit of our work.

For example, the benchmark public health event of our time is the HIV pandemic, and specifically, the devastation it has wrought on sub-Saharan Africa. Several of the Department's programs were created to respond to this public health crisis.

Emerging viruses such as West Nile and SARS have become a threat to global health as well. Scientists with expertise in molecular and genetic epidemiology are essential for addressing these new diseases and for stemming the spread of infection. For example, faculty at our Jerome L. and Dawn Green Infectious Disease Laboratory developed a rapid diagnostic test for SARS during the outbreak that began in China.

On a local level, the Department has numerous ties to New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, working together on the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster, bioterrorism and preparedness, mental health, HIV/AIDS and public health, antismoking initiatives, and other long-standing programs.

TRANSLATING KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE

The Department's centers and training programs offer multidisciplinary collaboration opportunities for researchers, faculty, students, and policymakers. Training takes place via academic courses, seminar series, and opportunities to participate in ongoing research or independent research projects. The following are some of the training programs in the Department:

- Cancer Epidemiology
- Fellowship in Family Planning Clinical Care and Research
- Genetics and Complex Disorders Training Program
- Infectious Disease Epidemiology Training Program
- Neuroepidemiology Training Program
- Psychiatric Epidemiology

DEGREE OFFERINGS

- MPH
Program in Epidemiology
Global Health Track
- MS
Program in Epidemiology
- DrPH
- PhD (in conjunction with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences)

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Application (online preferably)
- Application fee
- 500-word personal statement
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- Resumé or CV
- GRE
- TOEFL—for applicants whose education was not conducted in English

DEPARTMENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An academic background in health, the biological or social sciences, or in mathematics and statistics is desirable for candidates wishing to enter this field. Demonstration of quantitative skills is required for admission. Admission is for fall term only.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Please note that a complete application, application fee, and all supporting credentials for each degree offering should be received by the following dates:

MPH	February 1 (September admission)
MS	February 1 (September admission)
DrPH	January 3
PhD	January 3 (Must apply through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Contact through e-mail: gsas-admit@columbia.edu ; or by phone: 212-854-4737.)

Online applications can be found at www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu.

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