

MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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.

SOCIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Department of Sociomedical Sciences brings an interdisciplinary approach to public health, applying social science theory and methods from anthropology, economics, ethics, history, political science, psychology, and sociology to current public health issues.

The diverse research interests and expertise of the Sociomedical Sciences faculty are reflected in the courses offered by the Department. Students are able to explore a wide range of public health issues, including sexuality, aging, health promotion, urban health, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, drug use, violence prevention, tobacco, health care access, and immigrant health.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Sociomedical Sciences students study social science theory and methods that prepare them to:

- analyze contextual factors (social, political, economic, cultural, ethical) that shape people's experience of health and illness
- apply public health research grounded in the social sciences (anthropology, ethics, history, political science, psychology, and sociology) in order to design and implement effective health promotion interventions
- analyze the historical, social, and political circumstances that have shaped health policy
- use these analyses to inform current health policy development

Additionally, each track provides students with the opportunity to develop specialized and in-depth knowledge and skills focused on their interests and career goals.

BEYOND THE DEGREE

Students often move on to positions in local and state departments of health, community-based organizations, healthcare delivery settings, and

PUTTING KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE

The Department serves as the base for a number of academic centers, including the Harlem Health Promotion Center; the Center for the History and Ethics of Public Health; the Center for the Psychosocial Study of Health and Illness; the Center for Sexuality, Gender, and Health; the Columbia Center for Homelessness Prevention Studies; and, the New York and New Jersey Public Health Training Center.

These centers provide research, education, training, and service delivery to local communities around the School. They also provide opportunities for students to develop skills and knowledge in diverse areas of public health research and practice through graduate research assistant positions and MPH practica projects. Centers often sponsor seminar series, which expose students to current research and enable them to interact with experts in the various areas of public health, and also serve as forums for students to present and discuss their own research.

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DEGREE OFFERINGS

- MPH
 - Aging and Public Health Track
 - Global Health Track
 - Health Promotion Track—Day Program
 - Health Promotion Track—Evening Program
 - History and Ethics of Public Health and Medicine Track
 - Social Science Research in Public Health Track
 - Sexuality and Health Track
 - Urbanism and the Built Environment Track
- 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

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)
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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