

admission to

master of social work and master of public health

You can discover a world of possibilities for an exciting and challenging career at the Arnold School. Our programs can provide you with the specialized knowledge and skills you need to address current and emerging public health issues. Our faculty prepare students to be scholars, research specialists, teachers and experts in a vast array of public health professions. An advanced degree from the Arnold School will open doors to professional advancement, competitive salaries, and a meaningful career. You can become one of our passionate and committed graduates helping people across the nation and around the world.

The Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and is the only School of Public Health in South Carolina.

Located in Columbia, SC, the school offers reasonable tuition, day and evening classes and one of the most beautiful, historic campuses in America.



The Arnold School of Public Health and the College of Social Work offer the Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health (MSW/MPH) dual degree program to educate graduates in two complementary professions. With the rapidly changing needs and expectations for service provision in health care, the demands being placed on social work practitioners are growing. The gap between public health and social work has narrowed, and both disciplines are recognizing the immense value of preparing future public health and social work professionals to meet the increasingly complicated service development and provision needs of communities. The MSW/MPH dual degree meets these needs by providing individuals with knowledge and expertise in both public health and social work.

MPH Majors

- MSW focus on communities and organizations and MPH focus on health services policy and management
- MSW focus on individuals, families, and groups or communities and organizations and MPH focus on health promotion, education, and behavior

Admission Requirements

- Meet all admission requirements for both the College of Social Work and the Arnold School of Public Health
- Be accepted into USC's Graduate School
- Demonstrate satisfactory GRE scores (or GMAT score for HSPM)
- Provide an official transcript from each school/college previously attended
- International applicants will need to have non-US institution transcripts verified by World Education Services (WES) or equivalent evaluation service.
- Submit two letters of recommendation for the Department of Health Services Policy and Management (HSPM) or three letters of recommendation for the Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior (HPEB)
- Submit a detailed statement of career goals and areas of interest
- Submit an updated resume
- International applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a satisfactory score on the TOEFL or the University of Cambridge's IELTS Academic Course Type 2 exam. The minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL is 230 computer-based, 570 paper-based, or 80 Internet-based. The minimum acceptable overall band score on the IELTS exam is 6.5.

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Program of study

MSW/MPH with Health Administration Emphasis

- Public Health Core—15 hours
- Health Administration Core—18 hours
- Public Health Residency—3 hours
- Social Work Core—51 hours
- Total Credit Hours—87

MSW/MPH with Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Emphasis

- Public Health Core—15 hours
- Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Core—15 hours
- Public Health Practicum—3 hours
- Social Work Core—51 hours
- Total Credit Hours—84

General Information

- The MSW/MPH dual degree program enables students to earn both the Master of Social Work and the Master of Public Health degrees in a shorter period of time without reducing requirements for either degree.
- The dual degree program is a three-year course of study.
- Students complete public health course work in either the Department of Health Services Policy and Management or the Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior.
- Year 1 and Year 3 are devoted to course work in the College of Social Work.
- Year 2 is devoted to course work in the Arnold School of Public Health.
- Final authority for all decisions remains with The Graduate School and is based on the Graduate Studies Bulletin and published University policy.

Apply Online

USC Graduate School on-line application: <http://gradschool.sc.edu/apply.htm>

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Information about the city of Columbia can be found at www.columbiasc.net or www.columbiacvb.com.



Additional Information about the Arnold School

If you have questions or need additional information on how you can receive a rewarding degree from the Arnold School of Public Health, visit our Web site at www.sph.sc.edu/futurestudents or e-mail the Office of Student Services at: sphstsrvc@mailbox.sc.edu.
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