

## **ADMISSIONS**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications for admission to the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health are processed through Pitt Public Health's office of student affairs. You must apply for the MS, MPH, and PhD programs through [SOPHAS](#), the centralized application service for graduate schools of public health. Please note, SOPHAS submits applications to Pitt Public Health only after all required materials are received. Applicants who have submitted applications may track their status online.

Please review the Pitt Public Health [requirements](#) for admission before applying.

### **Admission Requirements**

Acceptable candidates for the PhD Concentration in Public Health Practice in Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences program:

- Should have an aptitude for leadership and be interested in the advancement of scientific knowledge.
- Must have either completed the requirements for the MPH degree in EOH, or hold a bachelor's degree in the physical/chemical/biological sciences, or engineering, with at least a 3.0 grade-point average overall.

Applicants who are graduates of a recognized college or university but who do not qualify for admission to full graduate status because of deficiencies in either their undergraduate course program or their scholastic achievement, may be considered for provisional graduate status if strong supporting evidence of their ability to successfully complete the program is provided. Courses taken to remove deficiencies will not count toward completion of graduate degree requirements.

### **International Applicants**

In addition to the application materials required of all students, International Applicants must submit official TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test scores and a [WES evaluation](#). A minimum TOEFL score of 80 on the Internet test is required for all international students, a minimum IELTS score of Band 6.5, and applicants must take the academic writing and reading modules of the test. A minimum Duolingo English Test score of 105, is required. English tests must be taken within two years of application. [Read more...](#)

### **Course Requirements**

A minimum of 47 credits in course work is required for the PhD PHP. This total is made up of the GSPH core courses, a core of required courses in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and a broad list of electives that allow

coursework from various relevant disciplines. The student must complete a total of at least 72 credits of course work and research with a minimum QPA of 3.0.

### **Application Requirements**

In addition to the SOPHAS required documentation of official U.S./Canadian transcripts and C.V./Resume, please provide the following additional documentation with your application.

- Statement of Purpose and Objectives (personal statement)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Writing Sample (Optional)
- World Education Services (WES) ICAP Course-by-Course evaluation of academic records from institutions outside the U.S. and English-speaking Canada (if applicable)
- Optional Items:
  - Official GRE scores submitted to Pitt Public Health code 4234
  - Publications can be uploaded under Documents
- English proficiency test scores (if applicable):
  - TOEFL: have ETS send scores to SOPHAS using code 5688
  - IELTS: email an official score report to [PHadmissions@pitt.edu](mailto:PHadmissions@pitt.edu)
  - Duolingo English Test: have official scores sent to the University of Pittsburgh – Graduate School of Public Health

The University will waive the English Language Test requirement *only if*:

- Applicant has **obtained** a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a U.S. accredited institution located within the U.S.
- Applicant is a citizen of a [specific country](#) in which English is the official language
- Applicant has completed a degree program at an institution [within a specific country](#) outside of the U.S. where the language of instruction is English and where the official national language of the country in which the institution is located is English.

If none of these circumstances applies, the TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo exam is required.

**The departments reserve the right to request TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores if they feel that they are necessary for the evaluation of the application, even if the applicant meets one of the criteria above.**