

Application Instructions

SOPHAS Applicants (Applicants to all degree programs, excluding Genetic Counseling and Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Applicants)

- ❑ Apply online through SOPHAS, www.sophas.org
- ❑ Pay application fee directly to SOPHAS
- ❑ Submit personal statement through SOPHAS
- ❑ Submit three letters of recommendation directly to SOPHAS
- ❑ Submit official transcripts for ALL education in the United States and/or Canada directly to SOPHAS
- ❑ Submit a course-by-course WES evaluation for ALL education outside of the United States directly to SOPHAS (not including study abroad, but including non-English speaking Canadian institutions)
- ❑ Submit official GRE scores (if applicable) to Pitt Public Health code **4234**
- ❑ Submit official TOEFL scores (if applicable) to SOPHAS code **5688**



SOPHAS submits applications to Pitt Public Health only after all required materials are received and verified. On occasion, SOPHAS verifying can take up to 4 weeks. Please plan accordingly to meet deadlines.

Applicants may track their status online at www.sophas.org. They should also watch for any email messages from SOPHAS regarding their application and its processing.

Genetic Counseling Applicants

- ❑ Apply online through SOPHAS Express, sophasexpress.liaisoncas.com
- ❑ Pay application fee directly to SOPHAS Express
- ❑ Submit personal statement through SOPHAS Express
- ❑ Submit three letters of recommendation through SOPHAS Express
- ❑ Submit official transcripts for all education in the United States and/or Canada to Pitt Public Health Student Affairs
- ❑ Submit a course-by-course WES evaluation for all education outside of the United States to Pitt Public Health Student Affairs (not including study abroad, but including non-English speaking Canadian institutions)
- ❑ Submit official GRE scores (if applicable) to the University of Pittsburgh institution code **2927**
- ❑ Submit official TOEFL scores (if applicable) to the University of Pittsburgh institution code **2927**

Applicants may track the status of materials sent directly to SOPHAS Express online at sophasexpress.liaisoncas.com. The Office of Student Affairs will confirm receipt of other materials only after the SOPHAS Express application is received. Applicants should watch for any email messages from SOPHAS Express or Student Affairs regarding their application and its processing.

Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Applicants

- ❑ The accelerated program is only available to University of Pittsburgh undergraduate students. Please refer to the application instructions at publichealth.pitt.edu/accelerated.

Non-Degree Applicants

- ❑ Apply online through SOPHAS Express, sophasexpress.liaisoncas.com
- ❑ Pay application fee directly to SOPHAS Express
- ❑ Submit brief personal statement through SOPHAS Express
- ❑ Submit official transcripts for all education in the United States and/or Canada to Pitt Public Health Student Affairs
- ❑ Submit a course-by-course WES evaluation for all education outside of the United States to Pitt Public Health Student Affairs (not including study abroad, but including non-English speaking Canadian institutions)
- ❑ Submit official TOEFL scores (if applicable) to the University of Pittsburgh institution code **2927**, with no department code

The Office of Student Affairs will contact Non-Degree applicants after the application has been received. Applicants should watch for any email messages from SOPHAS Express or Student Affairs regarding their application and its processing.

The Review Process

Applicants to Pitt Public Health will be notified by email when their application is received from SOPHAS or SOPHAS Express and when it is complete. They will also be periodically emailed with the status of an incomplete application. Applicants should be alert for these messages. Be sure to add both stuaff@pitt.edu and donotreply@webadmit.org to your safe-senders list.

The admission review generally takes 4-6 weeks on average. This may vary by program, though. Some programs do not begin reviewing applications until after the Fall deadline. All applicants will be notified by email with the final admission decision.

Fall 2020 Deadlines

The school-wide application deadline is January 15, 2020.

The following programs have earlier deadlines:

- Behavioral and Community Health Sciences PhD programs (December 15)
- Biostatistics PhD program (January 1)
- Genetic Counseling MS program (December 15)
- Human Genetics PhD program (December 15)