

LSU School of Public Health's Goal

The LSU School of Public Health's goal is to "advance health equity through evidenced-based education, research, and practice for populations in the context of a changing climate".

Your education here will give you hands-on, practical experience to make the world a healthier place.

Student - Teacher Ratio

Are you looking for a place that will know your name and not treat you just like another number? That's exactly what you'll get at the LSU School of Public Health.



With three students to every faculty member, you will be learning in an environment where everyone knows your name and fosters your passions.

New Off-Campus Instructional Site (OCIS) for Fall 2026

The LSU School of Public Health is expanding to Baton Rouge with a new Off-Campus Instructional Site (OCIS)! Starting Fall 2026, students can pursue an **MPH in Epidemiology & Population Health** **OR** **Community Health Science & Policy** in Baton Rouge—offering more opportunities for those looking to continue their education while remaining on the LSU Baton Rouge campus.



At this time, the Biostatistics & Data Science and the Environmental Health, Climate & Sustainability programs remain solely at our campus in New Orleans.

Deadlines for Applications

Master's Program Deadlines	Priority Deadline For Scholarships	Deadline - International Students	Deadline - US Residents
For Fall Consideration (MPH & MS)	February 15	March 1	July 15
For Summer Consideration (MPH Only)	Rolling Basis*	N/A	April 15

*Pending Availability of Funding

PhD Programs US Resident & International Student	Priority Deadline For Funding	Deadline
For Fall Consideration	February 15th	March 1st

3.0+ SCHOLARS PLEDGE

Any student who is LA resident or graduated from a LA university AND achieved a GPA 3.0+ in their undergraduate studies is automatically accepted into the MPH program at LSU School of Public Health. Consideration

for the **Louisiana 3.0+ Scholars Pledge** is contingent on student having all application materials in before appropriate deadline.

For More Information

You can always check out our website at sph.lsuhsoc.edu or contact one of the following:

For general admissions questions:

- phone: 504-568-5700
- email: sph@lsuhsc.edu

For Community Health Science and Policy specific questions:

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCE & POLICY (CHSP)



MPH and PhD

New Orleans Campus
 Off-Campus Instructional Site in
 Baton Rouge

Community Health Science & Policy

Overview

Community Health Science & Policy (CHSP) is focused on promoting wellness, preventing disease, and improving the quality of life among marginalized communities and populations through its focus on systems, equity, and policy impacts. Our program advocates the use of a socio-ecological approach to identify and understand the social, cultural, and bio-behavioral determinants affecting health to improve health through planning, implementing, and operating effective and community-responsive organizations.

This program prepares students for jobs in public health leadership as program or project managers, community advocates in government and non-governmental agencies, policy analysts, community change facilitators, health promotion specialists, health information system managers, medical and health services managers, prevention coordinators, quality management, and research assistants.

In addition, doctoral students in the CHSP program have an option to focus on either health promotion or environmental health issues, including intersections with community health and policy.



Scholarships & Assistantships

The School of Public Health and the CHSP program make scholarships available for incoming Master-level students or assistantships for full-time PhD students as funding permits. These are competitive based on admission information and currently require fall application to be considered.

Additionally, the CHSP program, and its faculty, generate several funding opportunities that allow students to

apply for paid student work.

MPH Students :

In order to qualify for a scholarship, applicants must have all application materials in by the priority scholarship deadlines for each semester. No additional forms are needed.

PhD Students :

A limited number of assistantships and scholarships are available to full-time students pursuing a PhD. Assistantships entail a commitment of up to twenty hours per week working with faculty on research projects or in a teaching capacity.

Careers & Workplaces

In a recent survey of LSU School of Public Health Epidemiology program graduates from 2020-2024, the following were some of the responses to “job title” and “current workplace” inquiries.

Job Titles:



Workplaces:

Louisiana Office of Public Health, Louisiana Public Health Institute, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Children's Hospital New Orleans, LSU School of Medicine, Ochsner Health System, Southeastern Louisiana University, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Bloomberg Overdose Initiative, REACH Beyond Solutions, Texas Tech Health Science Center - University Medical Center of El Paso, The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree (for MPH) or a Masters degree (for PhD) from an accredited college or university
- A recommended minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4-point scale
- Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score may be submitted but is not required for the MPH program.
- The GRE is highly recommended but optional for the PhD program in Community Health.
- Please note, it is up to the applicant to justify and produce supporting evidence of quantitative, verbal, and analytical skills in their personal statement if they are not submitting the GRE. For more information, please view the Community Health PhD page on the LSU School of Public Health.
- Satisfactory standing at the most recent educational institution attended



How to Apply For Community Health Science and Policy

All applications must be submitted through SOPHAS by the application deadline. For additional information about applying as an International Student, you can go to our website.

All application submissions must include:

- SOPHAS application & application fee
- Statement of Purpose and Objectives
- Resume or CV
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- International Students may have additional requirements.