COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM AND THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

M.P.H./Ph.D. Dual Degree Program

If you have a passion for improving health and well-being through a focus on prevention, social change, activism, empowerment and reducing oppression, want a doctoral degree that blends expertise in public health and psychology, the M.P.H./Ph.D. dual degree program might be right for you.

What is the M.P.H./Ph.D. Program?  This dual degree program is designed to provide professional and graduate students with a solid and well-rounded background across two curricular disciplines. Successful candidates will earn a Master of Public Health degree (MPH) upon completion of the graduate Health Promotion & Behavior concentration (HPMB) or the Epidemiology and Biostatistics concentration (EPID) offered by the School of Public Health and a Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD) upon completion of the Community Psychology program. The curriculum is designed so that student can complete both degrees in as few as 4 ½ years instead of 6 or more years for completing the degrees separately.

Is this graduate program right for me?

If you meet the following requirements, consider applying:

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited college or university (or international equivalent)
- Psychology background comprised of at least four (4) undergraduate courses including the following:
  - Psychological Statistics
  - Psychological Research Methods
- Previous research experience and/or applied experience

Dual M.P.H./Ph.D. vs. Ph.D. program: How do I decide?

- Both programs emphasize multi-disciplinary perspectives. The dual program recognizes that community psychologists and public health professionals attempt to address complex determinants of health from different yet complementary perspectives.
- The dual program is designed for people who desire formal training in either Health Promotion or Epidemiology/Biostatistics in addition to doctoral level training in community psychology.
- The dual program is more streamlined than completing separate M.P.H. and Ph.D. Programs; it is also a rigorous and demanding program that will likely leave little room for elective coursework.
- The Community Psychology doctoral program is designed to provide rigorous training with a flexible curriculum that enables students to tailor their training to their own career goals.

How will I get advisement to help navigate two programs?

- Students in the dual degree program will have faculty advisors in both the Community Psychology program and the School of Public Health who are active in the student’s field of interest.
- Faculty advisors will assist students with advice, scheduling, and curriculum decisions and help ensure that students are making appropriate progress toward completing the dual degree requirements.

Is funding available?

- Scholarships, fellowships, and graduate research assistantships
- Financial Aid

What career opportunities will I have after graduating?

- University/College appointments in higher education in public health, psychology or allied disciplines
- Research, evaluation, and/or program roles in government, research and evaluation firms, and advocacy organizations
- Independent consulting

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Online Application ($50)
- Statement of Purpose (500-1000 words)
- Resume/CV
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
- Official GRE or TOEFL/IELTS Scores
- Transcripts (one from each institution attended)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 1st

http://cas.gsu.edu/graduate-studies/admissions/

QUESTIONS???

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