

A. General Information

Is the Master of Public Health (MPH) programme available via online or distance learning?

No, it is conducted only on-campus.

When will classes for the MPH programme commence?

All new students are required to attend SPH5001 Foundations for Public Health, which will commence in end July (typically 1 week before the orientation week in the NUS Academic Year in August). The other classes will commence one week after the orientation week in August. You may refer to the [NUS Academic Year](#) here.

Does the school have any requirements on the academic background of a candidate?

We welcome both medically and non-medically qualified applicants to apply. Please note that meeting the minimum admission requirements does not mean automatic entry into the programme.

May I pursue the MPH programme while studying for another programme?

Unless granted approval by the University, students are not allowed to concurrently be a candidate for more than one degree or register as a candidate of NUS, another University or Institute.

Is there a quota for medically qualified versus non-medically qualified students?

All applications are considered on their own merit, and there is no quota set for medically and non-medically qualified students.

Is there any Graduate Diploma being offered with the same MPH programme if I do not want to do the whole master? Can I do any modules independently and receive a certification for this?

Yes, we offer the Graduate Diploma in Applied Epidemiology. Please refer to:

<https://www.sph.nus.edu.sg/study/graduate/gdae>

The school currently offers from time to time, some modules for members of the public to read on a non-credit basis. A certificate of attendance will be given to such participants if they meet the minimum attendance.

Cross-faculty students who are interested in our modules are required to apply through their home faculty, subject to approval. No certificates of attendance would be provided for students auditing the module.

Other than the Master of Public Health, does the School offer any other graduate programmes for health professionals?

Depending on the individual's interest and career requirements, our school offers

- Graduate Research programmes, including the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy
- Graduate Diploma in Applied Epidemiology
- Graduate Certificate Courses

Can I work part-time while studying for my MPH as a full-time student?

Full-time graduate students may apply to work on a part-time basis during the period of their candidature under the [NUS Student Work Scheme \(NSWS\)](#). However, if you are on a scholarship, please check the terms and conditions of the scholarship before embarking on part-time work.

Would it be possible to visit NUS and meet with you in person in the near future?

Yes, we will be most happy to meet with you! For other education-related enquiries, you may get in touch with us at mph_admin@nus.edu.sg

B. Eligibility & Qualifications

How do I know if I qualify for the MPH programme?

The minimum requirements for admissions are available under the 'Admission Requirement' section [here](#). Please note that meeting the minimum requirements does not imply automatic admission into the programme.

As a fresh graduate, am I eligible to apply for the MPH programme?

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis if the full requirement is not met. The admissions committee will take into account various factors (such as referee reports, nature of work etc).

As a non-medically qualified candidate, is it necessary for my degree to be in a health-related discipline?

The first degree need not be in a health-related discipline as long as you have public health-related work experience. Although the University generally requires second class honors for entry into a Masters' programme, the committee will take into account various factors, such as referee reports, in deciding whether or not an applicant qualifies for admission.

I worked in a particular designation for a number of years in a certain healthcare organisation, do I qualify?

The relevance of your work experience would depend on what your occupation entails; whether it has any impact on or relation to public health directly or indirectly. Also, are your knowledge, skills and experience utilised to better the health of the community/ public/ population, directly or indirectly?

What constitutes "public health experience"?

Public health is the science of protecting and improving the health of populations (from small villages to entire countries) through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles and research for disease and injury prevention. Public health is primarily concerned with preventing problems from happening or re-occurring through implementing educational programs, developing policies, administering services, and conducting research.

Due to the breadth of public health work, a variety of work experiences come under the umbrella of "public health experience".

Typical places of work include:

- National Ministries of Health
- Healthcare Institutions
- Public Health Laboratories
- R&D Divisions within pharmaceutical companies
- Occupational and safety departments within the petroleum and chemical industry
- Non-governmental organizations involved in medical and humanitarian work

Typical areas of work include:

Health education: for example, developing a community-wide prevention program

- Health policy
- Mathematics and modeling: for example, using modeling to predict the spread of a novel influenza virus
- Health Administration: using aspects of business and management to improve functionality within a healthcare institution
- Environmental health

C. Standardised Test Scores

What are the minimum scores required for TOEFL and IELTS?

For TOEFL, the minimum score required is 580 (paper-based test) and 237 (computer-based test). For IELTS, a minimum score of 6.0 is required.

Can I apply for the programme if my TOEFL or IELTS score does not meet the requirement?

The programme requires students to have a minimum standard of English in order to understand with the lectures, written assessments and oral presentations. Please retake the test to attain the minimum requirement and apply for the next admission.

Is TOEFL / IELTS required if the medium of instruction of my undergraduate or graduate studies is English?

Test scores for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) must be submitted for all international applicants except those whose undergraduate or graduate degrees are from English-medium institutions in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Instead of IELTS or TOEFL scores, can the applicant submit a certificate of English proficiency certified by the employer?

Currently, the University only accepts TOEFL or IELTS.

Is GRE required?

No, it is not a requirement.

D. Scholarships and Financial Aid

What are the scholarships being offered?

The list of scholarships is available under the 'Scholarships & Financial Aid' section [here](#).

How do I apply for the scholarships that I am eligible for?

At the point of application, prospective candidates should indicate if they wish to be considered for these scholarships. Please note that the application does not guarantee an award of the scholarship.

Is there any other financial aid available besides the scholarships mentioned?

You may apply for financial assistance from the various foundations and international agencies in your country. We would be pleased to confirm your MPH application status if requested. Local banks also offer a tuition loan to students under the [NUS Tuition Fee Loan Scheme](#).

If I am an International applicant, can I apply for the NUS Tuition Fee Loan?

Yes. Please note maximum amount of loan available to international applicants, subject to approval by the bank, is 90% of the tuition fees payable by Singapore Citizens.

What is the age limit for application to the various scholarships?

There is no age limit. Scholarships are offered on competitive basis.

E. Full- or Part-time Programmes

What is the duration of study for the MPH Programme?

The MPH programme is offered on both a full-time and part-time basis. Please refer to our Curriculum section [here](#) for candidature periods. A full-time student would typically complete the programme in 1 year (August to July). A part-time student would typically complete the programme in 2 years.

Will I be able to take a leave of absence while in the midst of my MPH studies?

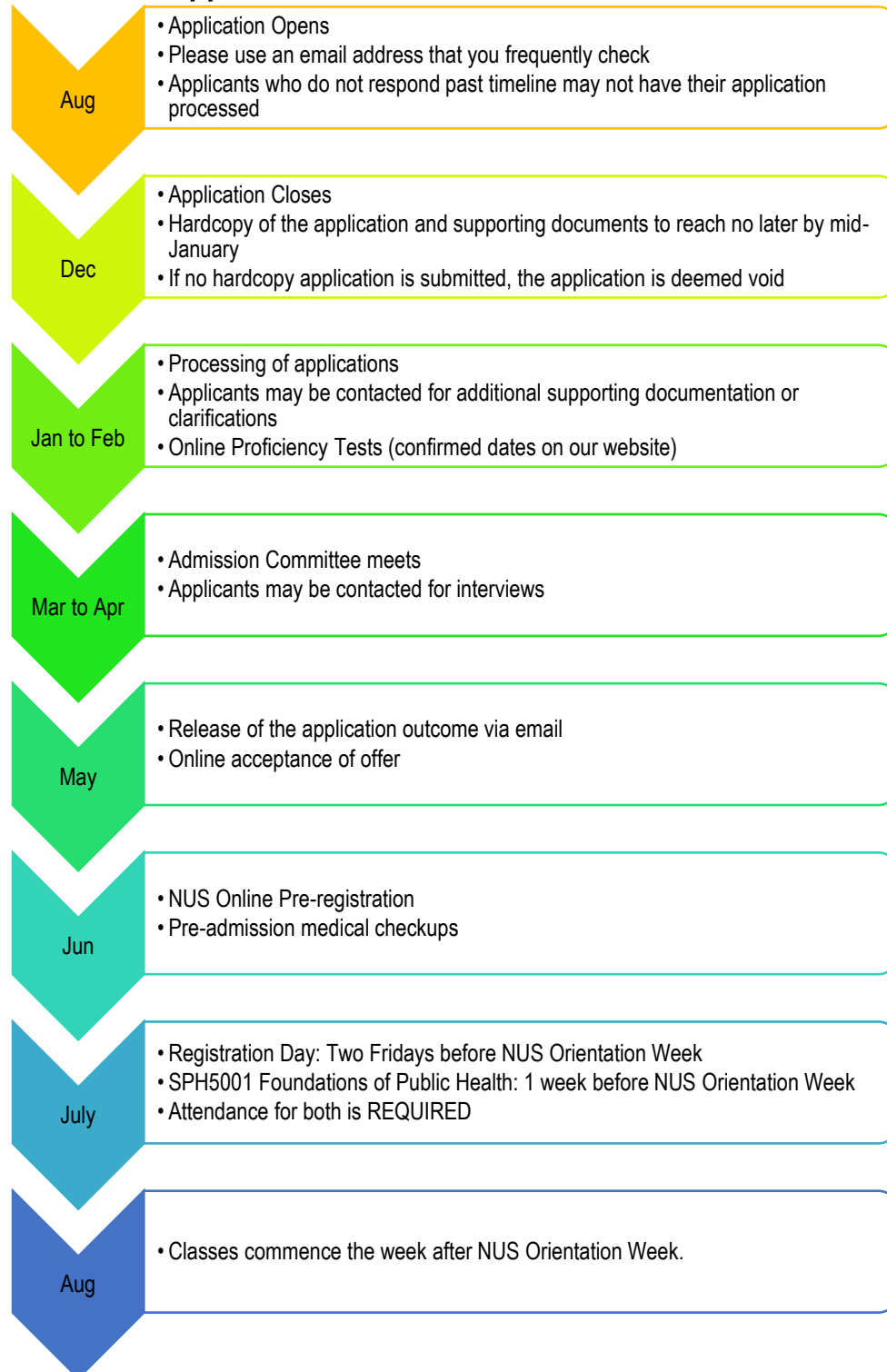
Students may be granted a [leave of absence](#) from the University, with a maximum of one year leave of absence to be excluded from the count against their maximum candidature. Students should seek approval from their academic supervisor and programme director in writing prior to applying for a leave of absence.

If I am enrolled as a part-time student, will I be able to switch to a full-time course at a later date and vice versa?

You would need to send your request in writing for consideration, which is subject to approval. Please discuss with the programme administrators.

F. Application Procedures

What is the application timeline like?



What is the application procedure?

Please refer to our Admission section to find out how you can apply for the MPH programme. Interested candidates should submit all required documents to the School before the stipulated deadline. Once a candidate is shortlisted, he/she may

be required to go for an interview. This may be a face-to-face interview in the candidate's home country or a telephone interview.

Where can I get the MPH programme application form?

The application form can be accessed from our website here once the application period is open.

Can I use an application form from a previous year?

No, you are required to use the latest application form.

I am still waiting for some documents (e.g. reference letters) to reach me and may miss the application deadline. What can I do?

You may send in the application form and the available materials before the deadline and furnish the rest later, before the application deadline. We strongly encourage candidates to send us complete applications. Incomplete applications may not be processed.

I missed this year's application. Can I still apply for it? Can you notify me when the application for the next intake is opened?

We regret that we are unable to process late applications. Please email us at mph_admin@nus.edu.sg and we will notify you when the next intake for applications opens.

How and when can I know the outcome of my application?

The outcome will be sent via email. Please refer to the application timeline above.

G. Application Fees

Is there a need to pay for the application fee when applying for the programme?

Yes, all applicants are required to pay a non-refundable application fee of SGD 50.00 for online application.

Only applications accompanied by the relevant application fees will be considered. Please send your proof of payment together with your application package. Please note that an application without the application fee payment or with insufficient application fee amount will not be processed.

How do I make payment for the application fee?

Local applicants may make payment via:

- Credit/Debit Card – Online payment is preferred
- NETS – Complete the Application Fee form and make payment by NETS at the Student Service Centre (Level 1, Yusof Ishak House)
- Cash – Cash payment can be made in person at the Master of Public Health office

International applicants may make payment via:

- Credit/Debit Card

H. Other Information

Is the NUS MPH degree recognized internationally?

Students should inquire with the respective organisation/s they are applying to if they recognise the NUS MPH.

(For International Students) If I am a medical doctor in my home country, will obtaining the NUS MPH allow me to practice in Singapore?

No. The NUS MPH will not allow you to practice in Singapore if you are unable to register your medical degree with the Singapore Medical Council (SMC). Please approach SMC directly if you have queries about registration of your medical degree.

What are the career placements for MPH graduates?

Career opportunities vary for each graduate as it will depend on the area of interest of individual graduates. The NUS [Centre for Future-ready Graduates](#) provides Career Services to our graduates.

Are there any positions available in the university?

NUS posts vacancies for positions on the [NUS website](#) as well as on various job portals.

Are there any positions available in the school?

The School posts vacancies for positions on the [School's website](#) as well as on various job portals.

I wish to know more about the NUS MBA program with specialization in Healthcare Management.

Please refer to the NUS MBA website at <http://mba.nus.edu/>. If you have any other queries, please get in touch with us at mph_admin@nus.edu.sg

What are the typical living expenses in Singapore and how do I find accommodation?

You may refer to NUS Global Relations Office for more information: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro/prog/sep/before-applying.html>. The site also lists the other expenses an international student may expect (student pass application, etc). Information on accommodation may be obtained from: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro/prog/sep/after-applying.html>