

Admissions

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the M.P.H. degree program, applicants must submit the following documented evidence:

1. Completion of a baccalaureate or higher degree, preferably with a major in the sciences, from a regionally accredited institution. Coursework must include at least one course in college-level introductory biology and one course in college-level algebra or more advanced math.
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Graduate Record Examination general test (GRE) using the institutional code for Northwestern University of 1769. Applicants holding advanced degrees or who are enrolled in one of Northwestern's healthcare professional degree programs are exempt from the GRE requirement.
4. Official transcripts of course work from each college or university attended.
5. Two letters of recommendation from individuals able to comment on the applicant's academic or professional experiences.
6. A completed Northwestern University application.
7. Personal Statement.
8. Resume or Curriculum Vita.
9. Commitment to abide by the Northwestern University Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy.
10. Passage of the Northwestern University criminal background check.

Application Process and Deadlines

To be considered for admission to the M.P.H. degree program, applicants must submit their applications online through the Northwestern University direct application. Dual degrees are completed in conjunction with healthcare professional degrees such as Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Doctor of Optometry, or Doctor of Dental Medicine professional degree programs may apply to the M.P.H. program as a dual degree student by submitting an abbreviated online application through the Student Portal and releasing their Northwestern University application package to the M.P.H. program for admissions consideration. No additional application fee is required.

The M.P.H. degree program uses a rolling admissions process in which completed applications are reviewed and decisions are made at regular intervals during the admissions cycle. The program begins in the Summer Quarter. After receiving completed application packets, the Northwestern University Office of Admissions verifies the information provided to determine whether all prerequisites have been completed satisfactorily, or they will be completed prior to potential matriculation and also to verify the cumulative GPAs for all completed courses. Admission to the M.P.H. degree program is considered on a competitive basis for applicants submitting completed applications. To maximize their competitiveness within this rolling admission process, candidates are advised to submit their completed applications early in the admission cycle. The deadline for applications is April 15 or the first business day thereafter.

Selection Process

Multiple criteria are used to select the most qualified candidates, including selection of those students the M.P.H. Admissions Committee determines who would benefit the most from the program. Selection decisions for the program are made by the M.P.H. Admissions Committee, with the approval of the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. Applicants are notified either electronically (i.e., through their admissions portal or by e-mail) or by letter of admissions decision.

Please Note: Applicants may track the receipt of their application materials and the status of their files on the University's website using instructions for accessing account information that will be sent by the Office of Admissions after receipt of their applications. Applicants are responsible for notifying the Office of Admissions of any changes in their telephone number, mailing address or e-mail address. All requests for application withdrawals must be made in writing to the Office of Admissions:

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Glendale, AZ 85308
888/247-9277 or 623/572-3215
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Technical Standards

The Technical Standards set forth the nonacademic abilities considered essential for students to achieve the level of competence required by the faculty to obtain the academic degree awarded by the college.

Candidates must have abilities and skills in five areas: 1) observation; 2) communication; 3) motor; 4) intellectual, conceptual, integrative, and quantitative; and 5) behavioral and social. Technological compensation can be made for some limitation in certain of these areas, but candidates should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner.

1. **Observation:** The candidate must be able to accurately make observations at a distance and close at hand. Observation necessitates the functional use of the sense of vision and sense of touch and is enhanced by the functional use of all of the other senses.
2. **Communication:** The candidate must be able to communicate effectively, efficiently and sensitively in both oral and written form and be able to perceive nonverbal communication.
3. **Motor:** Candidates must be able to coordinate both gross and fine muscular movements, maintain equilibrium and have functional use of the senses of touch and vision. The candidate must possess sufficient postural control, neuromuscular control and eye-to-hand coordination to perform profession-specific skills and tasks.

4. **Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities:** The candidate must be able to problem solve, measure, calculate, reason, analyze, record and synthesize large amounts of information in a timely manner. The candidate must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand spatial relationships
5. **Behavioral and Social Attributes:** The candidate must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment and the consistent, prompt completion of all responsibilities and the development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships. Candidates must be able to tolerate physically, mentally and emotionally taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. The candidate must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, effective interpersonal skills, willingness and ability to function as an effective team player, interest and motivation to learn are all personal qualities required during the educational process.

Candidates are required to verify that they understand and are able to meet these Technical Standards at least 4 weeks prior to matriculation (or if admitted later, within 1 week of deposit). Candidates who may only meet Technical Standards with accommodation, must contact the Office of Student Services to make a formal request for accommodation. The Dean of Students, in consultation with the College Dean/Program Director, will determine what reasonable accommodations can be provided. The College is not able to grant accommodations that alter the educational standards of the curriculum.

Students must meet the Technical Standards for the duration of enrollment at the College. After matriculation, if a student fails to continue to meet the Technical Standards during subsequent enrollment, the student may apply for accommodation by contacting the Office of Student Services. If the accommodation needed to meet the Technical Standards alters the educational standards of the curriculum, the student's ability to satisfactorily progress in the curriculum will be evaluated by the appropriate College's Student Graduation and Promotion Committee.

Transfer Credit from Other Institutions

The M.P.H. program allows for the transfer of up to 10 quarter-credits from equivalent graduate-level coursework completed at other institutions (within the past 10 years) prior to matriculation at Midwestern University. Generally, transfer credit will only be given to students who satisfactorily completed coursework in a CEPH-accredited M.P.H. or an accredited professional healthcare degree program with a minimum letter grade of "B." Students must submit a letter of request to the M.P.H. Program Director, who will evaluate the submitted course materials with the appropriate course director to determine whether the course(s) is an appropriate substitute. If the M.P.H. Program Director denies the request for transfer credit, the student may appeal this decision to the CGS Dean. If a course is accepted for credit, the equivalent Midwestern University course and the Transfer Credit notation will be recorded on transcripts along with the name of the institution at which the credit was earned. Any earned letter grade will not be included on transcripts or used in GPA calculations.

Primary Program Liaisons

The M.P.H. program assigns an advisor to students in each matriculating cohort to assist with academic concerns. For dual degree students, primary program liaisons are available to assist students with the unique challenges of simultaneously managing two programs of study. In addition to advisors and program liaisons, the Program Director, CGS Dean, Associate Deans, and the Dean of Students are also available to assist students. It is the student's responsibility to initiate contact with these individuals for assistance.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

A student enrolled as a dual degree student in the M.P.H. program and in a qualifying Midwestern health professional degree program is required to pass all required M.P.H. courses with a grade of "C" or higher and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher in the M.P.H. program. Regardless of satisfactory academic progress in the M.P.H. program, the CGS Student Promotion and Graduation Committee may determine that a dual degree student who experiences academic difficulty in the primary degree take a leave of absence from the M.P.H. program until satisfactory academic progress in the primary program is achieved. Separate criteria for achieving satisfactory academic progress in the primary degree program are listed in the catalog under the respective degree program.

Graduation Requirements

To qualify for the M.P.H. degree, students must:

1. Complete satisfactorily all courses with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50.
2. Complete satisfactorily the required minimum number of 56 quarter-credits in the curriculum.
3. Receive a favorable recommendation for Master's degree conferral from the CGS Student Promotion and Graduation Committee.
4. Receive a favorable recommendation for Master's degree conferral from the University Faculty Senate.
5. Settle all financial accounts with the University.
6. Complete all graduation clearance requirements as instructed by the Office of the Registrar.

M.P.H. degrees earned as part of the dual degree option are awarded at the commencement for the primary health professional degree program. All other M.P.H. degrees are awarded at the CGS commencement.

Curriculum (2020 - 2022 Cohorts)

The M.P.H. Program reserves the right to alter its curriculum however and whenever it deems appropriate. This Catalog does not establish a contractual relationship between Midwestern University and students. Total quarter credits required for program completion is 56.