

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **Am I eligible to apply for the Master of Public Health (MPH) course?**

You are eligible to apply for Master of Public Health (MPH) course if you are:

- A graduate in: Medicine, AYUSH, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, Allied and Health Sciences.
- A graduate in: Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Statistics, Biostatistics, Management, Engineering, Demography, Population Studies, Nutrition, Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Social Work, Economics, Law or any equivalent qualifications.

- **How important is it for me to have good working knowledge in English?**

The medium of teaching and evaluation is in English. All the prescribed textbooks will also be in English. Proficiency in English is an added advantage.

- **How computer savvy should I be?**

We expect students to have basic working knowledge in computing like using MS word, excel and power point along with internet browsing and emailing.

- **Should I be a medical doctor to apply?**

No, it is not necessary that you have to be a medical doctor. This course is designed in such a way that comprehensive medical knowledge is not a compulsory requirement. We expect the candidate to have basic understanding about human body and diseases.

- **Will choosing to do this course, mean that I change the course of my career?**

The answer could be “Yes” or “No” depending on your background experience/ qualification. This program is relevant to those wishing to gain an in depth understanding of public health.

• **What is the selection process for Master of Public Health (MPH) course?**

All candidates should submit the application form for the Master of Public Health program in the prescribed format, which can be downloaded from PHFI website (https://phfi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/MPH_Application-Form-2022-24.pdf). The applicants can also apply online: <https://phfi.org/application-form-master-of-public-health-mph/>

The application consists of registration form, proof of academic credentials, work experience, contact details of two referees (academic and/ or professional) and a Statement of Purpose (SOP).

The applicants will be short-listed based on their academic qualifications, relevant experience and Statement of Purpose. This will be followed by an interview. The selection of candidates will be conducted by a specially constituted screening committee represented by PHFI and AcSIR. The final selection of the candidate for the MPH program is based on qualifications, relevant experience, statement of purpose and interview. The weightage for each component are as follows:

Qualification	-	20%
Relevant experience	-	10%
Statement of purpose	-	10%
Interview	-	60%
Total	-	100%

Reservation of seats in admissions will be as per Government of India policy as applicable from time to time.

• **What is the course fee for Master of Public Health (MPH) course?**

For Indian and South Asian Applicants:

The annual tuition fee for the students admitted in academic year 2022-24 is INR 2.00 Lakhs per student per academic year (The total tuition fee for the two-year program is Rs. 4.00 Lakhs which includes Rs. 10,000/- admission fees and Rs. 10,000/- examination fees).

International Applicants:

The annual tuition fee for the students admitted in academic year 2022-24 is USD 5,600 per student per academic year.

- **Are scholarships available to the selected candidates?**

PHFI offers limited number of scholarships to the deserving students, depending on the availability of scholarships funds. For more details about scholarships please visit <https://www.phfi.org/our-activities/academic-programmes/scholarships>

- **Where are the classes conducted?**

The classes for MPH will be held at *Indian Institute of Public Health–Delhi*, which is currently located at Plot-47, Sector-44, Gurugram – 122002. However, mode of teaching might change to online/blended mode - subject to the Government's and UGC's directives for the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **When do the session start?**

Sessions are expected to commence in the month of August. However, it might change subject to the Government's and UGC's directives for the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **What is the duration of the course?**

The MPH program is an intensive 2-year, full time program.

- **How much reading time will this course require?**

This course will require at least 8 hrs of reading per week (weekdays and weekends included). This includes time taken to cover day to day portions and time spent on completing assignments.

- **How will I be evaluated?**

The program will follow a credit system consistent with AcSIR norms. Credits are awarded for successful completion of each course (module) and thesis. A total of 64 credits need to be earned for awarding the degree. Student evaluation for each course (module) would be through a concurrent internal assessment during course work (that includes assignments, attendance and class room participation) and marks scored in the end of semester unseen written examination. The weighted average of both will contribute to the course (module) GPA. A detailed evaluation framework will be provided to the students before the beginning of the course.

- **What will happen if I am not able to pass in semester exams?**

If a Student fails to clear a course (Module), he/she can take re-test one more time. Final grades obtained after taking the re-test shall only be considered valid and mentioned on the final grade card.

- **Can I retain my job and do the course?**

The class timings are 10 AM to 5 PM on weekdays. The Institute remains closed on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). If you are working/ practicing in the evening/ night you are free to do so as long this does

not affect your attendance and attention in the classes. The course curriculum is comprehensive and so we would advise you against taking up any part time job during the course.

- **What are the organizations where I might be placed for internship?**

The internship during the MPH course would provide the candidate with an opportunity to interact with public health experts. The setting may be public health organizations, research organizations, national and international NGOs, and international organizations in public health.

- **Do I have a choice to decide the place of internship of the MPH?**

Yes, the candidate is free to choose the place of Internship, as long as the course coordinator is consulted and acceptable to him/her.

- **What is my future job prospects?**

The placement cell will strive to arrange for campus interviews with companies in public health pursuits. The prospective job opportunities could be in public health organizations, research organizations, national and international NGOs, and international organizations in public health. However, no formal guarantee will be provided to any candidate regarding future job selection after the completion of the program.

- **Is the degree recognized?**

Yes. The MPH course will be jointly conducted by PHFI and AcSIR and the degrees will be awarded by Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR). AcSIR was established by an Act of Parliament, the Academy of Scientific Innovative Research Act, 2011 vide The Gazette of India No.15 dated February 7, 2012 and notified on 3rd April 2012.

For more information, visit <http://acsir.res.in/>

- **Do you have Hostel Facility?**

No. Student will have to make their own stay arrangements.

However, the Institute Admin-team facilitates this service through a market survey to shortlist the nearby PGs/Guest Houses. List of these PGs/Guest House is available with the Administration Department of IIPH-Delhi. Students may opt for stay options from beyond this list as well. Institute will not be held responsible for any issues related to Hostel facility.

