

Master of Public Health (MPH) **(In affiliation with Utkal University, Odisha)**

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 have:

Bachelor degree holder of any Institute/University recognized by the UGC in any streams of medicine (eg., MBBS/BHMS/BAMS/BUMS etc) / Dentistry / Nursing / Pharmacy / Veterinary Sciences / Physiotherapy / Occupational therapy / or Allied Health Sciences.

or

Bachelor degree holder of any Institute/University recognized by the UGC in Life Sciences / Biotechnology / Statistics / Biostatistics / Management.

or

Bachelor degree holder of any Institute/University recognized by the UGC in Engineering / Demography / Population Studies / Nutrition / Sociology / Psychology / Anthropology / Social Work / Economics / Law.

or

Bachelor degree holder of any Institute/University recognized by the UGC in any equivalent discipline.

And having secured at least 50% marks for General and 45% marks for SC/ST candidates.

(Students appearing in their final degree examination pending publication of results, can also make a provisional application, subject to meeting minimum eligibility requirements at the time of interview).

How can I apply for the course?

You can apply in three possible modes:

Filled-in application form with all requisite enclosures may be posted / couriered to: Program Officer, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) Indian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneswar Plot No. 267/3408, Mayfair Lagoon Road, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar -751013 Tel.: 0674 – 6655601, +91-9668428051

(or)

Filled-in application form with all requisite enclosures may be scanned and emailed to: E-mail: mphadmission@iiphb.org

(or)

Apply online at: <https://phfi.org/mph-iiphb-application-form/>

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_Session-2021-23.pdf). The applicants can also apply online at: <https://phfi.org/iiph-bhubaneswar/on-campus-programs/>

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 of PHFI-IIPHB. 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 Odisha 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 2021-23 is INR 2.00 Lakhs per student per academic year (The total tuition fee for the two-year program is Rs. 4,00,000/(INR four lakhs only), which includes Rs. 10,000/- admission fees and Rs. 10,000/- examination fees).

For International Applicants:

The annual tuition fee for the students admitted in academic year 2021-23 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–Bhubaneswar* which is currently located at Plot No. 267/3408, Mayfair Lagoon Road, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar -751013 Tel.: 0674 – 6655601, +91-9668428051. 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 September. 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.

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-IIPHB and Utkal University and the degrees will be awarded by the Utkal University.

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- Bhubaneswar. 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.

For more clarification where can I contact?

For academics related queries, contact:

Dr Bhuputra Panda, Addl. Prof., IIPH Bhubaneswar. bhuputra.panda@iipbh.org

For admission related queries, contact:

Ms Minakhi Kandher, Programme Officer, IIPH Bhubaneswar. minakhi.kandher@iipbh.org

For computer / technical snags while applying, contact:

Mr Deepak Behera, IT executive, IIPH Bhubaneswar. deepak.k.behera@iipbh.org