

**Portland State University  
School Application Form  
Master of Public Health: Health Promotion**

*The School of Community Health admits for fall term only. Applications must be postmarked by February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

NAME (Last)	(First) (MI)	SOCIAL SECURITY #
(Other names used)	(Other names used)	Date of Birth
TELEPHONE (Home)	(Message/Other Telephone)	E-mail
ADDRESS (Number and Street)	(City)	(State) (Zip)

**ETHNIC IDENTITY (OPTIONAL)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American, Non-Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Chicano/Latino
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander (Specify Ethnic Group)	<input type="checkbox"/> White, Non-Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native (Specify Tribal Affiliation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to Respond

**AREA OF EMPHASIS: (select one, can be changed after admission)**

Aging \_\_\_\_\_ Advocacy & Social Change \_\_\_\_\_ Health Behavior \_\_\_\_\_ Integrative Health \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Activity/Risk Reduction \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Health \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Degrees:**

(Institution)	(City, State)	(Major)	(Degree)	(Date Received)
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**REQUIRED:** You must submit an original GRE (Graduate Record Exam Scores), institution code 4610, department code 0616  
 International students must also include an original TOEFL Score if applicable (see admissions procedures).  
 Applicants with a master's degree or higher from an accredited U.S. college do not need to submit GRE test scores. Other degrees  
 will need to be recognized by the Office of Admissions before we will consider waiving the GRE requirement.

**Please list the class you are using as your statistics requirement as it appears on your transcript \_\_\_\_\_**

**Colleges and Universities Attended:**

(Institution)	(City, State)	(Major)	(Degree)	(Date From)	(Date To)
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**APPLICANT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
OREGON MPH  
SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
HEALTH PROMOTION TRACK**

**DEGREE PROGRAM AND PREREQUISITES**

1. The School of Community Health (SCH) offers a track in the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree to students who have earned a baccalaureate degree. The SCH track is called **Health Promotion** and is designed for students seeking professional positions in which they will be offering health education in various community settings. The MPH Health Promotion track is part of the Oregon MPH Program ([www.oregonmph.org](http://www.oregonmph.org)), a cooperative degree program offered jointly through Portland State University (PSU), the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), and Oregon State University (OSU). Each university offers different program tracks and admission is determined by the unit offering the track. Another MPH track, **Health Management and Policy**, is available from PSU through the Department of Public Administration in the Hatfield School of Government.
2. The Health Promotion MPH degree requires all students to have taken an introductory statistics course (200 level or higher) prior to applying. Please contact the SCH office if you have any questions regarding acceptable courses.
3. The Health Promotion MPH degree requires at least 59 credits overall. This includes 16 credits of core courses, 19 credits of other required courses, 6 internship credits, 15 credits taken from area of emphasis, and another 3 credits of general electives. A comprehensive oral examination is also required.
3. A minimum of 32 credits must be taken in residence at PSU, OHSU, or OSU (the participating institutions in the OMPH program). Residence begins the term the student is officially admitted into the graduate program. Courses are considered current and may be counted toward the degree for seven years.

Students may transfer up to 1/3 of the credits required for their degree. This number includes any courses taken in the OMPH Program prior to admission **and** transfer credits from other institutions. All transfer credits must be graded B- or higher and must be received from (an) accredited institution(s).

**ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

To expedite the graduate admission process, PSU requires each applicant to submit two complete (but different) application packets; one to the Admissions Office and the other directly to the department. Incomplete packets sent either to the Admissions Office or to the department will seriously delay processing of the application. Questions about the admission process or about the status of an individual application should be directed to the School of Community Health, 503-725-4401.

1. The application packet sent to the **Admissions Office** must include:
  - a. the University application form
  - b. the application fee
  - c. one official transcript from each college or university attended (except PSU), including junior colleges and community colleges; the measles immunization form (included with university application forms).

Please Mail to: Portland State University Office of Admissions P.O. Box 751 Portland, OR 97207-0751
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2. The application packet sent to the **Department** should be addressed to the Graduate Admissions Committee of the School of Community Health and must include:
  - a. the departmental application form (above)
  - b. one official transcript from each college or university attended , including junior colleges and community colleges as well as Portland State University if applicable.

**Please Note:** The School of Community Health requires a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00

- c. three letters of recommendation.

**Please Note:** Persons who are asked to write letters of recommendation must be in a position to address the student's academic potential for graduate work in health education. At a minimum the letters should address the student's communication skills, ability to engage in independent study and research, and to contribute to the field of community health. You are advised to request that letter writers address these issues.

- d. A 500-word essay which includes the student's background, relevant professional preparation, and objectives/goals in completing the proposed degree.
- e. Official GRE test score- The PSU Institution code is 4610 and the Public Health Department Code is 0616. **The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) can be considered in lieu of GRE scores. Please contact the School of Community Health if you will be submitting MCAT scores.**

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**Please Note:** Completing the PSU application form for International Students requires similar information to that required of domestic applicants. In addition, International students must provide acceptable proof of English Language Proficiency and evidence of adequate financial resources. Please visit [http://www.pdx.edu/admissions/intl\\_graduate.html](http://www.pdx.edu/admissions/intl_graduate.html) for more information. School requirements for domestic and international applicants are the same. Follow procedures outlined above for submitting your application to the department carefully as processing of your application will begin only when all necessary documents are available for review.

- f. A personal resume documenting the past 5-7 years of work experience.
- g. Selection of Area of Emphasis: *Advocacy & Social Change; Aging; Health Behavior; Integrative Health; Physical Activity and Risk Reduction; Women's Health.*

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The School will evaluate the file and make a recommendation to the Admissions Office. If the recommendation is for admittance, the School will send a letter to the applicant, and a copy to Admissions, indicating a **recommendation for admission** pending evaluation by the Admissions Office. The Admissions Office will then compute the GPA and officially determine whether the applicant meets all University requirements. If the applicant meets University requirements the Admissions Office will send a letter to the applicant indicating the **official admission**.