

**Portland State University
School of Community Health**

**Master of Arts/Master of Science: Health Studies
Application Form**

Students are typically admitted to the M.A./M.S. Program in Health Studies once a year in the spring, and begin the program of study in the fall. Completed applications for Fall Term postmarked by **February 1st**, will ensure that the review process can be completed in a timely manner. In unusual circumstances, applications postmarked after the February 1st deadline can still be reviewed, but may result in a delay in the term of admission (i.e., winter or spring). Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Last Name	First	M.I.	SS#	Date of Birth
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Telephone (home)	Telephone (work/message/other)	e-mail
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Address (#, Street, Apt.)	City	State	Zip Code
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Ethnic Identity (Optional) _____ White, Non-Hispanic
 _____ Black/African-American, Non-Hispanic
 _____ Hispanic/Chicano/Latino
 _____ Asian or Pacific Islander (Specify Ethnic Group)
 _____ American Indian/Alaska Native (Specify Tribal Affiliation)
 _____ Decline to Respond

Previous Degrees

Institution	City, State	Major	Degree	Date Received
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Other Colleges/Universities Attended

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Applicant Signature	Date
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Degree Program and Prerequisites

1. For students who have earned a baccalaureate degree, the School of Community Health offers a **Master of Arts/Master of Science (M.A./M.S.) degree in Health Studies, with an emphasis in Physical Activity/Exercise.**
2. Prerequisites include previous course work in human anatomy/physiology and an introductory course in statistics. Coursework in chemistry and biochemistry is helpful, but not required.
3. The M.A./M.S. degree requires 45 credits overall; this includes 21 credits of common required courses and at least 24 credits from the Physical Activity/Exercise list of courses. A thesis is required.
4. A minimum of 32 graduate credits must be earned in courses on the PSU campus. 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 7 years.
5. Students may apply up to 9 credits of graduate work (from PSU prior to admission or from other institutions) toward the 45 credits, provided the courses meet the objectives of the intended degree program. Acceptable transfer credits must be graded B- or higher and be received from an accredited institution.

Admission Procedures for Domestic Graduate Students

To expedite the graduate admissions process, PSU requires each applicant to submit two (2) complete (but different) application packets: one packet to the Admissions Office and the other packet to the School of Community Health. Incomplete packets will delay processing of the application. Students may call the PSU Touch-tone Admission Status Reporting System to determine the status of their admission applications. Questions about the admissions process should be directed to the **School of Community Health, (503.725.4401).**

1. Admissions Office Application Packet
 - 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;
 - d. The measles immunization form.
2. School of Community Health Application Packet (addressed to Gary Brodowicz, Ph.D.)
 - a. The departmental application form (see above);
 - b. One official transcript from each college or university attended (except PSU), including junior colleges and community colleges;
 - c. Three letters of recommendation; [note: Recommendation letters should be obtained from individuals in a position to address the applicant's potential for graduate work in health studies (e.g., academic performance, communication skills, ability to engage in independent study and research, etc.) Applicants are advised to request that the letter writer addresses these issues. It is also

advisable to solicit at least one letter from a previous professor or academic advisor.]

- d. A 500 word essay that includes information about your background, relevant professional preparation, and your objectives/goals for pursuing graduate work;
- e. Official GRE scores (GRE and TOEFL required of International students). The PSU Institution Code is 4610 and the Public Health Department Code is 0616.

The School of Community Health requires a cumulative GPA of 3.00. Students with a GPA above 2.75 but below 3.00 may still be considered, provided all other conditions have been met.

The School of Community Health will evaluate the applicant's file and make a recommendation to the Admissions Office. If the recommendation is for admittance, a letter will be sent to the applicant and a copy to the Admissions Office, 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 all University requirements the Admissions office will send a letter to the applicant indicating the **official admission**.

Admission Procedures for International Students:

Complete the PSU application form for International Students, which 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 for more information. School requirements for domestic and international applicants are the same. Follow procedures outlined above for submitting your application to the department; processing of your application will begin only when all necessary documents are available for review.