

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 Midwestern University of 1769. Applicants holding advanced degrees or who are enrolled in one of Midwestern'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 Midwestern University application.
7. Personal Statement.
8. Resume or Curriculum Vita.
9. Commitment to abide by the Midwestern University Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy.
10. Passage of the Midwestern 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 Midwestern University student portal, and use the Transfer Application link located under the My Info tab. 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 Midwestern 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 Midwestern 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:

Midwestern University Office of Admissions
19555 N. 59th Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85308
888/247-9277 or 623/572-3215
admissaz@midwestern.edu

Midwestern University Office of Admissions
555 31st Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630/515-6171 or 800/458-6253
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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.