

Joint School of Public Health

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School Mission

The Joint School of Public Health (JSPH) is a collaborative partnership between Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University to offer experiential learning and research opportunities across multiple campuses. The first of its kind in Virginia, students learn through hands-on experience, classroom learning, and community engagement to prepare for the public health jobs of the future.

The school's mission is to improve the health and well-being of populations, in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond, through transformative education, research, scholarship, service, practice experiences and community partnerships.

Program Application and Acceptance

The JSPH has developed graduate programs that prepare individuals for practice, teaching, or research to meet the public health needs of the region, the state, and the nation. These programs include the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Services Research degree, the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, and several graduate certificate programs.

Students entering graduate programs in the JSPH should meet the minimum university admission requirements (see <https://www.odu.edu/admission/graduate> (<https://www.odu.edu/admission/graduate/>)). Application information, qualifications, deadlines, and advisors are listed in the specific program sections of this catalog and on the program web sites.

Note: Students enrolled in the MPH concentration provided at Norfolk State University (NSU) should rely on the NSU Graduate Catalog starting with the 2024 - 2025 academic year: <https://www.nsu.edu/catalog> (<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nsu.edu%2Fcatalog&data=05%7C02%7Cmartinbc%40odu.edu%7Cdbd28a887f004afed87808dd4c66e068%7C48bf86e811a24b8a8cb368d8be2227f3%7C0%7C0%7C638750726937038586%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOiLjAuMDAwMCIslAiOiJXaW4zMlslkFOLjoiTWFPbCIslldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BFZ7LXrbSA5XPbbHJBr2KUL7FCWi4mHjfmNvStT%2Bfw8%3D&reserved=0>).

Departments

- Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, & Environmental Health (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics-and-environmental-health/>)
- Department of Health Behavior, Policy, and Management (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/health-behavior-policy-and-management/>)

Doctor of Philosophy Programs

- Health Services Research (PhD) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/health-behavior-policy-and-management/health-services-research-phd/>)

Master of Healthcare Administration Program

- Healthcare Administration (MHA) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/health-behavior-policy-and-management/healthcare-administration-mha/>)

Master of Public Health Programs

- Public Health with a Concentration in Applied Data Science (MPH) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/public-health-applied-data-science-mp/>)
- Public Health with a Concentration in Behavioral Health and Health Promotion (MPH) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/public-health-behavioral-promotion-mp/>)
- Public Health with a Concentration in Epidemiology (MPH) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/public-health-epidemiology-mp/>)
- Public Health with a Concentration in Epidemiology of Infectious Disease (MPH) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/public-health-applied-epidemiology-data-analysis-mp/>)
- Public Health with a Concentration in Global Environmental Health (MPH) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/public-health-global-environmental-mp/>)
- Public Health with a Concentration in Health Management and Policy (MPH) (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/public-health-health-management-and-policy-mp/>)

Certificate Programs

- Applied Data Science Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics-and-environmental-health/applied-data-science-certificate/>)
- Core Public Health Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/core-public-health-certificate/>)
- Epidemiology Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics-and-environmental-health/epidemiology-certificate/>)
- Global Health Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/programs/global-health-certificate/>)
- Health Management Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/health-behavior-policy-and-management/health-management-certificate/>)
- Occupational Safety Certificate (<http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/joint-school-public-health/epidemiology-biostatistics-and-environmental-health/occupational-safety-certificate/>)