SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRADUATE PROGRAM

Collaborative | Creative | Committed

PUBLIC HEALTH @ GEORGIA STATE

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- 8.7% of age under 18 had asthma (2012-14)
- 16.8% of age 18+ smoked (2014)
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- 78.8 yrs. life expectancy (2014)
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- 20,896 AIDS diagnoses (2014)
- 92,263 births by girls under 18 (2014)
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- 6.4% of age 18+ had cancer (2013-14)
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- 36.5% of age 20+ were obese (2011-14)
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348 Enrollment

57% Minority Students
11% International Students

CORE FACULTY 45
AFFILIATED FACULTY 16
FACULTY WITH JOINT APPOINTMENTS 13

5 Research Centers and Partnerships
4 Divisions

* Statistics on cover collected from general U.S. population.
Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Health, United States, 2015” and “Diagnoses of HIV Infection in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2014.”
Urban focus, global reach

In the heart of Atlanta, Georgia State’s School of Public Health provides a practice-based education in a thriving urban center, creating leaders who understand complex health problems that affect cities worldwide. Public health students engage in practicum opportunities throughout greater Atlanta’s vibrant public health community in places such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local government agencies and international non-governmental organizations.

Armed with contemporary research, public health graduate students are in cities facing challenges such as violence, tobacco and drug use, obesity, environmental threats and HIV/AIDS. They’re committed to serving their communities with multi-disciplinary skills, understanding health disparities and working to change them.

The School of Public Health is home to two of the four NIH-funded research centers at Georgia State: The Center of Excellence on Health Disparities Research and the Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science.
Student-centered experience

Public health students at Georgia State work closely with world-class faculty who conduct innovative research, creating evidence-based solutions to widespread public health problems. Interventions are applied in urban communities and among global populations.

COMMITTED FACULTY
The school’s size makes it possible for the increasing number of internationally recognized faculty to mentor and work with students one on one.

CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES
The School of Public Health prepares students to meet health challenges through our graduate programs and co-curricular opportunities in Atlanta, a public health hub and one of the world’s great global cities. Our location, broad research portfolio, quality and affordability draw talented students from around the world.

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION AND FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS
Georgia State’s School of Public Health is in the heart of Atlanta and offers a top graduate-level education with economical tuition rates. The school draws a diverse and talented pool of full- and part-time domestic and international students from varying personal and professional backgrounds. Daytime and evening classes are available.

Alumni since 2006
500+

Faculty : Student = 1:7

M.P.H. Concentrations
5

Ph.D. Concentrations
4
Helping people around the world, our committed professionals:

- Educate communities on disease prevention
- Inform the public about environmental risks and the health effects
- Put policies in place to eradicate and prevent disease
- Encourage positive behavioral changes to support health
- Foster adoption of changing health systems

**CAREERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH**
Public health careers have a different focus from clinical health careers:

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**ONE IN FIVE DEATHS CAUSED BY TOBACCO**

79.7% OF ADULTS WERE AWARE OF E-CIGARETTES IN 2013

**$53 MILLION AWARDED BY FDA AND NIH FOR TOBACCO RESEARCH**

The largest grant in Georgia State history funds the Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science, which focuses on human decision-making around tobacco and associated regulatory policies.
### Master of Public Health
Concentrations in:

- Biostatistics
- Environmental health
- Epidemiology
- Health management & policy
- Health promotion & behavior

### Ph.D. in Public Health
Concentrations in:

- Environmental health
- Epidemiology
- Health promotion & behavior
- Health services & policy research

### Dual Degree in Law and Public Health (J.D./M.P.H.)
In collaboration with Georgia State’s College of Law. Students must apply and be admitted to both.

- Focus in health management, policy and health law
- Earn two professional degrees in four years instead of five

### Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Provides the foundations of public health for current and future practitioners
- Requires the completion of five courses

The School of Public Health is one of the largest M.P.H. programs in the Southeast to be fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.
Before they graduate, public health students complete a practicum experience requiring:

- At least 240 hours working in the field
- Hands-on training in class
- Mentorship by public health professionals throughout greater Atlanta’s vibrant public health community

Learn more about practicum sites at publichealth.gsu.edu/practicum.
Collaborative research

Using interdisciplinary, evidence-based solutions in urban settings

According to the U.N., the world is undergoing the largest wave of urban growth in history. For the first time, more than half of the world’s population is living in cities. By 2030, this number will swell to almost five billion people. The School of Public Health is thriving locally and globally, working with scholars and researchers on efforts poised to make a difference in cities worldwide.

A DESTINATION OF CHOICE FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

58 M.P.H. Fulbright and USAID Scholars since 2006

SEVENTEEN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

10% of FULBRIGHT scholars seeking an M.P.H. in the U.S. come to Georgia State

* Photo by Erick Mem: Favela Canabrava, Salvador – Bahia
In addition to a multi-million-dollar research and training portfolio and dozens of publications published by our faculty each year, the School of Public Health is home to three global public health journals:

- ANNALS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY
  Regents’ Professor Richard Rothenberg, editor-in-chief

- HEALTH EDUCATION RESEARCH
  Dean and Professor Michael P. Eriksen, editor-in-chief

- CHILD MALTREATMENT
  Professor and Director of National SafeCare Training & Research Center Daniel Whitaker, editor-in-chief

The faculty at the School of Public Health are experienced and internationally recognized scholars and professionals whose areas of focus for research and community-based interventions include:

- Chronic disease and determinants
- Disabilities intervention and training
- Health services, policy, methods and evaluation
- HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases
- Urban environment
- Urban health and health disparities
- Violence, substance abuse and mental health

Georgia State’s School of Public Health has ongoing research projects on six continents.

53% of people worldwide are living in cities (according to the World Bank)

1.6 million lives lost each year to violence (according to the World Health Organization)

Adult mortality higher in low-income countries vs. high-income countries (according to the World Health Organization)

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Committed to evidence-based practice
Serving communities in a changing world

Public health students make a difference by working with faculty and colleagues on cross-disciplinary initiatives.

### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS

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<td>Studies disparities in health outcomes due to race, gender, age, location and socioeconomic status.</td>
<td>Engages scholars across every discipline involved in analyzing how the urban environment affects health.</td>
<td>Provides the Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health insight into human decision-making on tobacco use (one of 14 such centers nationwide).</td>
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<th>Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development</th>
<th>Center for Leadership in Disability</th>
<th>National SafeCare™ Training and Research Center</th>
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<td>Empowers families of at-risk populations and houses:</td>
<td>Helps people with disabilities as one of 67 university centers nationwide funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.</td>
<td>Offers an evidence-based model for reducing child maltreatment that has been adopted in many states and several countries.</td>
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<th>Prevent Child Abuse Georgia</th>
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<td>Leads efforts to reduce abuse and neglect as the state’s chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America.</td>
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**According to the Children’s Defense Fund,**

**EACH DAY IN THE UNITED STATES**

**1,837 CHILDREN are confirmed as abused or neglected, and**

**FOUR OF THEM ARE KILLED.**

Nearly 20 states across the U.S. and half a dozen countries around the world have already implemented SafeCare™, an evidence-based program based out of the Center for Healthy Development, to curb child abuse and neglect.
Admission to the School of Public Health is based on a review of students’ academic aptitude, demonstrated leadership, commitment to service, and academic and professional focus. There are no pre-requisite majors for admission. Applicants come to our program from a host of academic and professional backgrounds.

**SCORE PROFILES**

- **3.45** or higher GPA is preferred
- **305** or higher GRE is the competitive average

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

M.P.H. and Ph.D. applicants must apply through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS), and public health certificate applicants must apply through ApplyYourself. Do not submit supporting documents to the School of Public Health. Documents must be submitted with the application to SOPHAS or ApplyYourself.

For more information about submitting your application, visit [publichealth.gsu.edu/academic/apply](http://publichealth.gsu.edu/academic/apply).

**APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

1. Application
2. Resume or curriculum vitae
3. Official transcripts
4. Statement of interest and professional intent
5. Three reference letters (at least one from an academic reference)
6. GRE or GMAT scores
   - **LSAT** acceptable if applying for dual J.D./M.P.H. degree
   - **MCAT** acceptable if applying for M.P.H. degree
7. TOEFL scores (for international students only)

For more information, visit [publichealth.gsu.edu/academic/apply/admissions-requirements](http://publichealth.gsu.edu/academic/apply/admissions-requirements).

See back page for application deadlines.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

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