

PhD Health Services Research (HSR) Admissions Checklist

- Online Application**
 - Visit [SOPHAS.org](https://sophas.org) and select “Apply”
- Graduate Entrance Exams** - Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
 - **GRE:** Submit results directly to SOPHAS by using **ETS code 4221**.
 - **Other acceptable exams:** GMAT, MCAT
 - **Waivers:** Test requirements are waived for applicants who have earned any of the following degrees: PhD, MD, DMD, DDS, PharmD, DVM, DO, DNP, or DSc from an accredited U.S. institution.
- Official Transcripts**
 - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions directly through SOPHAS.
 - Applicants must possess a minimum of four-year undergraduate degree (or its equivalent) with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75, 3.0 preferred.
- Letters of Recommendation**
 - A minimum of three (3) letters are uploaded directly to SOPHAS by recommenders. At least one (1) of the letters must be from a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant.
- Professional Resume/CV**
 - Highlight professional experience, academic accomplishments, publications, and other areas that will showcase your overall competitiveness for the PhD HSR program.
- Pre-requisites**
 - Master’s degree in a related field (e.g., public health, public administration and policy, health care administration, sociology, economics, or biostatistics) or an advanced clinical practice degree (e.g., PharmD, MD, PA, or NP degree). A minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 required.
- International Applicants**
 - All **foreign transcripts** must be evaluated by the World Education Services ([WES.org](https://wes.org)) and submitted directly to SOPHAS.
 - All applicants whose native language is not English will be asked to self-report one of these scores on the application: **TOELF/IELTS English Proficiency Tests**. Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
 - Minimum [TOEFL](https://ets.org/toefl) score: 79. Minimum [IELTS](https://ielts.org) score: 6.5.
 - Learn more at <https://gradschool.uky.edu/test-scores>.

Fee Waivers

- SOPHAS offers a [Fee Assistance Program](#) to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 617-612-2090 to learn more.

Application Deadlines

- Final application deadline for International Applicants: February 1st
- Final application deadline for US Applicants: April 1st

Direct all questions or inquiries to ukcph@uky.edu.

