

University of Kentucky PhD Health Services Research (HSR) Admissions Checklist

- Online Application**
 - Visit [SOPHAS.org](https://sophas.org) and select “Apply”
- Graduate Entrance Exams**
 - **GRE**
 - Submit results directly to SOPHAS by using **ETS code 4221**.
 - Admission decisions may be based in part on unofficial scores, but official scores are required prior to full admitted status.
 - **Other Exams**
 - Other acceptable Graduate Entrance 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.
- 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**
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - **TOEFL/IELTS English Proficiency Tests**
 - Test results must be submitted directly to SOPHAS by applicants whose education was obtained in a non-English speaking country.
 - Minimum [TOEFL](https://www.toefl.com) score: 79. Minimum [IELTS](https://www.ielts.org) score: 6.5.

Application Deadlines

- Final application deadline for International Applicants: February 1, 2021
- Final application deadline for US Applicants: April 1, 2021

