



Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) - Online Admissions Checklist

Program Prerequisite Master's degree required. Master of Public Health or Master of Science in Public Health preferred. A minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 is required.

- Online Application – Apply via [SOPHAS](#)**
 - SOPHAS Fee \$150 for the first program you apply to (\$60 for each additional program).
 - SOPHAS offers a [Fee Assistance Program](#) to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Call 617-612-2090 to learn more.
- Official Transcripts**
 - Submit official transcripts from all previously attended undergraduate and graduate institutions directly through SOPHAS.
 - Foreign Transcripts: Must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES.org) and submitted directly to SOPHAS.
- SOPHAS Evaluations/Recommendations**
 - Enter contact information for your recommenders - at least three (3) contacts are required.
 - Recommenders will be prompted electronically to complete an electronic evaluation and to submit a letter of recommendation.
 - We recommend that at least one (1) of the evaluations be from a faculty member who taught or supervised the applicant. In some cases, however, we understand that it is not possible.
- Professional Resume/CV**
 - Upload resume or CV. Highlight professional experience, academic accomplishments, and other areas that will showcase your overall competitiveness for the DrPH program.
- Personal Statement**: Upload personal statement. Your statement should be approximately two pages in length, double-spaced, and cover the following:
 1. Explain how the Doctor of Public Health will assist you in becoming an effective leader and improve the health of the public.
 2. Highlight your career goals and professional experience.
 3. Explain why you're selecting the Doctor of Public Health degree program at the University of Kentucky.
- English Language Proficiency**: All applicants whose native language is not English must report one of the following scores on the application: TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo. Admission decisions may be based on unofficial scores but official scores are required before enrollment in fall courses. Otherwise, admission may be revoked.
 - Minimum Score Required: [TOEFL](#) 79, [IELTS](#) 6.5, [Duolingo](#) 115
 - Learn more at <https://gradschool.uky.edu/application-process#Test%20Scores>.

Application Deadlines for the online DrPH

- ★ Final application deadline for **DrPH Online Program Applicants: February 1, 2026**
 - If admitted, you must submit a supplemental application to the University of Kentucky no later than one month before the start of fall classes.
 - International applicants who wish to study in the United States must submit the supplemental application by April 15, 2025.
 - Do not submit your supplemental application until you have been admitted to our DrPH program via SOPHAS.
 - If admitted, you will receive emailed instructions and a link to the supplemental application.

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