

Master of Public Health: MPH, GDip.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) prepares students for careers addressing the present and future needs of public health in Ontario and across the world. Graduates will emerge as influential leaders at the local, national, and international level committed to improving quality of life by protecting and promoting community health, and by anticipating and preventing the spread of disease from both a policy and a science prospective.

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PROGRAM

We offer an MPH and a Graduate Diploma in Public Health. The MPH is a 5-semester program combining a total of 12 courses with a 12-16 week practicum in a public health setting. The Graduate Diploma consists of four courses, including Applied Public Health Research.

PROGRAM FOCUS:

- Epidemiology
- Public Health Policy & Administration
- Environmental Public Health
- Zoonotic Foodborne & Waterborne Diseases
- Infectious Diseases

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The MPH program is designed for individuals holding an undergraduate degree in science or applied science who are seeking a career in public health. Students with an honours undergraduate degree without a biological focus may be required to complete the Principles of Disease (PATH*3610) distance education course prior to enrolling. A 4-year honours degree and two letters of reference are required. Strong interest in public health must be demonstrated through a one-page statement and a resume outlining past public health exposure.

Application Deadlines:

International: Dec 1, 2025, 11:59 PM (EST)
Domestic: Feb 1, 2026, 11:59 PM (EST)



FACULTY AND PARTNERS

Guelph's MPH program is among the smallest public health graduate programs in Canada. This class size allows students to interact with and learn from world-class faculty, while developing strong relationships with classmates.

As part of the Ontario Veterinary College, the MPH program is a leader in MPH education across Canada in the areas of environmental public health, infectious and zoonotic disease, public health policy and program development, and epidemiology. The MPH enjoys a close geographical relationship with two Public Health Agency of Canada offices, and the main office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs. The program's close relationship with the Centre for Public Health and Zoonoses offers research collaboration across campus.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Population Health
- Epidemiology
- Infectious and Zoonotic Disease
- Food and Water Safety
- Public Health Policy

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Public Health Policy, Development and Analysis
- Public Health Program Planning and Implementation
- Health Promotion
- Infection Control
- Program Evaluation

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