



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University utilizes a central application system (AMP). We strongly recommend that you read the application instructions prior to starting the application process. All applications to programs offered at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University must be submitted electronically through the central application system.

Your application information is transmitted through a secured server and is kept confidential.

First-Time Applicants (*desktop browser strongly preferred*)

- Select “**New Applicants-Click Here to Apply**” (link is located in the middle of the page) and complete the fields under the section “Create New User.” Please note a valid email address is required
- An email verification will be sent to the email address you entered when you created your application.
- Once your email verification is complete, you will be able to begin the application process

Re-applicants: Enter the previous username and password used when you created your initial application.

Only after you have submitted your complete online application and paid your non-refundable application fee, will your application be reviewed by the admissions staff.

Document Upload

Please note: Once your application has been submitted, you will still have the ability to upload additional supporting documents throughout the application process. To upload documents, log into the admissions portal and select the “Document Upload” option, located in the left-hand corner of the blue menu bar of the application. **All documents must be uploaded as pdf attachment(s).** If you have difficulties uploading documents, please email: admissions@downstate.edu.

What you need to complete your online application:

1. Your **unofficial transcript(s) from all post-secondary**

institutions attended (including college courses taken while in high school) must be readily available for reference and uploaded into your online application

- If you have completed part or all of your education outside of the United States of America, you will be **required** to upload an unofficial copy of your **course-by course evaluation** of your foreign transcript(s), completed by an affiliated NACES member. For a list of approved evaluation agencies, please visit the NACES website at: www.naces.org. **Do not upload your foreign college transcript(s).**
2. Letters of recommendation are required for programs within the School of Public Health, please see below for the requirement by program:
 - **One** letter of recommendation: Advanced Certificate Program
 - **Two** letters of recommendation: Master’s Program
 - **Three** letters of recommendation: Doctorate Program
 - Since we use an **electronic recommendation system**, all letters of recommendation must be submitted online via the admissions portal. Please ensure that you have the correct names, titles and **current work/professional email addresses** for each recommender. ***It is important that you confirm with your recommenders that they are willing to complete a letter of recommendation on your behalf*** before listing them.
- For more information, please refer to the admissions requirements section on our website specific to your program of interest. If the recommenders are unable to submit the recommendation electronically, he/she must submit the recommendation on official letterhead, dated, and signed. This letter must be emailed to admissions@downstate.edu, from the **recommender’s professional/work email address as a pdf attachment.**
3. If you were born outside the United States, please upload a pdf of your **USCIS documentation**, i.e., a copy of your naturalization certificate, U.S. passport, your permanent

resident card (front and back), I-20, IAP-66, I-821 D, I-797, USCIS H1/H4 approval form or DACA documents, etc.

- ***Do not upload*** photocopies of your Employment Authorization card, social security card, or driver's license, as these are not acceptable documents in the admissions process.

4. For more information regarding the admissions requirements for your program of interest, visit:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-public-health/admissions/index.html>

Application Deadlines and Timelines

Deadline(s) for online submission and completion of your application for a program within the School of Public Health may be obtained at: <https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-public-health/admissions/deadlines.html>

Early applications are strongly encouraged.

General Admissions Policies

The Admissions Committee considers the individual qualifications of each applicant. Applications are reviewed holistically and decisions regarding admission are based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Prior academic performance
2. Letters of recommendation, communication skills, and motivation to pursue the profession
3. Leadership, membership or professional organizations/associations

Admissions decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

All educational programs at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University are open to all qualified prospective students regardless of race, religion, sex, color, creed, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, marital status or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.

Pre-Admissions Advisement/Application Assistance

We urge you to seek pre-admission advisement or application assistance prior to applying for admission consideration. You may register online for an appointment for pre-advisement or application assistance at:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-public-health/admissions/info-sessions.html>.

Appointments are available on alternate Fridays from: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Transcripts

Applicants must upload **all post-secondary** unofficial academic transcripts for all USA colleges or universities attended. For college courses completed in the United States, only credits from an institutionally accredited college or university recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)* will be accepted.

For college courses completed **outside the United States**, a course-by-course evaluation completed by an affiliated NACES member will be required. For a list of approved evaluation agencies, please review the NACES website: www.naces.org.

If you have earned college credits while you were in high school, a copy of the college transcript must also be uploaded (not your high school transcript).

You must upload clear/legible pdf copies of your unofficial transcript(s). All transcripts must contain all pertinent information such as: name of the institution, your full name, transfer credit information, cumulative credits and cumulative GPA.

Proof of course registration for all coursework in progress must be uploaded under the "Document Upload" section of the application portal, located in the left menu bar.

If you are currently enrolled in a college or taking prerequisite courses, upload under the "Document Upload" section of the application portal, located in the left menu bar, a pdf copy of your current semester grade report or a pdf copy of your course registration.

Once the coursework is completed, please upload your updated unofficial transcripts with final grades to your application, as a pdf attachment.

Courses & Grades Requirements

There are **no** course requirements for the School of Public Health. Please visit the admissions website for requirements:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-public-health/admissions/index.html>

Notification of Admission Status

All applicants must submit a completed application on or before the published deadline to receive full consideration. Email is our primary form of communication. Updates to our application will also, be visible via the admissions checklist. You may monitor your application status via the application portal.

* The Council for Higher Education (CHEA) regional accrediting organizations such as Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association, Northwest Commission on Colleges

and Universities, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Notification of admissions decisions will be delivered electronically via the central application system. **Admissions decisions are final and are not subject to appeal or reconsideration.**

Please be patient and wait for written notification regarding your admissions status. **Admissions decisions cannot be communicated over the telephone or in person.**

Qualifying Examinations

Read carefully to see if this section applies to you

A graduate entrance examination is required for the Master of Public Health and Doctorate of Public Health programs. The graduate entrance exam must have been taken **within 5 years** of the application submission date.

Please Note: The graduate entrance exam (GRE) required for the Master's in Public Health may be waived for those who have completed the Advanced Certificate Public Health program at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University **only** with a GPA requirement of **3.0 or higher**.

If an applicant has earned a Doctoral degree from a CHEA regionally accredited college or university, the graduate entrance examination may be waived at the discretion of the departmental chair after review of official transcripts from said school.

MD/MPH Applicants: Applicants who wish to apply to the MD/MPH program must log into the central application system and change their program type to "Combined Medical Degree/Graduate."

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-public-health/programs/md-master-of-public-health/index.html>

English as a Second Language

Applicants who have not completed at least one year of full-time study in a regionally accredited college or university in the United States (at least 24 semester credits, including two courses in English† composition), must complete one of the following:

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Required Scores:

	Undergraduate	Graduate
Paper Based	536	564
Computer Exam	208	223
Internet Based	65–78	79–95

TOEFL Box 6151
Princeton, New Jersey 08541
phone: (609) 771-7100
web: www.toefl.org

2. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Minimum passing score of **6.5** is required.

IELTS: www.ieltsregistration.org

Your application is not considered complete without the acceptable passing standardized test score(s). TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two (2) years.

Use the SUNY Downstate Institutional Code: **2534**

Part-time Study

Part-time study is available for the School of Public Health programs. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/school-of-public-health/programs/md-master-of-public-health/index.html>

Second Degree Applicants

If you already hold a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree, you must still fulfill the same admission requirements and follow the same procedures as other applicants.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

If you were previously admitted or enrolled in the SUNY EOP, CUNY SEEK or College Discovery program, or an HEOP at an independent college or university in New York State, you may be eligible to continue in this program. Please complete your EOP verification form and upload it to your application. You may refer to the following link to retrieve the form:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/student-services/financial-aid/assistance/eop.html>

† All pre-requisite English courses must be completed in a US college or university accredited by a regional accrediting organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

New York State Residents & International Students

If you are a F1 visa holder or hope to pursue an F1 Visa, you do not qualify to pursue a part-time program of study. The USCIS requires F1 students to be in FULL-TIME status for each semester including Summer while enrolled in school.

Our entering class sizes are small and admissions priority is given to United States citizens, USA permanent residents/New York State residents.

International students may apply, but must document their ability to finance their entire education (total length of the program) as part of the admissions process (see Department of State requirements for an F-1 visa). Federal financial aid or private grants for international students are not available.

Student budgets are posted on the Financial Aid section of the institutional website. The costs of attendance will be based on a 12 months budget for an out-of-state student, including tuition, fees, educational, and living expenses.

Re-Applicants to Degree Programs

Re-applicants within one year of the initial application must submit a new online application through our central application system (AMP), pay the application fee, submit new letter(s) of recommendation*, and updated unofficial college transcripts.

- **One** new letter of recommendation is required for the Advanced Certificate and Master's program.
- **Two** new letters of recommendation are required for the Doctorate program.

Re-applicants who applied more than one year ago must follow the same application instructions as first time applicants. Applicants who are not accepted for admissions may reapply with *enhanced* credentials.

Deferrals

If you are accepted for admission and wish to request a deferral to your respective program, you must submit a written email request to the Office of Student Admissions at: admissions@downstate.edu.

Alternate Status

Students placed on the alternate list may be offered admission, often within days of the start of the entering class. Alternates are strongly encouraged to submit all required pre-admission documents listed on the admissions checklist. Since alternates may be considered on a space available basis, a final decision will be communicated by email. If your program has started its matriculated cycle, you will be notified via email that the alternate list has been dissolved. You must follow the instructions as a re-applicant, should you consider re-applying.

Program Interviews (applicable to the Doctor of Public Health program only)

Only completed applications are reviewed by the program. If granted an interview, the program will contact you regarding interview details. Alternatively, you can monitor your status via the admissions portal.

Please do not contact the Office of Student Admissions to inquire about your status, as this will only delay processing.

Please note: Admissions requirements, procedures and policies are subject to change. You must check the website for any new requirements

Information Resources

Whenever you send an email to any of the offices listed below, *remember to include your current email address, your complete name, and the name of the program to which you are applying.* If you do not receive a reply within 3 days, resend your email.

Office of Student Admissions:

<https://www.downstate.edu/educationtraining/student-services/admissions/index.html>

Address: 450 Clarkson Ave, MSC 60
Brooklyn, NY 11203

Email: admissions@downstate.edu

Phone: (718) 270-2446 Fax: (718) 270-4775

Financial Aid

Costs of attendance and how to apply for financial aid

Web: <https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/student-services/financial-aid/index.html>

Email: financialaid@downstate.edu

Bursar

Information about tuition charges

Web: <https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/student-services/bursar/index.html>

Email: bursar@downstate.edu

Residential Life

Information about on campus housing, pictures of rooms

Web: <https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/student-services/residential-life/index.html>

Email: Residentiallife@downstate.edu

Student Life (*Life Outside of the Classroom*)

Student Center:

<https://www.downstate.edu/education-training/student-services/student-center/index.html>

Student Counseling: counseling@downstate.edu

Student Life: residentiallife@downstate.edu

Student Organizations: http://sis.downstate.edu/student_orgs/

School of Public Health Program Contact Information:

Email: PublicHealth@downstate.edu

List of Public Health Programs:

Advanced Certificate in Public Health

Master of Public Health

*Doctorate of Public Health

MD/MPH Program (College of Medicine applicants only)

**Applicants to the School of Public Health-Dr.PH program must apply through www.sophas.org*