Americans die sooner, are unhealthier, and have poorer quality of life than those in other high-income countries. The profession of public health continually strives to improve the health of communities and populations by preventing infectious and chronic disease, promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors, protecting against environmental hazards, preventing injuries, responding to disasters and assisting communities in recovery, and assuring the quality and accessibility of health services.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) at UTMB is fully accredited by CEPH (the Council on Education for Public Health).

The MPH degree trains students to contribute to the protection and promotion of health in human populations by:

- Preparing students to practice skillful and evidence-based public health and preventive medicine
- Conducting and communicating research that informs the diverse fields within public health
- Providing interdisciplinary expertise in the service of academic, professional, and community based public health organizations

UTMB currently offers three MPH tracks:

- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Aerospace Medicine—for residents only

The program also offers combined MD-MPH and PhD-MPH degrees.

Please refer to the General Information Catalog section for Graduate Requirements for Admission available at https://www.utmb.edu/enrollmentservices/catalog.asp
MISSION

UTMB Health Mission Statement: UTMB’s mission is to improve health for the people of Texas and around the world by offering innovative education and training, pursuing cutting edge research and providing the highest quality patient care.

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Mission Statement: The mission promotes the advancement of human understanding and knowledge in health-related disciplines through scholarly teaching and research in the biomedical sciences. Foremost, the Graduate School embraces excellence in all of its academic pursuits and activities. Academic curricula and programs are available that emphasize developing individual leadership, communication, motivation, and scholarship to meet the challenges of today’s society.

PROGRAM FACTS

• Three tracks are currently offered:
  – Biostatistics
  – Epidemiology
  – Aerospace Medicine - For Residents ONLY

• Two curriculum plans are available:
  – Traditional 2-year program: 5 semesters
  – Accelerated 1-year program: 3 semesters

  Available to:
  • Those who are enrolled in a dual-degree program at UTMB (MD/MPH or PhD/MPH)
  • Individuals with previous work experience

• All MPH students are required to complete a Practice Experience (PE). This course allows students to gain experience and develop skills towards the application of public health knowledge to address public health problems. Students are placed with an organization or agency that works to address public health problems.
  – One-year students complete 160 hours for their PE.
  – Two-year students complete 240 hours for their PE.

• MPH students are also required to complete a final project known as the Integrative Learning Experience (ILE). The ILE demonstrates synthesis of competencies and is done in conjunction with a faculty member and, possibly, a community stakeholder. The final product of the ILE is a high-quality written project.

WHY UTMB?

One of the lowest cost programs in Texas
  • Small class sizes
  • Low faculty-to-student ratio (1:1)
  • Face-to-face courses (No online classes)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• To be considered for admission to the Master of Public Health in UTMB’s Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, applicants must provide proof of a bachelor’s degree, graduate degree, or first professional degree (e.g., MD, DDS, JD) from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, or proof of equivalent degree and training from an acceptable foreign institution of higher education

• Each graduate program has specific requirements, but common factors considered by the admissions committee include, but are not limited to, the following:
  – Undergraduate overall and upper division GPA (above 3.0 preferred)
  – A minimum score on the TOEFL of 550 (paper), 213 (computer-based), or 80 (internet-based) or a minimum score of 6.5 on the IELTS for applicants whose native language is not English
  – Research or other relevant experience
  – Letters of reference
  – Background for and commitment to a career of scholarly endeavor in the field of study

• Final recommendations by the graduate program faculty are based on competitive evaluation of the qualifications of the applicant plus consideration of the availability of space and resources

For more information or to apply, please visit: https://gsbs.utmb.edu
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Accreditation: UTMB Health at Galveston is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional degrees

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