

PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences (Deemed to be University)

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**PROSPECTUS FOR ADMISSION TO MASTER OF PUBLIC
HEALTH (MPH)
2025-27 Academic Session**

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences (PHFI-IPHS), Deemed to be University, is India's premier institution dedicated exclusively to advancing education, research, and practice in public health notified under the Distinct Category of UGC (Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2023.

Rooted in the distinguished legacy of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), the University builds upon more than a decade of pioneering work carried out by the Indian Institutes of Public Health (IIPHS) established across the country. The Deemed University currently encompasses the Main campus at Hyderabad, with constituent units at Bengaluru, and Bhubaneswar, while PHFI's other institutes — including IIPH Gandhinagar, IIPH Delhi, and IIPH Shillong — continues to strengthen the broader national public health network.

Together, these institutions form a pan-India ecosystem of teaching, research, capacity building, and policy engagement. Supported by a distinguished national pool of faculty, researchers, and practitioners, PHFI-IPHS draws on the collective expertise and experience of India's leading public health professionals to address the country's evolving health challenges.

PHFI-IPHS currently offers postgraduate programs and specialized training designed to equip students with the knowledge, analytical skills, and leadership required to strengthen health systems and promote equity in health at local, national, and global levels.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences (Deemed to be University) marks a new milestone in India's public health education landscape. Building upon the strong legacy of the Indian Institutes of Public Health the University continues the mission of the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) - to strengthen public health capacity, research, and leadership across the country.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) is the flagship program of the PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences, designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to address pressing public health challenges.

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Duration: Two Years (Full-time)

Mode: Regular Classroom with Field Exposure

Intake:

Hyderabad - 60
Bhubaneswar - 30

Note: *The commencement of the MPH program at Bengaluru is proposed at a later stage.*

ACCREDITATION & RECOGNITION:

The PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences (Deemed to be University) has been notified by the Ministry of Education, Government of India under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956.

The PHFI-IPHS is empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC and operates in accordance with the provisions of the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.

The PHFI-IPHS is committed to maintaining the highest standards of academic quality, integrity, and regulatory compliance. Institutional accreditation through the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and program-level recognition from relevant statutory and professional bodies will be pursued as per UGC guidelines

Objective

The Master of Public Health program is designed to prepare competent public health professionals with advanced knowledge in

- Analytical and assessment skills for collecting and interpreting information
- Policy planning and development skills to address public health challenges
- Communication skills for advocacy, dissemination and evaluation of public health data and information
- Financial planning and management skills for running public health programs in the country
- Leadership skills

The 2-year MPH program emphasizes evidence-based practice, research methodology, and practical application of public health principles to address contemporary health challenges in India and globally.

Core Competencies

Graduates of the MPH program will demonstrate the following core competencies:

- Apply the course learning to the public health system and its challenges
- Demonstrate adequate knowledge and skills to a wide range of public health topics
- Critically conduct the situational analysis and develop action plan for identified public health issues
- Develop workforce for taking public health related responsibilities in defined geographical areas
- Develop an understanding of the epidemiological transitions of programs specific to each State within the country in order to prioritize public health challenges for policy making

Career Preparation

This multidisciplinary MPH integrates theoretical knowledge with research and experiential learning, preparing graduates for impactful roles in:

- Health systems management and service delivery
- Health policy analysis, formulation, and implementation
- Epidemiology and disease surveillance
- Public health and implementation research
- Community and primary health care practice
- Biostatistics and Data Management

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates seeking admission to the MPH program must fulfill the following eligibility requirements:

1. Educational Qualification:

- Bachelors' degree in Agriculture, Medicine, AYUSH, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Physiotherapy, or Allied Health Sciences from a recognized Institute / University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate, (or)
- Bachelor's degree in Technology (B. Tech), Public Health (BPH), Business Administration (BBA) or Law (LLB) from a recognized Institute / University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate, (or)

- Bachelor's degree in Science / Life science / Statistics / Economics / Nutrition / Demography from a recognized Institute / University with minimum 50% marks in aggregate
- All the above qualifications must be from Universities/Institutions recognized by UGC or Government of India.
- Those candidates with prior public health experience will be given preference for admissions in case of a tie in the academic profile / performance in the entrance examination.

2. Minimum Academic Performance:

- Graduate from any recognized University/ Institution of National Importance with a minimum of 50% marks or equivalent grade (45% marks or equivalent grade for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes).

3. Nationality

- Indian nationals
- Foreign nationals (subject to Government of India regulations and availability of supernumerary seats)

4. Age

- No upper age limit
- Candidates must be at least 20 years of age at the time of admission

Fee Structure (For Indian Nationals)

Program Fee for Master of Public Health (MPH)	Academic Year 2025 – 27 (Amount in INR)
	4,00,000
Caution Fee (At the time of Admission)	20,000

Master of Public Health (MPH)	1 st Year	2 nd Year
Fees (per year)	2,00,000	2,00,000

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR INDIAN NATIONALS

Admissions to the MPH program will be based on a multi-stage selection process designed to identify candidates with academic excellence, professional aptitude,

and genuine commitment to public health.

Selection Stages

1. Statement of Purpose (SOP): 20 marks
(For more Details: Refer Appendix A)
2. Entrance Examination : 50 marks
 - Format: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) based objective test
 - Total Questions: 50 questions, 1 (one) mark each
 - No Negative Marks
 - Duration: 60 minutes
3. Personal Interview: 30 marks
Total: 100 marks
Qualifying Criterion: A Minimum of 50% marks is required to be eligible for the admission

Examination Centers:

The entrance examination will be conducted at the following five centers for candidates' convenience:

- Hyderabad, Telangana
- Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Bangalore, Karnataka
- New Delhi / NCR, Delhi
- Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Candidates will have the option to select their preferred examination center during the application process. The Institute reserves the right to rationalize examination centers based on the number of registrations.

Final Merit List

Determination of Merit: The final selection will be based on:

- Performance in the entrance examination: 50% weightage
- Performance in the personal interview: 30% weightage
- Statement of Purpose and academic record: 20% weightage

Announcement: The final merit list will be announced on the Institute website and communicated to eligible candidates as per the announced timeline.

Inter-Se Merit: In the event of tie marks, the inter-se merit for selection shall be determined as follows:

- Candidate securing higher marks in the entrance examination
- Candidate with higher marks in the personal interview
- Candidate with higher score in academic record (Bachelor's degree marks)
- In case of continued tie, the candidate appearing older in age shall be given preference

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

Admissions to the MPH program will be based on a multi-stage selection process designed to identify candidates with academic excellence, professional aptitude, and genuine commitment to public health.

Fee Structure (For Foreign Nationals)

Program Fee for Master of Public Health (MPH)		Academic Year 2025 – 27 (Amount in USD)	
		6,500	
Master of Public Health (MPH)		1st Year (Amount in USD)	2nd Year (Amount in USD)
Fees (per year)		3,250	3,250

Selection Stages

1. Statement of Purpose (SOP): 50 marks
(For more Details: Refer Appendix A)
 - Format: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) based objective test
 - Total Questions: 50 questions, 1 (one) mark each
 - No Negative Marks
 - Duration: 60 minutes
2. Personal Interview: 50 marks
 - Total: 100 marks
 - Qualifying Criterion: A Minimum of 50% marks is required to be eligible for the admission
 - The personal interview will be conducted virtually.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DETAILS

Examination Pattern

Particulars	Details
Total Questions	50 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)
Total Marks	50 marks
Marks per Question	1 mark per question
Negative Marking	No negative marking
Duration	60 minutes
Medium of Examination	English
Type of Questions	Objective type (Multiple Choice)

Syllabus and Content

The entrance examination will assess knowledge and understanding in the following areas:

Serial No.	Name of the Subject	No. of questions	Marks allotted
1	General Aptitude	5	5
2	General Knowledge	5	5
3	Health Related Current Affairs	8	8
4	Basic English Skills	7	7
5	Basic Computer Skills	8	8
6	Basic Statistics	5	5
7	Basic Public Health Concepts	6	6
8	Public Health Nutrition	2	2
9	Basics of Maternal and Child Healthcare	2	2
10	Basics of Infectious Diseases / NCD's	2	2

- Park Text book of preventive medicine (SPM Text book)
- Manorama year book

Examination Fees

- **Application and Examination Fee:** ₹1,000 (Indian Rupees One Thousand only)
- **Applicable to:** Indian nationals and other eligible candidates
- **Payment Mode:** Online through secure payment gateway as per Institute instructions

Entrance Examination Fee Structure:

Category	Fee Amount
Indian Nationals	₹1,000
NRI/PIO/OCI Cardholders	US\$ 100 (or equivalent)
Foreign Nationals	US\$ 100 (or equivalent)

Entrance examination Fee Includes:

- Examination center fee
- Question paper and evaluation
- Issue of admit card/hall ticket
- Issue of result statement

Important Notes:

- Examination fee is non-refundable except in cases of genuine administrative errors
- The fee once deposited cannot be adjusted against any other fees or future registrations

ADMISSION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Key Dates and Events

The academic calendar and important dates for the admission process will be as follows, the same will be kept separately on the Institute website and applicant portal. A tentative timeline is provided below:

Important Dates

Event	Date
Notification Release	15 December 2025
Application Portal Opens	16 December 2025

Last Date for Application Submission along with SOP	02 January 2026
Entrance Examination	04 January 2026
Declaration of Results	06 January 2026
Issuance of Interview Call Letters	07 January 2026
Personal Interview Dates	08-09 January 2026
Announcement of Final Merit List	12 January 2026
Commencement of Academic Session	21 January 2026

Note: PHFI-IPHS reserves the right to modify dates and timeline as per operational requirements and Government directives. Any changes will be communicated through official channels.

Application Procedure

- Registration:** Eligible candidates must register on the Institute's applicant portal using valid email ID and mobile number
- Filling Application Form:** Complete the online application form with accurate personal, educational, and contact information
- Upload Documents:** Upload scanned copies of required documents as per specifications
- Application Fee Submission:** Pay the application/examination fee through the secure online payment gateway
- Confirmation:** Obtain application reference number and print acknowledgment for future correspondence

Technical Support: For assistance with application portal, candidates may contact the designated support email or helpline as provided on the website.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Candidates must prepare the following documents for submission:

Educational Qualifications

- Certificate of Bachelor's degree (Convocation certificate/ provisional certificate)
- Mark sheets for all semesters/years of Bachelor's degree
- Score cards/transcripts from other qualifying examinations (if applicable)

Personal Documents

- Proof of identity (Passport, Aadhaar Card, Voter ID, PAN Card, or Driving License)
- Proof of date of birth (birth certificate, school certificate, or as per Government norms)
- Proof of address (latest electricity bill, telephone bill, or rent agreement)
- Photograph (3.5cm × 4.5cm, recent, colored, clear, good quality)
- Signature (scanned)

Category-Specific Documents

OCI/PIO/NRI: Relevant documentary proof

Qualifications and Achievements (if applicable)

- Publications, research work, or professional certifications
- Additional qualifications or diplomas
- Awards and recognitions

Document Format Specifications:

- All documents must be scanned at 300 DPI
- File format: PDF (preferably)
- File size: Not exceeding 2 MB per document
- All documents to be in English or with certified English translation

Verification: The Institute reserves the right to verify any information or document submitted by the candidate. False declarations may result in disqualification and cancellation of admission.

RESERVATION OF SEATS

Admission and allocation of seats will be in accordance with the policies and norms prescribed by the Government of India and UGC regulations for deemed to be universities.

Category	% of Reservation
Scheduled Caste (SC)	15
Scheduled Tribes (ST)	7.5
Differently Abled / PwD	3

Note: In the event of seats not filled by the reserved categories as mentioned in the table above, the vacant seats will be converted and filled under unreserved category.

State Domicile: The Institute follows applicable Government guidelines regarding state domicile preferences if applicable.

Over and above the sanctioned seats: Additional supernumerary seats may be made available for categories such as NRI/PIO/OCI cardholders, as per UGC regulations.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT NOTES

Eligibility Verification

- All information provided in the application form must be accurate and authentic
- The Institute reserves the right to verify any information at any stage of the admission process
- Submission of false or misleading information may result in disqualification and cancellation of admission

Anti-Ragging Policy

- PHFI-IPHS has a zero-tolerance policy towards ragging
- All candidates are required to comply with anti-ragging regulations as per Government directives and PHFI-IPHS policies
- Ragging in any form is strictly prohibited and shall invite severe disciplinary action.

Code of Conduct

- All candidates are expected to maintain high standards of academic and professional ethics
- Candidates must adhere to the PHFI_IPHS's code of conduct and disciplinary policies
- Any misconduct may result in dismissal from the program

Data Protection and Privacy

- Personal information provided by candidates will be used solely for admission and academic purposes
- PHFI-IPHS will maintain confidentiality of personal data in accordance with applicable data protection regulations

Reservation of Rights

PHFI-IPHS reserves the right to:

- Increase or decrease the number of seats for admission
- Modify the selection criteria or admission procedures from time to time.
- Cancel or defer the admission process
- Cancel the admission of any candidate found to have provided false information

Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution

- All matters relating to admission are subject to the jurisdiction of courts in Hyderabad, Telangana
- The admission process shall be conducted in accordance with Government of India regulations, UGC norms for deemed to be universities, and PHFI-IPHS's regulations

Communication

- All official communications will be made through:
 - Institute website: www.phfiiphs.ac.in
 - Email: admissions@phfiiphs.ac.in
 - Applicant portal notifications
- Candidates are advised to regularly check the Universities website and portal for updates
- The University shall not be responsible for any communication delays due to technical issues on candidates' end

CONTACT INFORMATION

Admissions Office

PHFI Institute of Public Health Sciences (Deemed to be University)

Address:

Sy. No. 384, Adjacent to ORR 17, towards Himayat Sagar, Main Road, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad- 500030, Ranga Reddy district, Telangana

Email: admissions@phfiiphs.ac.in

Telephone: 040 2400 6000 / +91 72070 63322

Website: www.phfiiphs.ac.in

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (IST)

Technical Support

For Application Portal Issues:

Email: chaitanya.p@iiphh.org

Contact: +91 90100 60681

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Prescribed Format for Statement of Purpose

Candidates should structure their Statement of Purpose as follows:

1. Introduction (80-100 words)
 - Brief background and educational qualifications
 - What drew you to pursue studies in public health
2. Career Objectives (100-150 words)
 - Short-term and long-term professional goals
 - Area(s) of specialization or interest within public health
 - Career aspirations post-completion of MPH
3. Relevance to Public Health (100-150 words)
 - Your understanding of public health challenges in India
 - Specific areas of public health you wish to address
 - Your perspective on how public health professionals can contribute to national health goals
4. Commitment and Motivation (80-100 words)
 - Why MPH program aligns with your career plans
 - Your commitment to public health practice and service
 - How you envision contributing to the public health sector

Format:

- Font: Times New Roman or Arial, 12-point
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Margin: 1-inch on all sides
- Page limit: Maximum 2 pages, single-sided printing

Appendix B: Entrance Examination Best Practices

Time Management:

- Read questions carefully before answering
- Allocate time proportionally to different sections
- Review your answers if time permits

Preparation Strategy:

- Study from recommended textbooks and materials
- Take practice tests to assess preparation level

Examination Day:

- Reach the examination center 30 minutes before commencement
- Carry admit card and valid photo ID
- Bring only permitted materials as specified in admit card

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

Detailed information regarding:

- Fee structure and payment policies
- Attendance and academic progression requirements
- Scholarship and financial assistance schemes
- Accommodation and hostel facilities
- Library and laboratory resources
- Student support services

The above-mentioned information be provided in the Student Handbook and Academic Regulations, available on the Institute website and distributed to all admitted candidates.

Note: This prospectus is subject to changes as per Government of India regulations, UGC norms, and PHFI-IPHS's policies. Any amendments will be communicated through official channels.

The Institute shall not be held responsible for errors or omissions in this prospectus. In case of any discrepancy, the official information on the Institute website shall be treated as authentic.

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