

Living Arrangements

Students are provided shared rooms with air coolers and shared bathroom including computer lab with internet facility. Students are expected to visit and interact with the rural and urban inhabitants in order to put their classroom knowledge into practice.

Admissions Criteria

The admission process includes an application, reference letters, statement of interest in public health, individual and group interviews, as well as written and oral tests. Candidates with professional experiences and women are strongly encouraged to apply. The specific criteria for interested applicants are as following:

- Bachelor and/or Masters degree(s) in medicine, nursing, midwifery, health sciences, social sciences or other sciences
- Excellent academic record with first and second division standing; GPA 3.0 or above (out of 4.0)
- Proficiency in oral and written English demonstrated by a TOEFL score of 250 on computer-based test/100 on internet-based test or IELTS of 6.5; and basic arithmetic skills
- Computer literacy including knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher is essential. Data analysis skills is an advantage
- Preference given to applicants who have a minimum of one year professional experience in health or other social sector

Further information on the admissions process and application forms can be accessed at the following link:

<http://sph.bracu.ac.bd/academics/mphinfo.htm>

"JPGSPH has changed me as I learned a lot of practical public health problem solving techniques. Thanks to JPGSPH."

Shahidul Hoque, Bangladeshi student

"MPH course was very good and helpful for me and for all of us because we were from different cultures and from different experiences. The course design was a good experience for us."

Abdul Qahar Hasrat, Afghan student

Finance

The fees charged by the School for the 'internationally recognized' MPH programme are about 1/3 the cost of similar programmes in North America and in Europe. The School has a generous scholarship programme that aims to promote global access to the MPH amongst potential students from all over the world based on merit. Candidates who are funded by organizations (e.g. Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation), UN and other agencies are not eligible for a fee waiver and are required to pay full fees. Please contact the MPH department for further information on tuition and living costs.

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Institutional Partners



BRAC University a fast growing higher education institution in Bangladesh, provides interdisciplinary expertise in development studies, governance, education, law and computational sciences.



BRAC the world's largest NGO working in 9 developing countries, is renowned for its pro-poor programmers which span across issued such as microfinance, education, legal rights, water, sanitation and health.



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**James P Grant School of Public Health
BRAC University**

Masters in Public Health Programme



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Introduction

The School's name honours the late James P Grant, former Executive Director of UNICEF, whose relentless pursuit of a global revolution in child survival in the 1980s is a legacy the School aims to promote for global health for the 21st century. The School was founded in 2004 as a collaborative effort between BRAC University, BRAC, and ICDDR,B. These three institutions offer dynamic and diverse learning laboratories for the School's education, research, and leadership programmes. Based in Bangladesh, the School benefits from an unparalleled learning environment due to the magnitude and diversity of health challenges and the presence of some of the most innovative and successful public health and development programmes in the world.

Masters in Public Health (MPH) Programme

The Masters in Public Health is one of the main educational programmes at the School. Since its inception, the School has received 191 diverse students from different corners of the globe such as South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, Australia, North and South Americas, and Europe. The graduates work for their respective governments, national and/or international NGOs, or with various donor and UN agencies. Additionally, universities and research organizations also acquire a large number of our MPH students.

The MPH curriculum is structured to maximize learning around the health problems faced by communities in Bangladesh, and elsewhere. This includes extensive field-based instructions complemented by interactive classroom-based teamwork.



Why should you study at JPGSPH?

- **A global classroom** : students from all over the world with significant public health experiences represent diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds
- **Teaching students to problem solve** : a comprehensive curriculum focused on core public health competencies with emphasis on teamwork and interactive learning
- **Experienced and committed faculty** : a diverse and talented faculty from local and international institutions who share a passion for teaching
- **Learning by doing** : direct attachments with ICDDR,B and BRAC enrich learning of the current state of public health research and practice.



"Being in the company of such a diverse group of students and scholars was an incredible experience. A program like JPGSPH cannot be found anywhere else in the world!"

Sara Baumann, American student

"This MPH course opened an array of opportunities and global perspectives in terms of professional and educational paradigm."

Neelima Das, Bangladeshi student

MPH Calendar

The Masters in Public Health is a year-long programme, with the graduation held in late January to early February. Within the twelve month timeframe, the MPH curriculum offers in-depth and intensive courses in core areas of public health.

No	Courses	Credits
MPH 501	Introduction to Public Health	2
MPH 512	Anthropological Approaches to Public Health	3
MPH 511	Qualitative Research Methods	2
MPH 521	Biostatistics	3
MPH 520	Quantitative Research Methods	3
MPH 522	Epidemiology	3
	Mixed Method Workshop	-
MPH 531	Health Economics & Healthcare Financing	2
MPH 530	Health Systems Management	5
	Knowledge Fair	-
MPH 681	Aging & Health	2
MPH 541	Environment & Health	3
MPH 660	Reproductive & Sexual Health & Rights	2
MPH 690	Principles of Health Communication	1
MPH 691	M&E of Public Health Programmes	1
MPH 670	Public Health Nutrition	2
MPH 620	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	3
MPH 652	Health & Development Series	-
MPH 700	Independent Field Study - Thesis	14
	Integration Workshop	-