MISSION
To advance the public's health and well-being through education, research, and service with a focus on issues affecting Louisiana.

VISION
A healthier Louisiana with a workforce addressing the core functions of public health, equipped with data and knowledge, and supported by LSU's faculty, students and staff.

VALUES
- COLLABORATIVE
  - We foster a culture that values and rewards collaboration at all levels of the university: across disciplines; among faculty, staff, and students; with other universities and institutions; and those we serve.
- CREATIVE
  - We nurture ingenuity throughout all areas of the university by creating a culture that encourages excellence, risk-taking, and an open-minded approach to challenges, while also recognizing and rewarding emerging talent and ingenuity.
- CULTURALLY ADEPT
  - We celebrate our own uniqueness combined with an awareness and respect of local and global values and beliefs, which help to strengthen the intellectual environment and support our commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- GLOBALLY ENGAGED
  - We understand that global events and culture affect our university, just as our scholarship, discovery, and experiences contribute to the world around us. Only through a conscious and consistent effort to connect with our global neighbors can we ensure that we advance the greater good for our entire planet.
- INNOVATIVE
  - We innovate in the classroom, through discovery, and during engagement with the community. Innovative thinking across the university can help solve the challenges of those we serve and enhance LSU’s role as a global leader.
- TRANSFORMATIVE
  - We are a catalyst for transformation; a force for good that changes lives and makes a significant, positive impact on the world around us.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT
LSUHSC School of Public Health is committed to increasing diversity in public health education, research and practice by providing impartial opportunities to individuals and populations, regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, political affiliation, veteran status or national origin. This commitment is reflected in its recruitment, admission, employment, and retention of students, faculty and staff.
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The Master of Public Health (MPH) is a 45-credit degree program that prepares individuals to improve the health of the population through evidence-based practice and research. Coursework and the practice experience provides students with a foundation in the basic disciplines of public health, while allowing them to pursue individual interests and build upon existing strengths and previous experiences. Students further their knowledge and develop analytical skills to define, evaluate and solve complex problems encountered in public health and health care systems.

**Practice Experience**

**Culminating Experience**

- **Behavioral and Community Health Sciences**  
  Stephen Phillippi, PhD - Academic Program Director

- **Biostatistics**  
  Zhide Fang, PhD - Academic Program Director

- **Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences**  
  James H. Diaz, MD, DrPH, - Academic Program Director

- **Epidemiology**  
  Edward S. Peters, DMD, ScD - Academic Program Director

- **Health Policy & Systems Management**  
  Richard Culbertson, PhD - Academic Program Director
The Master of Science must be completed in no more than four years. Any requests for extension of this policy are subject to approval by the student's thesis committee and the Dean.

**THESIS**

When the thesis is nearly complete, the candidate will be required to present successfully the thesis in an open seminar. After the open seminar, the student will meet with the thesis committee for an oral examination. To pass the examination, there may be no more than one negative vote among committee members. The committee is comprised of three LSUHSC School of Graduate Studies Graduate Faculty, two of whom must also be fulltime faculty in Biostatistics.

When the student is entering his/her last semester, in addition to continuing meetings with their advisor, the student needs to make an appointment with Ms. Martha Cuccia in the SPH Office of Academic Affairs. She will review the procedure for the defense and the associated paperwork, as well as the submission and publication of the thesis. The process includes, but is not limited to the following steps:

Schedule your defense **at least four weeks** before the end of the semester (per the request of the Registrar).

The student must submit a completed Request for Dissertation/Thesis Defense and Final Examination and a copy of the thesis abstract to the Office Academic Affairs at least two weeks before the defense.

After the defense, the student must submit the completed Dissertation/Thesis Defense Final Examination Report to the Office of Academic Affairs as well as an e-copy of the final thesis and at least two hard copies of the thesis.
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The School offers doctoral degrees in biostatistics, community health sciences and epidemiology that are comprised of formal classroom instruction, guided research and supervised teaching experiences with faculty. Students are expected to develop in-depth working relationships with their advisors/mentors. The degree is awarded jointly by the School of Public Health and the School of Graduate Studies.

All students entering one of the doctoral programs will receive a foundation in public health knowledge and an understanding of the manner in which their specific field of study contributes to achieving the goals of public health.

QUALIFYING PROCESS

Each program will be responsible for the qualifying process and will develop appropriate policies, which will be on file in the Dean's Office. Complete details can be found in the School of Public Health Student Handbook. All PhD students will be required to pass a set of preliminary examinations before being admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree. Each program may impose additional requirements.

The student must pass a series of written comprehensive examinations after completing their PhD core courses. After passing the written comprehensives, the student must pass an oral defense of the student's research prospectus. This oral examination will be given by the student's Doctoral Advisory Committee and will assess the student's research prospectus and the student's mastery of discipline in the dissertation area. The student's PhD advisor will be the Committee Chair.

If the student fails either the written or oral examination, the program faculty or Doctoral Advisory Committee determines the conditions to be met before another examination may be given.

The Doctoral Advisory Committee will ordinarily consist of the student's major professor and at least four other faculty members representing major and minor (if applicable) disciplines. One member must be from a program outside the School of Public Health and a member of the Graduate Faculty of the LSUHSC School of Graduate Studies or equivalent at an institution outside of the Health Sciences Center. The Dean may make substitutions or additions of committee members after consultation with the major professor and Academic Program Director, but continuity of membership is sought to provide consistent guidance of the student through the program. This examination is the most thorough in the doctorate program. It should require the candidate to demonstrate competence in a broad segment of the major and minor (if applicable) fields. If there is no more than one negative ballot out of a minimum of five, the student becomes a "candidate" after the Dean has been notified by the student's major professor and Academic Program Director of successful completion of the preliminary examination.

Students must complete the Request for Preliminary Examination at least two weeks prior to the scheduled exam. A Report of Preliminary Examination form must be completed after the oral preliminary examination. These forms are available on the school's website or from the office of academic affairs.

DISSERTATION

The dissertation must make a significant contribution to the field, suitable for publication in a peer reviewed journal of international repute. Refer to the LSUHSC School of Graduate Studies Dissertation and Thesis Guidelines for preparation of dissertation. For the planned graduation date, the student should check the academic calendar for the final date for submission of the dissertation to the School of Graduate Studies.

Dissertation Defense - Permission to hold the final examination will be granted by the Dean of the School of Public Health only after all the foregoing conditions are satisfied and one calendar year has elapsed since the student passed the prospectus. The defense may be preceded by an open seminar of the student's dissertation research. The student must petition the Dean for permission to take the examination. The doctoral committee is made up of no less than five graduate faculty members, one of whom must be from outside the School of Public Health and a member of the faculty of the School of Graduate Studies or equivalent at another institution. The Dean may serve as a member or may appoint members to the Committee.
Traditionally, this examination is a test of the student's intimate knowledge of the area of the field in which the student is working. However, at the discretion of the Committee or the Dean, the examination may include questions from the major or minor fields, in general. Voting is by secret ballot, and to pass the examination there may be no more than one negative vote. Prior to the Dissertation Defense, the student must complete the Request for Dissertation/Thesis Defense and Final Examination at least two weeks prior to the scheduled defense.

The student must submit the completed Dissertation/Thesis Defense Final Examination Report to the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs after the defense. The Office of Admissions and Student Affairs archives the original in the student’s file, and forwards an electronic copy to the Office of Academic Affairs.

**CERTIFICATION**

If not more than one member of the examining committee dissents and if the dissertation is accepted, the candidate will be certified to the School of Public Health Faculty, Graduate Faculty and Chancellor as having met all requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy.

**TIME LIMIT**

The School of Public Health requires that all work towards a doctoral degree be completed in not more than eight calendar years. Any requests for extension of this policy are subject to approval by the student's doctoral committee and the Dean.
Biostatistics Qualifying Process

All PhD students in Biostatistics are required to pass a set of preliminary examinations before being admitted to candidacy for the PhD degree. All PhD students are required to pass a set of written comprehensive examinations based on the material in the first year core PhD courses (BIOS 6210, 6212, 7200, 7202, and 7204). These exams consist of three in-class, closed-book written sessions and a take-home applied/data analysis session. These examinations will be written, graded and scored anonymously by the faculty of the Biostatistics Program. A consensus score of Pass or Fail will be assigned to each examination session for each student. The examinations are usually offered shortly after the spring semester in late May or early June.

In addition to the written comprehensive examinations a student must pass an oral examination involving the defense of the student’s research prospectus. This examination should be taken no later than the third year of full-time study. The oral preliminary examination will be given by the student's Doctoral Advisory Committee and will assess the student's research prospectus and the student's mastery of discipline in the dissertation area. The student's PhD advisor will be the Committee Chair. If a student fails either the written or oral exam, the Doctoral Advisory Committee determines the conditions to be met before another examination may be given.
Community Health Sciences Qualifying Process

A series of examinations are required for all PhD students in Community Health Sciences prior to being admitted as a candidate for the PhD degree. The examinations are taken after completion of all PhD core courses and are based on material contained within these courses. Two of these examinations will be written, graded and scored anonymously by the Community Health Sciences ad hoc Qualifying Exam Committee. One of these examinations will be an oral qualifying exam given by the PhD student’s Doctoral Committee. The PhD student’s academic advisor will serve as the chair of the Doctoral Committee.

The written examinations consist of one in-class, closed-book written session and one take-home, applied writing session based on a list of approved Community Health Science topics. A consensus score of Pass or Fail will be assigned to each examination session for each PhD student. If the PhD student fails either exam, remediation is suggested and the student may attempt the exam again the following year.

Following successful completion of the two written qualifying exams, PhD students will identify a research area and then prepare a prospectus of original research in the field of Community Health Science. The PhD student will then participate in the oral portion of the qualifying process and will present his/her prospectus to the Doctoral Committee. Approval of the prospectus will be determined by this Committee. After successful defense of the prospectus, the student will become a candidate for the PhD degree and will focus his/her work on independent research. If a student fails the oral defense of the prospectus, the Doctoral Committee will determine the conditions that will need to be met before another examination may be given.
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in EPIDEMIOLOGY
Edward S. Peters, DMD, SM, ScD - Academic Director

Epidemiology Qualifying Process

All PhD students will be required to pass comprehensive written and oral examinations before registering for research credit and embarking upon their dissertation work. These exams confirm that students have a command of epidemiologic concepts and reasoning sufficient to undertake doctoral research.

Preliminary written exam
The written examination will be a comprehensive exam written and graded by the Epidemiology faculty. The examination is taken after completion of all PhD core courses and a majority of elective courses. The examination is comprised of two sections, core and electives. Students must answer all questions in the core section and then select four questions to answer in the elective section best matched to their areas of interest and focus. If the student fails the exam, remediation is suggested and the student may attempt the exam again the following year.

Oral Preliminary Examination
The Oral Preliminary Examination will be given by the student's Doctoral Committee and will assess the student's research prospectus. The student's PhD advisor will be the Chair of the Committee.

Prior to the exam the student must complete a formal outline of their proposed plan of research and distribute this plan to the Doctoral Committee approximately three weeks prior to the exam. The usual format of the research proposal should be similar to that submitted to a granting agency or foundation and should include the following:

- research objectives
- methods of procedure
- anticipated problems and results
- the overall significance of the research

The Oral Preliminary Examination should be scheduled to take place after completion of the core course sequence and major electives specified by the student and their Committee Chair; this should be no later than the end of the fifth semester for full-time students (the committee will set a time table for part-time students). All course work listed should be completed with a grade of B or better. Students who have received an MPH degree are encouraged to schedule their Oral Preliminary Examination as early as their third semester.

If a student fails the exam, the Doctoral Advisory Committee determines the conditions to be met before another examination may be given.

For students who must repeat an examination, the second examination must be taken within one year after the first exam.

TIME LIMITS
PhD students must complete the qualifying exam within three years of matriculation, the candidacy exam within five years of matriculation, and their degree within eight years of matriculation.
**STUDENT HEALTH**

**Student Health Insurance**
Health insurance coverage is an LSUHSC requirement for all students. It is the student's responsibility that they meet the student health insurance requirements. LSUHSC offers a plan to those students who need to purchase one.

Students should confirm with LSUHSC Student Health Service that health records are current. Students are blocked from registration if they are not in compliance.

**Student Health Clinics**
Student Health Services is located on the 7th floor of the Lions Building
2020 Gravier Street, Room 789, New Orleans, LA 70112
Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Phone: 504.525.4839
Fax: 504.777.2922

Student Health Clinics are located at:
3700 St. Charles Ave. (All services available, appointments and walk-ins welcome),
(Office is closed from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm for lunch)
504.412-1366

After hours, on weekends and if you need immediate treatment, go to the emergency room (UMC - across from campus on Tulane Ave.)

**Campus Assistance Program (CAP)**
CAP is a free 24-hour crisis line, providing problem assessment, short-term counseling, and a referral service for a variety of problems that may impact your personal life or academic performance.

Clinical Education Building, 1542 Tulane Ave (8th floor)
Phone: 504.568.8888

**Peer Advocate Liaisons (PAL)**
PAL helps students access resources when they are experiencing personal or academic difficulties. PALs are classmates who have been educated about available on- and off-campus resources. They can assist their peers in contacting these resources.

**Wellness Center**
The Wellness Center provides various programs and equipment promoting and encouraging fitness and wellness to all members of the LSUHSC community.
Email: wellness@lsuhsc.edu
Phone: 504.568.3700
ADVISING AND REGISTRATION

PreRegistration is required of all new and continuing students. (Dates and deadlines are listed on the Academic Calendar). Prior to registering, students are required to meet with their academic advisors to discuss their current status and course selection, per their degree schedule. The advisor and student make the best choices, given the student’s interests and career path. Students should complete the process within two weeks of preregistration opening. Meeting the deadline helps to ensure disbursement of financial aid and secure enrollment for electives.

LSUHSC uses an online course registration system. Students access the academic self-serve from the LSUHSC homepage, using their LSUHSC login and password.

On the LSUHSC website, the student follows Student Self-Service to access instructions for Enrollment: Add Classes, Enrollment: Drop Classes.

DROP/ADD PROCESS

The student consults with the course director, and then meets with their academic advisor. Be sure to know the deadlines regarding withdrawing and grades noted on the Academic Calendar. The student follows Student Self-Service to access instructions for Enrollment: Add Classes, Enrollment: Drop Classes.

CHANGE OF ADVISOR

A student wanting to change advisors must complete the top section of the Change of Advisor Form, then have the current and proposed advisors sign the form. The student then submits the form to the Office of Academic Affairs for the Associate Dean’s signature.

COURSES AND CREDIT HOURS

Full-time students carry at least nine hours in the fall and spring semesters and six hours in the summer.

Graduate assistants must be full-time students in fall and spring semesters. Fellowship recipients may also be required to register in the summer semester.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

Master of Public Health

The School of Public Health allows a maximum of 10 semester credits be transferred into the School of Public per degree program. Students must complete the transfer of credits before beginning their final semester.

No transfer credit is permitted for coursework receiving a grade below B and transfer credits used for another earned degree will not reduce credit hour requirements. The student must follow the procedure below.

1) The MPH student submits the course syllabus of the course to be transferred to the course director for the LSUHSC SPH course s/he wants to replace. The faculty member reviews the syllabus to determine if the learning objectives/competencies are consistent with learning objectives and competencies of the LSUHSC SPH course. Request for Transfer Credit with the syllabus of the course taken at the other university to the LSUHSC SPH Program Director for the course the student is attempting to substitute.

2) The Program Director in consultation with the Program Faculty will determine whether to approve the transferred credit. The Program Director signs the Request for Transfer Credit as Transfer Credit Evaluator and forwards both the form and syllabus to the Office of Academic Affairs.

3) The Office of Academic Affairs sends a copy of the completed Request for Transfer Credit to the student requesting transferred credits to inform the student of the approval, and to notify him/her that s/he is required to have the original university send an official transcript directly to the SPH Office of Academic Affairs.
4) The Director of the Office of Academic Affairs then sends the transcript with the form to the LSUHSC Registrar. The grade will appear on the unofficial transcript.

**Master of Science in Biostatistics**

The School of Public Health allows a maximum of 13 semester credits be transferred into the School of Public per degree program.

The course syllabus must be reviewed and found by faculty to be consistent with the LSUHSC SPH’s course’s learning objectives and competencies. No transfer credit is permitted for coursework receiving a grade below B and transfer credits used for another earned degree will not reduce credit hour requirements. The student must follow the procedure below.

1) The MS student submits a [Request for Transfer Credit](#) with the syllabus of the course taken at the other university to the MS Graduate Coordinator. The Program Director and Graduate Coordinator in consultation with Program Faculty will determine whether to approve transfer credit.

2) If approved, the Graduate Coordinator signs the [Request for Transfer Credit](#) as Transfer Credit Evaluator and forwards both the form and syllabus to the Office of Academic Affairs.

3) The Office of Academic Affairs will send a copy of the completed [Request for Transfer Credit](#) to the student to inform him/her of the approval and to have the university for the approved course(s) send an official transcript directly to the SPH Office of Academic Affairs.

4) The Office of Academic Affairs then sends the transcript with the form to the LSUHSC Registrar. The grade will appear on the unofficial transcript.

**Doctor of Philosophy**

The School of Public Health allows a maximum of 18 semester credits be transferred into the School of Public per degree program.

The course syllabus must be reviewed and found by faculty to be consistent with the LSUHSC SPH’s course’s learning objectives and competencies. No transfer credit is permitted for coursework receiving a grade below B and transfer credits used for another earned degree will not reduce credit hour requirements. The student must follow the procedure below.

1) The PhD student submits a [Request for Transfer Credit](#) with the syllabus of the course taken at the other university to the program’s PhD Graduate Coordinator. The Program Director and Graduate Coordinator in consultation with Program Faculty will determine whether to approve transfer credit.

2) If approved, the GraduateCoordinator signs the [Request for Transfer Credit](#) as Transfer Credit Evaluator and forwards both the form and syllabus to the Office of Academic Affairs.

3) The Office of Academic Affairs will send a copy of the completed [Request for Transfer Credit](#) to the student requesting transferred credits to inform the student of the approval and to notify him/her that s/he is required to have the university for the approved course(s) send an official transcript directly to the SPH Office of Academic Affairs.

4) The Office of Academic Affairs then sends the transcript with the form to the LSUHSC Registrar. The grade will appear on the unofficial transcript.

**MULTI-CAMPUS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

Graduate students enrolled full-time in the LSU System may cross-enroll after completing registration with their home LSU campus.

The student must submit documentation that fees have been paid at the home campus, a course schedule form, and copies of LSU System Multi-Campus Registration Form (available at the LSUBR Office of the University Registrar, and the LSUHSC Registrar’s Office) to the School of Public Health Office of Admissions and Student Affairs for the signatures at least two weeks prior to the SPH registration.
STANDARDS AND FAILURE TO MEET STANDARDS

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The LSUHSC School of Public Health assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or veteran’s status in the admission to, participation in, or employment in its programs and activities.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

1. The sufficient use of the senses of vision, hearing, and the somatic sensation necessary to participate in the SPH-required practice experience.
2. The ability to analyze, synthesize, extrapolate, solve problems, and reach appropriate conclusions in a timely manner.
3. The ability to establish and maintain professional relationships with faculty, peers, and community members.
4. The ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing with lay and professional audiences.

Failure to meet these standards is cause for review by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Statement on Accommodation

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, LSUHSC School of Public Health instructors must make reasonable accommodations for students who have physical, mental, or learning disabilities.

Responsibilities of the Student

Upon acceptance to the School of Public Health, students are asked to submit a Notification of Disability if accommodations are needed.

1. The student must complete a Request for Reasonable Accommodations and submit to Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (ADAA).
2. The student must provide documentation to confirm the disability.
   a. For verifying disabilities, the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and the School of Public Health require that the student use an appropriately credentialed clinician in the diagnosis and documentation of the disability.
   b. In all cases, the student must provide the SPH ADAA documentation from a clinician that certifies the diagnosis of the specific disability and suggests the specific accommodations that are needed.
   c. The SPH ADAA will determine whether the clinician’s credentials are appropriate for the defined disability.
      1) If deemed appropriate, the request for accommodations will be granted.
      2) If deemed inappropriate for the type of disability in question, the ADAA will require the student to use a university psychiatrist or clinical psychologist, or an approved psychiatrist or clinical psychologist with a valid certification. An approved list of psychiatrists and clinical psychologists will be given to the student regarding learning disabilities; and a list of appropriate clinical specialties will be provided for physical disabilities.
3. Once the final documentation has been approved, the course directors will be notified of the approved accommodations by the student who will submit to them a Notice of Disability form.
4. The student should submit this form to each course director within one week of the course start date during each semester he/she is enrolled in the SPH.

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5. If the student and course director do not agree on the accommodations then they should contact the Director of Admissions and Student Affairs for referral to the LSUHSC ADA liaison.

6. If the diagnosis is not confirmed, the student will be denied accommodation in writing.

Responsibilities of Faculty

The following should appear on the course syllabus:

A student who qualifies for special academic accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act must notify the course director so that appropriate arrangements may be made. The student must complete the Notification of Disability form and email it to the course director within one week of the course start date.

Faculty members are to make reasonable course-related accommodations for qualified persons with disabilities, as prescribed by the appropriate healthcare provider described above. These may include, but are not limited to:

- allowing extended, but not unlimited, time for completion of examinations;
- allowing examinations to be written in a quiet, low-stimulus environment;
- permitting the use of dictionaries during in-class writing assignment;
- using alternative methods to assess mastery of course content (e.g., narrative tape instead of journals);
- allowing papers to be proofread for spelling and grammatical errors (stating who can proofread);
- providing specially trained tutors for course content;
- using computer software to assist in the completion of assignments (e.g., spell check, computer-based adaptive devices);
- allowing the use of taped materials and resources to assist the student in reading, listening, and speaking;
- allowing students to dictate essays to a scribe.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Student Responsibilities and Rights (CM-56) outlines the expectations of LSUHSC students with regard to personal, academic professional and ethical behavior. CM56 also provides procedures for addressing issues that arise where these expectations are not met.

Students are responsible for complying with all policies/procedures, rules and regulations and other information published by the LSUHSC. In addition, students are expected to abide by all federal, state and local laws. As outlined in the LSUHSC Code of Conduct, faculty and students alike must agree to the following expectations:

- Exhibit the highest standard of personal, academic professional and ethical behavior.
- Treat faculty, staff, peers, clients, patients, and others with dignity and respect.
- Perform professional duties as best as possible.

New students are required to sign the School of Public Health Code of Conduct in which students promise to abide by Chancellor's Memorandum 56 and the School’s Professional, Academic and Technical Standards laid out on the following pages of this handbook.

The School of Public Health’s professional standards include the mandate that each student must:

1. Demonstrate respect for all people, inclusive of all ethnic backgrounds, religions, ages, sexual orientations, and gender.
2. Acknowledge and accept constructive criticism.
3. Deal responsibly and civilly with conflict.

Only after attempts to resolve matters at the individual level have failed, reports of failure to adhere to the professional codes of conduct (considered types of professional misconduct) are submitted to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (ADAA) who will then review the accuracy and nature of the charge. The ADAA shall then take one of the following actions: dismiss the complaint; or propose an administrative decision with sanctions that may include counseling, referral to the Campus Assistance Program, formal censure, temporary

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separation or permanent dismissal from the School of Public Health. The student may either accept the administrative decision which closes the case or he/she may appeal. Appeals are taken to the LSU Health Sciences Center Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs who may refer the appeal to the Grievance Committee. The Vice Chancellor and the Committee have the same sanctions at their disposal.

**ILLICIT DRUG POLICY**

The unlawful possession, use, manufacture, distribution or dispensation of illicit drugs or unsanctioned use of alcohol on LSUHSC property, in the workplace/school of any employee or student of LSUHSC, or as any part of any functions or activities by any employee or student of LSUHSC is prohibited.

Violations of the [LSUHSC Code of Conduct](#) will result in disciplinary action. Depending upon the nature of the offense, disciplinary action can take the form of written reprimand, suspension, or termination of the individual's association with LSUHSC and referral for prosecution by civil authorities in accordance with local, state, and federal law.

**ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

All students must maintain a cumulative GPA (CGPA) of 3.0 or higher to be considered in good standing and permitted to graduate.

The School of Public Health requires a grade of C or higher in all course work. If the student earns a lower grade, the student must repeat the course and achieve a grade of C or higher.

If a student's cumulative grade point average CGPA falls below 3.0, he/she will be placed on academic probation. The probationary period is one semester during which time the student must return to good standing by raising his/her CGPA to a 3.0. It is recommended that the student develop a plan with the academic advisor to raise their CGPA. If the student does not raise the CGPA, he/she will be subject to dismissal at the discretion of the Program and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Probationary status is not recorded on a student's transcript or elsewhere in the student's permanent academic record.

**GRADING SYSTEM**

The School of Public Health uses a letter grading system. Letter grades are assigned numerical values called Quality Points based on semester hour. These Quality Points are used to compute the student's Grade Point Average (GPA). A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1; F=0; I (incomplete) = 0.

No letter grades are given for the Practice Experience; students receive a Pass/Fail which is not included in the calculation of the student's Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). Letter grades are also not given for the thesis (MS) or dissertation (PhD) requirements, so these courses are not included in the CGPA.

**INCOMPLETE GRADES**

Class work of passing quality, but because of circumstances beyond the student's control, is not complete, may be marked "I" for incomplete. If an excuse is not received, the instructor is to consider that the incomplete work is of failing quality and an F grade is to be given. It is the student's responsibility to seek approval from the instructor. A grade of "I" will be converted to "F", unless it is removed prior to the deadline for adding courses for credit in the subsequent semester as published in the School calendar. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may authorize an extension of time for removing the grade.
GRADE APPEALS

If a student receives a grade which he or she feels is unwarranted, the student may appeal this grade. It is the intention of the school administration and faculty that grade appeals are resolved quickly and fairly at the lowest level of the process.

1. The student must first meet with the course director and discuss the basis for appealing the grade within three working days of receiving the grade.

2. If dissatisfied with the results of this meeting, the student may submit a formal written appeal of the grade no later than five working days of the discussion with the course director. This written appeal is sent to the course director and academic program director.

3. Within five working days from receiving the student’s appeal, the course director and academic program director must examine the appeal, discuss it with the student and respond with a written decision regarding the appeal. If dissatisfied with these results, the student may submit a final formal written appeal of the grade to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within five working days of the course director and academic program director’s decision. The document must include the basis for appealing the grade.

4. Within ten working days of receiving the appeal, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will appoint an ad hoc committee of five including two students and three faculty members, none of which will be members of the academic program to evaluate the merits of the appeal. The committee must review the appeal and advise the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of their recommendation in writing within five working days of the appointment of the committee.

5. Within five working days, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will review the findings of the Committee and render a decision. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will forward the decision to the Dean as the final step of due process in the School.

COURSE EVALUATIONS

Course evaluations are distributed in each course. Students are actively encouraged to submit these anonymous evaluations, since they are effective in measuring the curriculum, instruction and learning environment.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL FOR UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

If the faculty of the academic program deems, by majority vote, that a student should be dismissed because of academic failure, it submits this recommendation to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who will:

1. Uphold the dismissal; or
2. Due to extenuating circumstances, refer the matter back to the academic program to reassess the student’s record.

If dismissed from the school, a student has the right to appeal the decision of the Associate Dean in writing within 15 calendar days of the notification of dismissal. The Associate Dean may proceed in one of two ways:

a. If additional information is presented which may alter the decision to dismiss, the Associate Dean may reconvene the same academic program to review the new information and its bearing on the case. The student may be represented by a faculty advocate who will support his or her case. At the end of the meeting, the faculty makes a recommendation to the Associate Dean for a final decision.

b. The Associate Dean may appoint an ad hoc committee comprised of three faculty members: one chosen by the Associate Dean; one chosen by the student; and one chosen by the first two faculty members. The student is given the opportunity to present his or her case to the committee. The committee reviews and evaluates the facts of the case and makes a recommendation to the Associate Dean to uphold or rescind the dismissal.

The Associate Dean then forwards the recommendation regarding the student’s dismissal to the Dean as the final step of due process in the School of Public Health.
GRIEVANCE

The Grievance Committee is under Faculty Assembly and is composed of five faculty members (elected and appointed). Two students (elected by the student body) serve on the committee when matters of student grievances are being considered. All grievance procedures shall be conducted in accordance with School of Public Health policies and procedures.

Any committee member believing it to be inappropriate for him/herself to hear and vote on a particular case due to a perceived conflict of interest shall recuse him/herself prior to the formal hearing. A minimum of four committee members must be present at each session. When additional faculty or students are needed to address any issue brought before the Grievance Committee, the Dean shall appoint replacements. In the instance of parts of terms left vacant, the Dean shall appoint interim replacements.

Matters are referred to the Grievance Committee only when attempts to resolve them at an individual level have failed. Generally, grievances include those between members of the SPH faculty and/or students and not outside parties. Such matters include academic misconduct, professional misconduct, and other types of grievances. Grievances referred to the Grievance Committee do not include grade appeals.

The committee functions in the following manner:

- Determine whether the issue brought forth merits review by the Grievance Committee.
- Conduct hearings on unresolved complaints involving faculty work situations or student academic and professional situations that assert that: a policy, rule, or regulation has been violated or applied improperly (see professional standards and CM56 above and student academic misconduct below); no policy, rule, or regulation exists where one should; or there has been unfair or inequitable treatment.
- Conduct any independent investigation necessary including calling witnesses.
- Render a written report to the ADAA (professional misconduct or academic misconduct) or to the Dean (other types of grievances) on each case.

STUDENT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The faculty and administration in the School of Public Health are committed to maintaining the integrity of its academic requirements and procedures and fostering an environment of honest intellectual inquiry. This policy establishes the School’s definition of student misconduct, provides examples of the categories of unacceptable misconduct, describes the procedures to be followed in suspected cases and outlines the penalties which may be appropriate in proven cases.

A student who in any manner engages or assists in any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to the following, is guilty of academic misconduct and shall be subject to discipline.

- **Plagiarism** - directly copying from a written or pictorial material, without crediting the source or paraphrasing someone else’s work, without crediting the source;

- **Cheating** – using or attempting to use another person’s exam or quiz answers, material or information without the expressed permission of the instructor;

- **Fabrication** – presenting, as genuine, any invented or falsified citation, credential, record or material;

- **Academic theft or forgery** – obtaining examinations, quizzes, or other academic materials without authorization;
Resubmission of work – resubmission of work (the same paper or assignment) that was created for another course constitutes academic misconduct, unless,

- the course director expressly agrees to accept the same work from a previous semester, or
- the course directors expressly agrees to accept the same work submitted in their respective courses during the same semester

If the student submits new work built substantially upon work previously conducted for another course, the student must cite the previous work in the submission (course name, course director, title of previously submitted work and date of previous submission);

Bribery – offering, giving, receiving or soliciting anything of value to influence a grade or other academic evaluation;

Unfair/disruptive conduct - deliberately hindering the education of other students;

Facilitating academic dishonesty – knowingly contributing to another's violation of the school's policies on academic misconduct or planning with others to commit academic misconduct.

Any questions regarding these definitions or clarification of the terminology used in the section above should be directed to the course instructor to whom the work is being submitted. Questions regarding material submitted outside of a specific course (i.e. journal article, poster, abstract) should be submitted to the student’s advisor or the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

A. Procedures for addressing alleged misconduct

Any student or faculty member may initiate an action charging a student with academic misconduct by filing a written, signed complaint with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (ADAA) (See CM-56). The ADAA shall inform the Dean and the chair of the Committee that a complaint has been made and give the chair copies of the complaint and any materials accompanying it or relevant to it.

The ADAA shall investigate the complaint and recommend on further action. The ADAA's investigation may entail reviewing the complaint and any documentation accompanying it and interviewing the complainant, the charged student, the course instructor, or any other person the ADAA deems relevant to the complaint. In this investigation, the ADAA shall not disclose the existence of the complaint or the identities of any person relevant to the complaint unnecessarily.

After completing this investigation, the ADAA shall inform the Dean and the Committee chair of the results of the investigation and of the recommended action. The Dean shall then take one of the following actions:

1. Dismiss the complaint.
2. Propose an administrative decision with sanctions (see Possible Sanctions below). Within one working day, the charged student may accept or may not accept the proposed administrative decision. The student and the ADAA sign a statement documenting the student's decision.

   If the student accepts, the ADAA reports the administrative decision and the student's response to the Dean and GC chair, and the case is closed.

   If the student rejects, the ADAA calls for proceedings before the Grievance Committee

These proceedings - the ADAA's investigation, the communication with the GC chair, and the action by the ADAA - must be completed within four working days of the day the ADAA receives the complaint.

Within four working days, the Committee will be convened and at this time the complaint will be read, relevant information will be presented, and the Committee will deliberate and reach a decision by a simple majority. Relevant information includes the presentation of all evidence and testimony. The Committee shall subsequently deliberate privately and determine its finding.
The Grievance Committee must submit the finding to the Dean within two working days of the decision. The finding must be a written statement including the guilty status; the recommended sanction of the Committee based on the gravity of the misconduct; and a transcript of the notes of the proceedings. A second copy of the finding is provided to the accused student. If the Committee finds that the charged student has not committed academic misconduct, then the case is closed.

Notes and any other records/documentation of the proceedings shall be sealed. Furthermore, all persons and only those persons cognizant of the complaint and the ensuing proceedings shall be informed of this disposition.

Prior to the Grievance Committee meeting, the student shall be given a list of the Committee members to allow the student the opportunity to challenge a committee member for conflict of interest. The chair of the committee shall make the decision regarding this. The ADAA shall review the decision and either uphold the decision or appoint a substituted committee member within five working days. Conflicts of interest may include the following:

- a personal relationship, i.e. family or friendship, between the accused and a hearing committee member;
- an advisor/student relationship between the accused and a hearing committee member; and
- a professional or business relationship between the accused or a member of the accused family and a committee member or a member of the committee family.

A Grievance Committee member may recuse her/himself from a hearing panel if she/he believes that it is in the best interest of any party in the matter. Should a committee member recuse her/himself, another committee member will be appointed from the faculty or student body respectively as needed.

If the student is dissatisfied with the Committee's decision, the student must submit a written request for review of the decision to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (ADAA) within three working days of receiving the decision.

B. Possible Sanctions

A student found in violation of the acceptable standards of student conduct may receive a consequence of censure, separation or expulsion.

- **Censure**
  Censure is a written statement reprimanding a student for violating school regulations and stating that another offense will result in more serious action. The censure will state the violation, the persons involved, and will be dated. A copy will be placed in the student’s official school file and an electronic copy in the office of academic affairs, but not noted on the student’s transcript. Upon graduation from the student’s current degree program, both copies are to be permanently removed. An email will be sent directing parties involved in censure to remove and destroy their records. Censure may be recommended only for minor, first-time infractions.

- **Separation**
  Separation is suspension from enrollment with a date established for applying for readmission to the SPH. The period of separation shall be for at least two semesters. After the period of separation, if the student wishes to return, the student must apply for readmission to the LSUHSC School of Public Health. Separation may be issued for first-time infractions that are not minor. A permanent notation of involuntary suspension shall be made on the student’s transcript.

- **Expulsion**
  Expulsion is the termination of the student for an indefinite period, intended to be permanent. Expulsion is recommended for a second infraction; and may be recommended for a first infraction depending on the nature of the infraction. A notation of expulsion for student misconduct shall be made on the student’s transcript. Such notation shall be permanent.

Should a recommendation of either “separation” or “expulsion” be issued, the director for the course in which the infraction occurred has the authority to assign the student a grade of “F” for the course, or if a grade has already been assigned, to change it to “F”.
C. Appeals

An accepted administrative decision by the ADAA and student may not be appealed. The GC finding and/or recommended sanction may be appealed by the student to the ADAA on grounds of procedural shortcomings within four working days of the issuance of the decision. On such an appeal, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may either deny the appeal or require that the case be heard by another hearing panel convened by the Vice Chancellor under CM56.

D. Reporting Requirements

All meeting proceedings, correspondence, etc. will be scanned and archived in an electronic folder for the Office of Academic Affairs. The virtual files/folders will be organized by academic year and case name. All such electronic documentation noted above will be protected by the most recent LSUHSC security protocols.

All faculty, staff, and students involved in a misconduct investigation shall keep the identity of the accused individual/s, witnesses or other people involved as well as the content of any hearing strictly confidential except as required by law or as is necessary to protect the integrity of the school and its employees. Failure to respect the confidentiality of persons or the proceedings shall be grounds for disciplinary actions based on LSU Health Sciences Center policies.

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Requirements for All Students in the LSUHSC School of Public Health

The LSUHSC SPH requires that all of its students own computers that have the following specifications:

- PC-based laptop/workstation that can run Windows 7 or higher
- AMD/Intel processor at least an i5 or better
- Minimum 8 GB of RAM, more is better
- At least a 160 GB hard drive
- Wireless capability

Programs such as SAS and ArcGIS, which only run on the Windows OS, not on the Mac OS, are generally needed by Biostatistics students. If students prefer a MAC, they will need to install Boot Camp and Windows 7 or Windows 10 on their system.

Students who do not possess their own computer may seek a reimbursement up to $1400 of the purchase price from financial aid funding when the student is entering the program in his/her first semester. If the computer meets the specifications listed above, the student seeking reimbursement must present the receipt for the computer purchase to a School of Public Health IT staff member to initial, certifying the purchase. The students may then take the initialed receipt to the LSUHSC Student Financial Aid Office to request reimbursement.

Computer Labs

The LSUHSC School of Public Health second-floor computer lab is available for students to use for school work when it is not scheduled for classes. Plan your computer use in the lab around those courses (Open 6am to 12:15am). There are two additional computers for students in the 3rd floor Student Lounge.

Students can also find computers in the John P. Ische Library in the Resource Building. Since this computer lab is available to all LSUHSC students, computers are not always immediately available so there may be a wait time.

Refer to CM-42 with regards to the LSUHSC internet restrictions.
IT Support
Email: Public Health IT Support
Location: Room 335 and Room 305

Public Health IT Support provides assistance with the following resources and services:

- Resetting passwords
- Webmail
- Outlook
- Wi-Fi access
- Moodle
- MediaSite
- Remote access from off campus
- Emergency access
- Internet usage

Personal network drive - “O:” drive
Student network drive – “S” drive

It can be accessed from any computer on campus. Alternatively, you can set it up to be accessed remotely from your personal computer. You can find the drive under the “Computer” file on any computer’s desktop or Start menu. The drive is titled after your @lsuhsc.edu email address along with the letter “O.” This drive is a personal storage space for you to use and keep any computer files you might need, create, or document. It is recommended that you save anything important to the O: drive and not to the computer you are using. Every night the computers are shutoff and wiped clean in order to maintain computer security. So if you save something to a particular computer’s hard drive it will be deleted at 12:15am that evening unless you save it to your personal O: drive.
RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

By the end of the student’s first semester, students are required to successfully complete the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Training and the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI). Students will not be allowed to register for the next semester without successful completion of both trainings.

HIPAA Compliance Training
The LSUHSC Office of Compliance notifies currently enrolled students via e-mail of online training required for all students. All students are required to complete the HIPAA Privacy Training and HIPAA Security Training. Upon successful completion of the HIPAA Compliance Training, students must print the completion certificates for these two trainings, and submit directly to the SPH Office of Admissions and Student Affairs.

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)
All students are required to complete the Biomedical Research and the Social & Behavioral Research modules. Upon successful completion of the training, students must email their certificate of completion to the SPH Office of Academic Affairs. Individuals must complete the online refresher training course every three years.

Research Review Process
All research involving human subjects and/or human subject data may require review and be approved by the LSUHSC Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to implementation of the project. All students must first consult with the Office of Research for Public Health (ORPH) to review the research plan and determine the appropriate action regarding the need for IRB approval. That decision will frequently result in the need for the student to complete an IRB application. All student-conducted research must be supervised and submitted to the IRB office by the student’s faculty advisor. The Associate Dean for Research at the School of Public Health, in conjunction with the IRB Chair or his designee, determines whether the study needs IRB review, not by the student or his/her advisor.

For questions regarding Research or Institutional Review Board (IRB), students are encouraged to consult with the Office of Research for Public Health (ORPH).
The LSUHSC Travel Department audits travel expense vouchers for compliance with state and university regulations, to provide timely and accurate reimbursement of travel expenses to students, employees and non-employees traveling on official University business, and to provide education and training to LSUHSC employees on the travel regulations imposed by the University.

The student should consult and use the LSUHSC Travel Guide for details before planning any travel and submitting requests for reimbursements.

The LSUHSC Student Financial Aid Office offers assistance to students through federal long-term loan programs. Repayment of these loans is deferred as long as the borrower is enrolled for at least a half-time course load. Depending on funds available, assistantships and fellowships are sometimes available. Please visit the program-specific webpage or contact the Program Director for more information about these opportunities. Students are required to notify the Student Financial Aid Office promptly of any aid received from outside sources.

Location:
LSUHSC Administrative and Resource Building
433 Bolivar Street, Room 215
Phone: 504.568.4820

Checks may be cashed at the Bursar’s Office but may not exceed $25.00. No two-party checks will be cashed for any amount. Students make tuition payment and student loans checks are distributed from this location.

LSUHSC Pay Paw Services
The Pay Paw system allows faculty, staff, and students to buy a variety of goods and services on campus with the use of your ID card. Pay Paw can be used for the following services:

- Vending machines at most locations
- Food services in the MEB
- MEB Atrium Coffee Kiosk
- Downtown and School of Dentistry bookstores
- Copy and printing resources at various campus locations

In order to activate your Pay Paw account, you must visit the bookstore (Administration Resources Building, 2nd floor). After you sign the detailed account agreement, your ID will be activated and you can begin depositing funds into your account. Your Pay Paw account number can be found on your ID card, beginning with the campus code number 444 followed by your official 7 digit LSUHSC ID number. There are three ways you can deposit money into your PayPaw account:

1. At the LSUHSC Bookstore
2. Online at www.auxent.lsuhsc.edu/paypaw with a credit/debit card
3. At a Value Transfer Station (library, 3rd floor, or School of Nursing/Allied Health, 3rd floor atrium, behind the coffee kiosk.)
Students are inducted at the annual School of Public Health Pre-Commencement Award Ceremony each spring. The chapter may elect new members from four groups according to national standards:

- **Students** must be a candidate for a graduate degree in public health. Only 10% of the graduating class may be selected and must fall in the upper 25% academically of the class (across the academic year from the previous summer through the current spring semester).
- **Faculty members** at the school of public health: Either five members or 3% of the full-time faculty, whichever is less.
- **Alumni** actively engaged in the practice of public health and serve a model for future graduates of the school.
- **Honorary members** possessing exceptional qualifications: This membership shall be limited to one every year conferred only upon persons possessing exceptional qualifications, who have attained meritorious distinction in the field of public health.

Selection is based on outstanding performance—student scholarship, faculty in teaching and research, and alumni in public health practice. Election to membership in Delta Omega is intended, not only to recognize merit, but also to encourage further excellence in, and devotion to, public health work.

Membership in Delta Omega reflects the dedication of an individual to quality in the field of public health and to protection and advancement of the health of all people.

Election from all four groups is based on outstanding performance-scholarship in students, teaching and research in faculty members, and community service in alumni.

Each year, our chapter sponsors an Honors Day for students to prepare posters and/or oral presentation on a public health topic of importance. In addition, the chapter recognizes outstanding dissertations by our doctoral students (see below).

**DISSERTATION AWARD**

The Delta Omega Distinguished Dissertation Award is given at least biennially to one doctoral level graduate to recognize excellence in research and overall contribution to the field of public health. The winner will be selected by a committee appointed by the active membership of the Alpha Psi chapter of Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health and recognized at the spring School of Public Health Awards Ceremony.

**CHANCELLOR’S AWARD**

Based upon his/her academic excellence, contribution and leadership ability and commitment to the field of public health, a graduate is recognized at the spring School of Public Health Awards Ceremony.

**DEAN’S AWARD**

Based upon his/her contribution to the School of Public Health, promoting the school in the community, and academic achievement, a graduate is recognized at the spring School of Public Health Awards Ceremony.

**ELIZABETH T.H. FONTHAM AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Fontham Award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in community service outside of the classroom to an MPH, MS or PhD student who demonstrates the highest level of commitment and success in working with community members and organizations/systems that serve them. The student’s service must take place during time enrolled at the School of Public Health. Students can self-nominate or be nominated by...
another student, faculty or staff member, or by a community organization or member. A graduate is recognized at the spring School of Public Health Commencement Awards Ceremony

COMMENCEMENT GONFALONIERE

Each school of the LSU Health Sciences Center selects a graduating student to lead their school's degree candidates at spring Commencement. This student is called the gonfaloniere because he/she carries the school's gonfalon, a banner that hangs down from a crosspiece and bears that school's name and symbol. The tradition is rooted in a prestigious post, the gonfaloniere, in Italian Medieval and Renaissance communities. The School of Public Health gonfaloniere is selected based upon outstanding achievement in leadership and service at the university.

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CAREER SERVICES

Students receive information and assistance on numerous career development topics: career advice, job search mechanisms, announcements regarding student jobs, student research opportunities, volunteer opportunities, internships and fellowships, as well as career jobs. Students are provided with resources for resume and cover letter, the interview and appropriate professional behavior. With the necessary information, students become well-prepared, confident, and competitive during the job search, ready to make wise and realistic career decisions.

FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

AIDS United Pedro Zamora Fellowship
Alliance for Health
American Public Health Association (APHA) internships
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health Fellowships and Internships
Carter Center
CDC Collegiate Leaders in Environmental Health Internship
CDC Opportunities for Students and College Graduates
Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)
Children's Defense Fund
Clinton Foundation
Congressional Hunger Center: Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program
Congressional Hunger Center: Leland International Hunger Fellows Program
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Administrative Fellowship
Drexel University School of Public Health Opening Doors Program
National Center for Environmental Health/CDC Summer Internship
National Institutes of Health, NIH
National Research Center for Women & Families
Ochsner Health System Administrative Fellowship Program
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center
Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE) Student Awards/Fellowships
Stuart A. Wesbury, Jr. Postgraduate Fellowship (American College of Healthcare Executives – ACHE)
US AID Internships
US Department of Energy Mickey Leland Energy Fellowship (MLEF)
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) STAR Fellowship Program
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Network for Environmental Management Studies (NNEMS)
World Health Organization Fellowship Programme
U.S. Schweitzer Fellows Program

Search through the many public health jobs and opportunities across the country and abroad currently being offered on a number of job boards.

American Public Health Association (APHA) Public Health CareerMart
Best Places to Work in the Federal Government 2014 Rankings
Idealist
Indeed
Network after Work
PublicHealthJobs.net
Simply Hired
Using LinkedIn

PUBLIC HEALTH JOB BOARDS

Academic Careers Online
Association for Women's Rights in Development Job Board
Foreign Policy Association Jobs Board
Glassdoor
Foreign Policy Association Jobs Board
Global Health Career Network
Global Health Council
International Development Jobs and Consulting Opportunities
Monster
Public Health Employment Connection
Public Health Jobs
ReliefWeb
Riley Guide
UNJobs

FIELD-SPECIFIC JOB HUNTING WEBSITES

BEHAVIORAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES
Jobs in Dietetics
Nutrition Jobs

BIOSTATISTICS
Biospace Careers Online
Careers in Biostatistics
Health Informatics Jobs, Healthcare IT Jobs, Biotechnology Jobs
Medzilla
http://jobs.biohealthmatics.com/

EPIDEMIOLOGY
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Employment Opportunities

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES
Environmental Career Center

GENERAL RESOURCES
Cover Letter
LSU Olinde Career Center
Purdue’s OWL

Resume Writing
LSU Olinde Career Center
Purdue’s OWL

References
LSU Olinde Career Center
Purdue’s OWL

Follow-up Letter
LSU Olinde Career Center
Purdue’s OWL

Faculty members assist students with networking introductions, letters of recommendation, and involvement in research, with the hope of future publications, posters and oral presentations.
CERTIFICATIONS

Comprehensive Public Health
Public Health Certificate Exam

Behavioral and Community Health Sciences
Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)
Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES)

Health Policy and Systems Management
ASQ Certifications (formerly American Society for Quality and American Society for Quality Control)
• ASQ Certified Sixth Sigma Black Belt
• ASQ Certified Six Sigma Yellow Belt

Project Management Institute (PMI)
• Project Management Program
• Local Chapter Meetings

Applied Industrial Hygiene Association – Deep South Section

Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Louisiana-Recognized Asbestos Training Providers

Louisiana-Recognized Lead Training Providers

Transportation Security Administration: Transportation Worker Identification Card
(needed for refinery work)

Gulf Coast Safety Council (OSHA Training)
MAP OF LSUHSC-NO BUILDING LOCATIONS

[ 5 ] LA Cancer Research Center (under construction)  [16] University Hospital Office Building
[ 8 ] LSU Schools of Nursing & Allied Health  [19] VA Medical Center
[ 9 ] LSU Medical Education Building  [20] Medical Center of Louisiana (not currently in use)
STUDENT LIFE

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Students are strongly encouraged to become involved in one or more professional organizations. Members enjoy a wealth of benefits and resources, including information on latest trends, research, legislation, advocacy and policy issues through multiple print and online publications, expert commentaries and many networking opportunities. Since many organizations publish professional journals, members receive subscriptions to the latest published research in the field. Professional organizations also host conferences and meetings with opportunities for oral presentations and poster sessions.

Reduced membership rates for students are common. Look into one or more of the professional organizations below, and consult with your advisor to find the right match for you.

http://www.digitalsmarttools.com/eEpiMon/Links_to_Associations_Professional_Organizations_Vital_to_Epi_Community.htm

AcademyHealth
Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA)
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)
American College of Epidemiology
American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
Applied Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) – Deep South Section
American Public Health Association (APHA) – for all public health disciplines
American Psychological Association (APA)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
American Statistical Association (ASA)
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)
Federation of European National Statistical Societies (FENStatS)
Healthcare Information and Management Systems (HIMSS)
Institute of Mathematical Statistical Statistics (IMS)
International Biometric Society (ENAR)
International Statistical Institute (ISI)
Royal Statistical Society (RSS)
Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)
Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry (PSI)
Society for Behavioral Medicine
Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)
Statistical Society of Canada (SSC)
LSUHSC STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES

INTERPROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (IPSA)

STUDENT MENTORS ADVISING REAL TIME CHOICES ABOUT FOOD & EATING (SMART CAFE)
Decrease childhood obesity and adult cardiovascular disease by increasing healthy food and decreasing junk food consumption among K-2 graders

NEW ORLEANS ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH (NOARPH)
Teach sex education to high school students with students from the other LSUHSC schools.

LSUHSC- NEW ORLEANS SCHOOL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
Contacts:
Fern Tsien, PhD
School of Graduate Studies/School of Medicine
Phone: 504.568.2080

Martha Cuccia, MPH
School of Public Health
Phone: 504.568.5789

LGBT & ALLY ORGANIZATION FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES (LOCUS)
Foster an environment that supports LGBT individuals at LSUHSC, with strict confidence, and provides them with a safe place in which to grow as healthcare professionals
Contact: Mirandy Li
Faculty Advisor: Andrew Hollenbach, PhD

STUDENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

RAISED ROOT STUDENT GARDEN

STUDENTS’ ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH (SOAR)
SOAR is a student-faculty matching initiative to provide research opportunities for public health students.
Contact: Michelle Lawrence
Faculty Advisor: Edward Trapido, PhD, Associate Dean for Research

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA)
All students participate in the Student Government Association (SGA) whose mission/purpose is to develop and further academic achievement; to maintain a high standard of ethics; to ensure consistency and cohesion in the regulation of the student body; to promote understanding among students, faculty, administration and alumni; to coordinate student activities of the SPH and to guide all current and future students in the tradition of excellence in scholarship and public service.

The Association provides a forum for student expression within and through an organized body, and it elects student representatives for many of SPH’s Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, thereby formally assuring the voice of students is heard in major school decisions.

SGA is involved in a variety of activities around SPH, the LSUHSC campus, and the community of Greater New Orleans. It serves as a common meeting ground for students across programs and class years through volunteer opportunities, networking initiatives, social events, and intramural sports. The SGA actively promotes participation in community service activities. It has developed an electronic newsletter through which it communicates volunteer opportunities and school activities. It coordinates intramural sports, sponsors a “Mentor Match-Up” each year for students and faculty interested in research. The SGA has developed several new initiatives including an international student committee to welcome new international students and help them transition successfully to a new culture.

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The SGA holds monthly meetings during the fall and spring semesters at a time when no classes are scheduled, and all students are invited and expected to attend. Additionally, weekly e-letters report on upcoming events, opportunities, and other students’ accomplishments. SGA plans and sponsors a number of social and professional events, such as parties at the beginning and end of the year, Mentor Matchup, community outreach.

At the beginning of each fall, students elect/select representatives for the following Faculty Assembly committees. Student members of these committees have the same voting rights as all other members.

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**
To plan, review and monitor academic programs to ensure consistency with the philosophy and mission of the LSUHSC SPH and the LSUHSC and in accordance with the criteria of the Council on Education for Public Health; to provide educational oversight and strategic policy recommendations for the development of instructional courses and programs offered by the school; and to coordinate curricula among SPH and partner institutions (e.g. LSUHSC School of Graduate Studies).

2017-2018 Student Representatives
John Person  
Skyllar Trusty  
Kiva Fisher

**FACULTY AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**
To provide formal recommendations to the Dean on unresolved matters of grievance; to represent the School faculty position on unresolved matters of grievance;

Two students elected by the student body serve on the committee only when matters of student grievances are being considered.

2017-2018 Student Representatives
Zaida Salame  
Hollie, Shay

**SPH EVALUATION COMMITTEE**
Participate in school assessment efforts including student exit surveys, alumni surveys, employer/agency surveys, and focus groups which relate to the school’s mission, goals and objectives.

2017-2018 Student Representatives
Ondrej Blaha  
Carolin e Gilchrist

**SPH DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**
Promote and develop a culture of collaboration and a climate of inclusion without regard for race, color, gender, age, national origin, handicap, veteran status, or any non-merit factor.

2017-2017 Student Representatives
Quanita Kendrick  
Yasmin Davis

**SPH RESEARCH COMMITTEE**
To assist the School in achieving its research goals by developing and reviewing SPH policies related to research; assisting with their implementation; discussing interprogrammatic research; providing a forum for discussion of research resources; and review of proposals upon request.
2017-2018 Student Representatives
Ondrej Blaha  
Helen Lindau  
Taylor Mathis  
Jacobi Owens  
Catherine Callen  
Lara Berghammer  
Hayley Capello

SPH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE
To assess and direct efforts to meet the School’s current IT infrastructure needs, including website design and applications; to evaluate and assess asynchronous and synchronous lecture capture technology to ensure adequate infrastructure exists to support distance learning initiatives and plans; identify and evaluate emerging technologies that support the School’s current and future operational plans and goals; and to coordinate all plans with HSC central administration IT to ensure the School’s initiatives are aligned with HSC initiatives and are mutually supporting.

Representatives from faculty, staff, students, and IT support personnel who are knowledgeable about information technology issues, School plans and goals, and needs of all users.

2017-2018 Student Representatives
Jacobi Owens  
Amy Hendrix
I. JOHN P. ISCHE LIBRARY

Location: Administration, Library, & Resource Center
433 Bolivar Street, 3rd and 4th Floor
Contact Carolyn Bridgewater
Phone: 504.568.6102

II. BOOKSTORE

The LSUHSC Bookstore, sells required and suggested text books. A variety of other items, including software programs, reference and leisure books, apparel, supplies, etc., are also available. Special book orders may also be made.

Location: Administration, Library, & Resource Center
(433 Bolivar Street) 2nd floor
Phone: 504.568.2504

Amazon, ABEBooks, etc sell textbooks, often at a lower price. Amazon also provides students with a discount on their Prime services when you sign up with your .edu web address.

III. BUSINESS OFFICE

The LSUHSC Business Office receives tuition payments and distributes student loans checks. It is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

IV. VETERANS

Benefits under the GI bill may be available to veterans attending LSUHSC on a full-time basis.
Registrar's Office
Resource Center, 4th floor

New Orleans VA Regional Office
701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, La. 70112
Phone: 504.561.0121

V. CAMPUS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Opening an account gives you access to free checking at a very convenient location. Members qualify for ATM cards, VISA or MasterCard, the Campus Choice ATM/VISA, and perform transactions over the telephone. Services include loans and saving options. Campus Federal is also very involved in the USAF Student Loan Program and in the Guaranteed Student Loans Program.

Office: 2200 Tulane Avenue (corner of S. Galvez)
ATMs: LSUHSC Administrative and Resource Building 433 Bolivar Street, 2nd floor

Campus Federal has offices in Shreveport and Baton Rouge, as well as in New Orleans.
VI. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As a student, it is favorable to gain as much experience in public health as possible. Volunteering is a vital component of the SPH Community and having students involved in the community is an integral part of the SPH. All LSUHSC students are encouraged to become invested in the New Orleans community through volunteer activities. Emails frequently are sent by the Student Government Association, the Office of Practice and Community Engagement, and the Office of Academic Affairs about upcoming volunteer events. In addition, individuals can reference HandsOn New Orleans! to identify additional opportunities to fit your schedule and interests.

Whether you want to give back, learn a new skill, apply your public health knowledge, connect with public health professionals or get to know the city better and meet other New Orleanians, volunteering is great!

VIII. BUILDING ACCESS AND SECURITY

Students should carry their LSUHSC ID at all times. IDs permit students access to all of the LSU Health Sciences Center buildings. Buildings can be accessed 24 hours a day. Most buildings allow access through the first floor. All you need to do is swipe your school ID. Because of this, it is important to always have your ID on you. If you forget to bring your ID one day, don't fret. The Allied Health Building is open to the public during normal business hours. Additionally, there are call buttons at most of the entrances for you to speak directly with Campus Police. Campus Police also monitor and patrol the buildings all day. However, you should always be responsible for your safety. Use the walkway when you can. Try and travel with a buddy or in a group during nighttime. Also, be aware of your surroundings on and around campus. If you see anything suspicious, please report it to Campus Police.

Students should observe safety precautions at all times. Park in the student parking lot, and when possible, travel in pairs or groups.

University Police Officer Escort: 504.568.8999 (available after dark to cars)

IX. CAMPUS PARKING

Secure, gated parking is available to all LSUHSC students. Parking tag and gate card are available for purchase during Orientation. Parking Lots 1, 2, 3 and the Perdido Street Lot can be accessed by the student parking tag and gate card. Students living on campus can request Residence Hall Parking. On occasions (Saints games another other big events at the Superdome) Student Lots 2 and 3 may be closed to students. Notification of closures is done via email beforehand so students can plan ahead. For current parking info, following parking on Twitter @LSUHSCN_Parking.

X. HOUSING

On-Campus Housing
You should apply once accepted into the LSUHSC School of Public Health if you would like to live on campus, you should apply for on-campus housing immediately.
Elevated covered crosswalks keep students in close proximity to classrooms and labs.
The University reserves the right to terminate a rental or remove a tenant from occupancy at any time.

Off-Campus Housing
Search Sites
Craigslist
PadMapper

Nearby Complexes
Marquis
Falstaff

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Considerations

- Safety. It is important that you stay where you feel you are most comfortable.
- See the property before committing to a lease.

Temporary Lodging (a few blocks from campus)
The Jung
Hyatt Regency

XI. STUDY LOCATIONS

ON CAMPUS STUDY LOCATIONS

Room 304: This room is located on the 3rd floor in the Lions building (our school!) and provides cubicles for a cozy study environment, as well as a dry erase board with markers. There is also a printer located in this room that allows you to send documents and use your Pay Paw account on your ID card to print.

Dr. Charles Brown Library: The SPH has its own library located on the 3rd floor filled with stacks of public health related books. It is a very quiet environment for those in need of silence to concentrate. It also serves as a great power napping spot.

Cafeteria: This is a good place to study after the lunch crowd passes through. It is available on weekends and at night as well.

The Atrium: A good place to study later in the day/evening when not a lot of people are around. This is a central meeting hub for all of the Health Sciences Schools as well as the location to get coffee. It provides many areas to sit down but is mainly a hangout area during the day so be prepared to handle the noise.

The LSUHSC Library: A very popular place to study and ensures quiet. You can also ask a librarian for free earplugs! The library offers many places to study on each floor, as well as study rooms.

The Library Commons: This is the area located in front of the library. Being so close to the library, the commons is usually a lot quieter than the atrium but is still a good place for group studying that might be a little too noisy for the library itself. The commons is available 24/7.

OFF CAMPUS STUDY LOCATIONS

Coffee Houses: Many of the city’s coffee houses can be great places to study when you need a change of scenery and a shot of caffeine. There are plenty of well-known and “mom and pop” coffee shops located throughout the city.

Dillard University Library
Tulane University Library
Loyola University Library
Loyola University Law Library
New Orleans Public Library
Xavier University Library

XII. DISCOUNTS

As an LSUHSC-NO student, you will have access to the following discounts. http://www.lsuhsc.edu/discounts/
XIII. EMERGENCIES
In the event of an emergency situation, LSUHSC Emergency Alert System sends out information via texts and emails. You can register to receive alerts.

**Hurricane Season/Hurricane Preparedness**
WWL Radio 105.3 FM & 870 AM
WDSU-TV Channel 6
National Weather Service @.
Governor’s Office of Homeland Security
Twitter
WDSU Chief Meteorologist Margaret Orr @MargaretOrr
National Weather Service’s New Orleans Office @NWSNewOrleans
National Hurricane Center @NHC_Atlantic
Louisiana Governor’s Office of Homeland Security @GOHSEP
New Orleans Office of Homeland Security @NolaReady
Louisiana State Police @LAStatePolice
LSU Health Sciences Center @LSUHSCHealth
Evacuteer.org @Evacuteer
Red Cross of Southeast Louisiana @RedCrossSELA

**Hurricane Season:** June 1 to November 30

**Hurricane Conditions:** Include destructive winds of at least 74 miles an hour, hours or even days of intense rainfall, severe flooding, and a destructive wall of water known as storm surge. In major hurricanes, the winds exceed 111 miles an hour. Possibility of tornadoes.

**Hurricane Watch:** Hurricane conditions may happen within 48 hours.

**Hurricane Warning:** Hurricane conditions will happen within 36 hours.

**Mandatory evacuation:** Required to leave the city (or parish, if you live outside of New Orleans), because extremely destructive hurricane conditions are expected.

If you do not have a ride, **City Assisted Evacuation (CAE)** can help you, free of charge. CAE is managed by a local nonprofit group called Evacuteer.org, and is staged around special, distinctive bus stops called EvacuSpots. CAE can also help you evacuate your pets, and bring you to a shelter with special resources should you have a serious medical condition.

**Voluntary Evacuation:** Issued by local official, recommendation that you leave certain areas prone to flooding, susceptible to high wind and/or areas that are outside of levee protection. You aren’t required to leave during a voluntary evacuation.

If a hurricane doesn’t require an evacuation, you will be asked to shelter-in-place. In that case, you’ll want to have a hurricane supply kit at home, just in case there are power outages, or if you should suffer an injury such as a cut from broken glass. For a list of what to include in your hurricane supply kit, visit: [http://www.nola.gov/ready/hurricane/supplies/](http://www.nola.gov/ready/hurricane/supplies/). And don’t forget supplies for your pets!

Don’t wait until the last minute to prepare for a hurricane. Avoid a lot of stress and frustration, and prepare your hurricane supply kit and evacuation plan well before a hurricane arrives. A little planning and common sense will help keep you safe and calm when a hurricane approaches.
XIV. City of New Orleans

http://www.neworleansonline.com/tools/transportation/maps.html

http://www.bestofneworleans.com/
http://www.nola.com/#/0
http://www.neworleans.com/
http://www.neworleansonline.com/

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There is a festival for almost everything. To stay up-to-date on upcoming festivals or to find a festival that you’d like to attend, visit http://www.nola.com/festivals/. One of the biggest festivals to attend is Mardi Gras. In fact it is the largest social experience New Orleans has to offer. It is celebrated throughout several weeks with many parties and parades. To keep up with all the happenings during Mardi Gras season, visit http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/. Recreational parks are located throughout the entire city. This link provides a map of some of the more famous park areas: http://www.nola.gov/parks-and-parkways/. There are also bars and nightclubs all around. The French Quarter provides a nice mix of all of these, plus shopping and dining. Here is a link to a map and attractions in the French Quarter http://www.frenchquarter.com/FQMap20090726.html. However you choose to socialize, please do it responsibly with safety in mind.

Current Traffic Updates
http://www.nola.com/traffic/
Department of Transportation on Twitter @NOLA_Traffic

**XV. Transportation**

New Orleans Public Bus/Streetcar Maps and Schedules

Uber

Cab services
- Yellow Cab: 504.207.7777
- United: 504.522.9771
- White Fleet: 504.822.3800
- American: 504.299.0386
- N’awlins: 504.522.9059

http://www.neworleansonline.com/tools/transportation/gettingaround/cabs.html
$33 flat rate (common rate from airport to the Downtown/campus)

Airport Shuttle Service
Airport to Downtown hotels - $20/one way; $38 for roundtrip

Alternate methods of getting to and from the airport

Cycling/Biking

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