# LSU School of Public Health's Mission

The LSU School of Public Health’s goal is to “advance health equity through evidenced-based education, research, and practice for populations in the context of a changing climate”. Your education here will give you hands-on, practical experience to make the world a healthier place.

## Diversity

As a community of students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, we, the LSU School of Public Health members, claim diversity, equity, and inclusion as central to higher education and public health.

### Race/Ethnicity Distribution as Identified by Students:

- **White:** 68%
- **Black/African American:** 17%
- **Asian:** 6%
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 4%
- **International:** 5%
- **Other:** 2%

### Student - Teacher Ratio:

3:1

With three students to every faculty member, you will be learning in an environment where everyone knows your name and fosters your passions.

## Deadlines for Applications

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*Pending Availability of Funding

## For More Information

You can always check out our website at sph.lsuhsc.edu or contact one of the following:

** For general admissions questions:
  - Phone: 504-568-5700
  - Email: sph@lsuhsc.edu

** For Community Health Science and Policy specific questions:
  - Stephen Phillippi, Jr., PhD, LCSW, CCFC
  - Program Director and Professor
  - Phone: 504-234-3899
  - Email: SPhill2@lsuhsc.edu

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Community Health Science & Policy

Overview

Community Health Science & Policy (CHSP) is focused on promoting wellness, preventing disease, and improving the quality of life among marginalized communities and populations through its focus on systems, equity, and policy impact. Our program advocates the use of a socio-ecological approach to identify and understand the social, cultural, and biobehavioral determinants affecting health in order to improve personal and population health through planning, implementation, and operating effective and community-responsive programs and organizations.

This program prepares students for jobs in public health leadership as program or project managers, community advocates in government and non-governmental agencies, policy analysts, evaluation scientists, community change facilitators, health educators, health promotion specialists, health information system managers, medical and health services managers, prevention coordinators, public health advisors, quality management coordinators, and research assistants.

Scholarships & Assistantships

The School of Public Health and the CHSP program make scholarships available for incoming Master-level students or assistantships for full-time PhD students as funding permits. These are competitive based on admission information and currently require fall application to be considered.

Additionally, the CHSP program, and its faculty, generate several funding opportunities that allow students to apply for paid student work.

MPH Students:
In order to qualify for a scholarship, applicants must have all application materials in by the priority scholarship deadlines for each semester. No additional forms are needed.

PhD Students:
A limited number of assistantships and scholarships are available to full-time students pursuing a PhD. Assistantships entail a commitment of up to twenty hours per week working with faculty on research projects or in a teaching capacity.

SPHERE Scholarship:
Through the SPHERE program, the LSU School of Public Health will provide full-tuition scholarships for those who qualify and are selected by the SPHERE Scholarship Selection Committee (SSSC).

Eligibility:
- A student receiving support from grant funds must be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States.
- Awarded must be admitted to the BSPH or MPH programs of LSUHSC SPH.
- Awarded may be full or part-time students, however, please note the current funding source for the scholarships are effective through summer 2025.

Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree (for MPH or MS) or a Masters degree (for PhD) from an accredited college or university
- A recommended minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4-point scale
- Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score may be submitted but is not required for MPH. The GRE is a requirement for all PhD programs.
- Satisfactory standing at the most recent educational institution attended

How to Apply For Community Health Science and Policy

All applications must be submitted through SOPHAS by the application deadline. For additional information about applying as an International Student, you can go to our website.

All application submissions must include:
- SOPHAS application & application fee
- Statement of Purpose and Objectives
- Resume or CV
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- International Students may have additional requirements.

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