# Pre-Public Health Program at Messiah College

## Description of the Profession
- Association of Schools of Public Health webpage ([www.asph.org](http://www.asph.org))
- [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org)

## Options
- There are 5 core areas of public health:
  - Biostatistics
  - Epidemiology
  - Health Services Administration
  - Health Education/Behavioral Science
  - Environmental Health
- Many schools offer concentrations in addition to the 5 core areas of public health
- Check the Association of Schools of Public Health website ([www.asph.org](http://www.asph.org)) for a list of schools of public health

## Course Requirements
- Requirements vary by school

## Application Timeline
- Public health school directly after Messiah College:
  - Required courses completed by end of senior year (although preference may be given to applicants that complete the required courses sooner)
  - Apply during fall of senior year

## Standardized Test
- Usually Graduate Record Exam (GRE), but varies by school
- Given virtually daily at computer test centers
- Register on-line ([www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org))
- Length 3 h
- 3 sections: verbal (scores 200-800), quantitative (200-800), analytical writing (0-6)
- Receive scores immediately

## Application Service
- More than half of the 39 schools of public health participate in the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) ([www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org))
- Available ~ September 1
- APPLY EARLY!!

## Length of Program
- Varies by school
- Master degree programs ≈ 1-2 years
- Doctoral degree programs ≈ 3 years or more

## Degree
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Master of Health Administration (MHA)
- Master of Science (MS)
- Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Science (ScD)

## Additional Resources
- [www.asph.org](http://www.asph.org)
- [www.publichealthjobs.net](http://www.publichealthjobs.net)
- [www.whatispublichealth.org](http://www.whatispublichealth.org)