**MPH ADMISSION COMMITTEE**

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The purpose of the MPH Admission Committee is to ensure a diverse and well-qualified student body through the establishment of admissions criteria and the evaluation of program applicants against these criteria.

The MPH program seeks to attract and admit applicants who demonstrate the desire and potential to, upon graduation, assist in sustaining and building the Public Health workforce in the Commonwealth, the Nation, and the global community. Applicants from diverse cultural, geographic, academic, and professional backgrounds are encouraged to apply, as are current practitioners in the public health workforce.

An Admissions Committee is convened at the beginning of each academic year and must consist of at least three faculty. Committee members must be a) tenured or tenure-track and b) primary faculty in the MPH program. Because of confidentiality issues, there is no student representation on this committee.

Applications are submitted online to the Graduate School. Completed applications that meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School are sent to the MPH Program Coordinator, who sends them to the Admission Committee for review. The Admissions Committee reviews applications on a rolling basis and makes admission recommendations to the MPH Program Coordinator, who forwards the decision to the Department Head. The Department Head renders the final departmental admission decision, which is sent back to the Graduate School.

**MPH Admission Criteria**

In addition to the criteria set forth by the graduate school, applicants must meet one the following criteria to be fully admitted into the MPH program:

* GRE minimums of 145 verbal, 148 quantitative, and 3.0 analytical writing score;  OR
* cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.2 on 4.0 scale from a regionally-accredited US institution of higher education; OR
* current enrollment in regionally-accredited US medical school or doctoral program; OR
* graduation from a regionally-accredited US medical school, master's, or doctoral program; OR
* cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.o on 4.0 scale from a regionally-accredited US institution of higher learning and  three years of professional public health experience.

Applicants who do not meet any of these criteria may be admitted conditionally into the MPH program.

All Applicants must submit the following:

1. Written personal statement that addresses, at minimum:
   1. Format (online or campus-based)
   2. Why public health
   3. Why WKU
   4. How MPH will be used/goals
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae
3. Contact information for two professional references