

**Application Procedures for All Applicants  
(Domestic and International)**

**The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)  
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health (COPH)**

**Doctoral Training Programs**

Public Health Leadership, DRPH

Epidemiology, Ph.D.

Health Promotion and Prevention Research, Ph.D.

Health Systems and Services Research, Ph.D.

**Application Procedures**

- Complete the on-line SOPHAS application and pay SOPHAS application fees at [www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org). SOPHAS is an online application service for CEPH- accredited schools of public health.
- Complete the on-line UAMS COPH supplemental application and pay the COPH application fee at <https://oaa.uams.edu>.
  - Students who are currently enrolled and taking classes full-time in another UAMS college are not required to submit the supplemental application fee, but must submit all other required materials.
- For additional requirements for international applicants, visit [How to Apply Page](#) under section *For All Doctoral Programs*, see Additional Application Procedures for International Applicants.

**Documents**

- Transcripts
  - Official transcripts of all academic work must be sent directly to SOPHAS from every institution attended, regardless of degree awarded or transfer credits shown on subsequent transcripts. A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 (A=4.00) or better on all undergraduate coursework and a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 for all graduate coursework attempted at a regionally accredited institution of higher education is required.
  - Official transcripts should show completion of a master's degree in a health-related field with at least one graduate-level course in each of the 5 core public health areas: biostatistics, epidemiology, health behavior and education, health policy and management, occupational and environmental health. Courses must have been completed within the five (5) years that immediately precede the requested semester of admission.
  - *Please note that applicants also must input every course on each transcript into their on-line SOPHAS application.*
- Graduate Record Examination
  - Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores dated within five (5) years from the application deadline must be submitted by the testing agency ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org).) directly to SOPHAS. **The GRE institution code for the UAMS College of Public Health is 6512.**
  - Competitive applicants will have Graduate Record Examination scores (quantitative reasoning, verbal reasoning, analytic writing) at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile.

- Curriculum Vitae
  - A current curriculum vitae or résumé must be submitted on the SOPHAS website.
- Statement of Experience, Purpose, and Objectives
  - A Statement of Purpose and Objectives (500-700 words) must be submitted on the SOPHAS website. The statement should address prior experience in public health or related fields and training goals expected to develop a career in public health research and or practice.
- Professional Writing Sample
  - A professional writing sample must be submitted on the SOPHAS website. The sample may be a master's thesis or a written report demonstrating a comparable level of experience and expertise in public health research and/or practice that has been prepared in a manner consistent with publication in a peer- reviewed journal.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

- Three (3) letters of recommendation must be submitted directly to SOPHAS from persons who may be contacted regarding the scholastic ability and professional experience of the applicant.
- Letters should come from a professional holding a doctoral degree and should describe examples of the applicant's performance and accomplishments that demonstrate potential to develop a career in public health science and/or practice. Follow SOPHAS directions for completing this section of the application online.

### **Application Deadlines**

- All required materials must be received by SOPHAS by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline dates. If the date falls on a weekend or UAMS holiday, the deadline will be the next business day to be considered for admission. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the application is complete and received by SOPHAS as required.

### **Program Descriptions**

Click links below for additional information about each of the COPH doctoral training programs.

- **Dr.PH.**
  - [Public Health Leadership](#)
- **Ph.D.**
  - [Epidemiology](#)
  - [Health Promotion and Prevention Research](#)
  - [Health Systems and Services Research](#)