Application to the Accelerated MPH Program

To receive a Master of Public Health degree, you must have at least 42 relevant credits recorded. At Cornell, MPH program will typically be completed in a 20-month period, including four semesters at Cornell’s Ithaca campus, and approximately three months in applied practical learning settings (Ithaca, or elsewhere).

- For the standard two-year program, the curriculum will be comprised of four components: core course work (eight courses; 24 credits); concentration and elective course work related to one of three concentration areas (seven courses; 15+ credits); two mentored practicums in the field of public health (approximately three weeks and eight weeks in length; seven credits); and presentation of a culminating project (oral and written components) that demonstrates competency in the core areas of public health (four credits). Students will need a minimum of 50 credits to graduate.

While Cornell’s MPH degree is designed to require a total of 50 earned credits, we have the ability to exempt select students from some courses (based on prior experience or academic achievement) and/or accept transfer credits for some courses. This will be considered and calculated on a case-by-case basis.

- For the accelerated program, open to those with existing graduate or professional degrees, or significant relevant and practical experience, the curriculum will be comprised of the same components noted above; however, credit transfer from previous coursework (up to eight credits) or course exemptions (up to 8 credits) based on past course work and experience, may be considered. Students will need a minimum of 42 credits to graduate; 36 earned at Cornell.

With application and approval, students who can demonstrate sufficient and relevant prior experience, and prior academic success, may be admitted into the Accelerated MPH Program. In this program, students will only be required to earn 36 to 42 new credits, and will be able to complete the program in three semesters, or one calendar year.

To apply to the Accelerated MPH Program, please complete the two-page Accelerated MPH Program Application Form.