

Is the Five-Year MPH Program Right for Me?

Quick Decision Checklist

This program may be a good fit for you if you can check *all* of the boxes below:

Academic Eligibility

- I am a **declared Public Health major or minor**
 - My **UT GPA is 3.3 or higher**
 - I earned a **B or better** in **PUBH 201, PUBH 202, and PUBH 320**
 - I will complete my **bachelor's degree in May** (spring graduation)
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Timing & Application

- I am currently a **junior**
 - I can apply **between December 1 and March 1**
 - I understand this application window occurs **only once per year**
 - I am comfortable committing to graduate coursework **before** graduating
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Senior-Year Course Planning

- I have room in my senior-year schedule for **three graduate courses**:
 - **Fall:** PUBH 530 – Biostatistics
 - **Spring:**
 - PUBH 510 – Environmental Public Health
 - PUBH 520 – Health Systems, Policy, & Leadership
 - I have talked (or plan to talk) with my **academic advisor** about how those courses will count
 - I understand that if the graduate courses do **not** count toward my undergraduate major, my **financial aid may be affected (CPOS rule)**
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Financial & Workload Considerations

- I understand that **graduate courses are more rigorous** than undergraduate courses
 - I can manage a heavier workload during senior year
 - I understand that **summer MPH courses are intensive**, and working full-time is discouraged
 - I have discussed **financial aid and HOPE eligibility** with a financial aid advisor (or plan to)
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Program Structure & Commitment

- I am confident I want to pursue an **MPH at UT**
 - I understand that acceptance into the Five-Year program **does not guarantee** MPH admission
 - I am prepared to apply to the **Graduate School** during senior year (\$60 non-refundable fee)
 - I understand the MPH requires **four additional semesters after May graduation** (including a second summer)
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If You Checked All (or Almost All) Boxes

The Five-Year MPH program may be a strong fit for you.

Next steps:

- Review the **Degree Map PDF** for your intended concentration and format
 - Review the **Five-Year MPH FAQs**
 - Prepare to apply **Dec 1–March 1 (junior year)**
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If You Could Not Check Several Boxes

The Five-Year MPH program may *not* be the best option right now—and that's okay.

You may want to:

- Apply to the **regular MPH program** for flexibility with a summer, fall, or spring start.
- Talk with your advisor about alternative pathways