Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

Applicants must complete prior to admission:

1. An M.S. or M.P.H. degree with a focus on epidemiology or biostatistics.
2. A two-semester graduate level course in Epidemiology, comparable to PHS 550 and PHS 551.
3. A two-semester graduate level course in Biostatistics, comparable to PHS 520 and PHS 521.

Prospective applicants must demonstrate:

1. Completion of an undergraduate bachelor degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university, or its equivalent in another country, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended are required. (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/)
2. Completion of the Graduate School application, which includes three (3) letters of recommendation and a Curriculum Vita or resume.
3. Payment of the nonrefundable application fee.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.