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Doctor of Public Health  
Degree Program Application Packet



Public Health Program

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**Dear Prospective Student:**



***Ricardo A. Brown, Dean***  
College of Public Service

In November 2002, the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning, authorized the College of Public Service. This newly formed College encompasses three related schools: The School of Health Sciences, the School of Social Work, and the School of Policy and Planning. The mission of the College is to educate students from diverse backgrounds for outstanding professional service and to develop local, national, and international innovative leaders in the professional academic disciplines represented in the College. The overarching goal is to move the College forward with the highest quality of excellence through our work *in* communities and *with* communities to advance the public service agenda to new and soaring heights. The College's principal focus is building healthy communities through the integrating schema of a holistic frame of reference.

Within the School of Health Sciences you will find dedicated and accessible faculty, a supportive and challenging learning environment, and opportunities to study and learn among a diverse body of scholars and professionals. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the entire College of Public Service, I welcome your interest in the School of Health Sciences, and we invite you to consider joining us in "Empowering People through Public Service."

**Ricardo A. Brown, Dean**

**Dear Prospective Student:**



***Russell L. Bennett, Interim  
Executive Director***  
School of Health Sciences

The discipline of public health has increasingly become a paramount profession towards the understanding of the complex nature of disease prevention and control. The public health program within the School of Health Sciences at Jackson State University offers a rigorous academic research and practice experience designed to equip emerging public health professionals with the skills necessary to make major contributions to the field. We offer a multi-disciplinary public health program with opportunities for students to become engaged in epidemiological and intervention research, public policy, program planning, and evaluation. We offer three concentration areas 1) Behavioral Health Promotion and Education 2) Epidemiology and 3) Health Policy and Management. Our faculty members are interested and engaged in a variety of research areas that range from chronic disease epidemiology, adolescent and school health, environmental toxic agents, HIV prevention, research and survey methods, women's health, aging, international health, and communicative disorders. Faculty members in the School of Health Sciences are committed to the academic development of their students. We insist in providing a supportive nurturing environment that will prepare our graduates to assume leadership roles in local and state government, academic institutions, national and international organizations, as well as federal agencies. I am therefore excited to know that you are considering an advanced degree in public health at Jackson State University.

**Russell L. Bennett, Interim Executive Director**

## **THE UNIVERSITY**

Jackson State University is one of the nation's premiere Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), noted for its accomplishments in providing educational preparation to enable and empower graduates to succeed in an increasingly complex and competitive world. The seventh largest among the 117 HBCUs, and the fourth largest public institution in the State, Jackson State University provides programs at the baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels. In 1979, Jackson State University was officially designated the Urban University of the State of Mississippi. Located in Jackson, the State's largest urban area and its capital, the University is surrounded by a population of approximately 400,000 people in the metropolitan area.

As the Urban University in the State, Jackson State University is ideally positioned to provide academic and public service programs to address issues and concerns in both urban and rural environments. The University emphasizes the development of persons who can and will assume prominent roles in the dynamics of societal growth and change. Thus, the establishment of degree and non-degree offerings, certification and training programs and the provision of technical assistance are evidence of the University's role in providing human, cultural, and physical resources in communities throughout the State, the nation, and the world.



Jackson State University is in the forefront among Mississippi institutions of higher learning in increasing its graduate degree offerings in a variety of disciplines, a number of which resulted from the historic *Ayers* desegregation case.

### **University Mission**

The Mission of the University is to produce technologically-advanced, diverse, ethical, global leaders who think critically, address societal problems, and compete effectively.

# THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

## History

In July 2003, Jackson State University adopted a college structure. As a result, the School of Health Sciences, formerly the School of Allied Health Sciences, became one of three schools within the College of Public Service. The other two schools are the School of Policy and Planning and the School of Social Work. The departments and degree programs in the School of Health Sciences were established during the academic year 1998-1999 under the School of Allied Health Sciences. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) approved the Bachelor of Science Degree in Healthcare Administration to be offered by the Department of Healthcare Administration and a Master of Science Degree in Communicative Disorders to be offered by the Department of Communicative Disorders. The Department of Public Health emerged as the third department offering a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Degree and admitted its first student cohort during the academic year 1999-2000.

The departments within the School of Health Sciences have progressively grown since their beginning in 1998. During the academic year 2004-2005, the School was reorganized into four departments: Health Policy and Management, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Communicative Disorders, and Behavioral and Environmental Health. In addition, the School of Health Sciences has been approved by IHL to offer the first and only Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) Degree Program in the State of Mississippi.



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The Dr.P.H. Program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) which accredits Public Health Programs and Schools of Public Health nationally.

The Department of Communicative Disorders is accredited by the *Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)* and offers a Master of Science in Communicative Disorders. The Department of Behavioral and Environmental Health offers the M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. degrees with concentrations in Behavioral Health Promotion and Education. The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics offers the M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. degrees with a concentration in Epidemiology. The Department of Health Policy and Management offers the B.S. Degree in Healthcare Administration and the M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. degrees with a concentration in Health Policy and Management.



## **Philosophy**

At a time when programs in public health are compelled to evolve because of scientific advances and increased understanding of determinants of health disparities, the Jackson State University School of Health Sciences emerged to educate students as leaders in local, national, and international organizations. Public health professionals will be able to communicate with diverse populations, understand the issues and concerns of underserved and minority populations, conduct research on health disparities in public health, and utilize effective collaborations and partnerships with communities to improve population health and make significant inroads in the reduction of health disparities. Jackson State University School of Health Sciences aspires to create leaders who will practice as professors, researchers, program designers, planners, administrators, evaluators, and other service providers. Public health education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century requires knowledge of informatics, policy and law, global health issues, cultural differences, genomics, public health values and ethics, and core public health competencies and skills. Thus, the philosophy of the School of Health Sciences is to prepare students to meet the changing and challenging environment of public health.

## **School of Health Sciences Mission and Vision**

The mission of the School of Health Sciences is to provide quality education and leadership in community-based research and practice. Through collaborative efforts with communities, the School promotes health and seeks to prevent disease and disability, with special emphasis on the underserved and at risk population in Mississippi, the nation, and the world.

The vision of the School of Health Sciences at Jackson State University is to take a leadership role, in partnership with the community, in understanding and eliminating the pervasive inequalities affecting the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minorities and other historically underserved populations.

# THE DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE PROGRAM

## MISSION

The mission of the Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) Degree Program is to prepare students at Jackson State University to become competent practitioners, research scientists and educators in different areas of public health including, but not limited to, behavioral health promotion and education, epidemiology, and health policy and management. Individuals with the Dr.P.H. degree can be expected to compete effectively in the job market and respond to the challenges posed by disparities in health and healthcare affecting minorities and other historically underserved populations. The program will provide students with a doctoral experience that is multidisciplinary, problem-centered, fully engaged, and integrative of the diverse elements needed in the education of the public health practitioner.

## CURRICULUM

The Dr.P.H. degree will provide a foundation of core and elective courses beyond the master's degree, which will prepare the student for leadership in public health research and/or practice. Students are required to complete a minimum of 45 credit hours plus 15 hours of dissertation. Students with an M.P.H. or master's degree in a public health-related discipline may transfer up to six credit hours as electives. The curriculum is divided into advanced core courses (21 credit hours), concentration courses (15 credit hours), a community research practicum (3 credit hours), electives (6 credit hours), and a dissertation. The program will include advanced theoretical and practical studies in specialized fields of public health. Students will be educated to study public health from a multidisciplinary perspective. Graduates will master core competencies in public health as well as specialized courses in their chosen concentration. The curriculum will aid them in developing high level analytical (quantitative and qualitative) research skills, complemented by an extensive breadth of relevant leadership knowledge in research grant preparation, management, study implementation and evaluation. (Please refer to Typical Course of Study --- Tables 1 and 2.)



## Core Curriculum

The core curriculum (i.e., advanced core courses) consists of 21 credit hours and is required for all concentrations. The core curriculum provides foundational information for research and practice that is relevant to each public health discipline. Courses include: Advanced Biostatistics and Computer Science Applications, Disease Pathogenesis and Risk Factors, Designing Research Studies on Minorities and Special Populations, Survey and Qualitative Research Methods, Advocacy and Public Health Policies, and Advanced Biostatistics Laboratory (I-III).

## Prerequisites

Students with a graduate degree other than public health must complete 15 hours of core PH courses (PHS 501-505) from the Master of Public Health core curriculum before enrolling in the doctoral level courses.

### MPH Core Courses

PHS 501 Public Health and Behavioral Sciences  
PHS 502 Public Health Policy and Administration  
PHS 503 Biostatistics and Computer Applications  
PHS 504 Environmental and Occupational Health  
PHS 505 Principles of Epidemiology

**Table 1 Typical Course of Study: Curriculum**

<b>AREAS AND COURSE TITLES</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Advanced Core Courses</b>	<b>21</b>
PHS 701 Advanced Biostatistics and Computer Science Applications	3
PHS 702 Disease Pathogenesis and Behavioral Risk Factors	3
PHS 703 Designing Research Studies on Minorities and Special Populations	3
PHS 704 Survey and Qualitative Research Methods	3
PHS 705 Advocacy and Public Health Policies	3
PHS 706 Principles of Environmental and Occupational Health	3
PHS 711-713 Advanced Biostatistics Laboratory (I-III)	3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>	<b>15</b>
Required Courses (See Specific Concentrations Below)	15
Electives (Related to the concentration)	6
<b>Community Research Practicum</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Dissertation (minimum 15 credit hours)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>45 credit hours + 15 dissertation hours</b>	

## Concentrations

The Dr.P.H. Degree is awarded in three concentrations – Behavioral Health Promotion and Education, Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Management. The concentrations and educational objectives are described below:

*Behavioral Health Promotion and Education* studies the role of behavioral (social and psychological) factors in disease causation, prevention, and health services, with application to public health education and promotion for the prevention of disease and injury. The objectives are to: develop, implement, and evaluate programs in health promotion and education through collaborative partnerships; establish and maintain community partnerships; apply theoretical perspectives in analyzing the behavioral, cultural and ethical dimensions of community health problems; identify and assess the determinants of community and population health, including social and behavioral factors contributing to health-related behaviors; and conduct scientific investigations.



**Table 2 Typical Course of Study: Concentration Courses** (Student selects one concentration)

<b>PUBLIC HEALTH CONCENTRATIONS</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Epidemiology</b>	<b>15</b>
BIOS 711 Categorical Data Analysis	3
EPI 711 Behavioral and Psychosocial Epidemiology	3
EPI 712 Clinical Trials and Interventional Study Designs	3
<i>(Two of the following)</i>	
BIOS 712 Multivariate Analysis I (PSY 635)	3
EPI 713 Infectious Disease Epidemiology	3
EPI 714 Nutrition and Genetic Epidemiology	3
EPI 717 Environmental Epidemiology (ENV 780)	3
<b>Health Policy and Management</b>	<b>15</b>
HPM 711 Strategic Leadership in Management of Human Resources	3
HPM 712 Public Health Economics	3
HPM 713 Analysis of Health Legislation and Regulations	3
<i>(Two of the following)</i>	
HPM 714 Evaluation of Performance and Quality of Health Service Organizations	3
HPM 715 Decision Modeling	3
HPM 716 Seminar in Strategic Management (MNGT 723)	3
HPM 717 Managed Care Networks and Public Health	3
<b>Behavioral Health Promotion and Education</b>	<b>15</b>
BHS 711 Advanced Theories and Scientific Principles for Health Promotion and Education	3
BHS 712 Behavioral and Psychosocial Epidemiology	3
BHS 713 Qualitative Research Methods (SW 742)	3
<i>(Two of the following)</i>	
BHS 714 Clinical Trials and Interventional Study Designs	3
BHS 715 Research Seminar in Health Promotion	3
BHS 716 Social and Cognitive Bases of Behavior (PSY 606)	3
BHS 717 Data Base Management Systems (CSC 520)	3

*Epidemiology* deals with methods for elucidating the causes of disease and evaluating health services, programs, and treatments. Students will be provided with the conceptual knowledge and statistical skills to study, analyze, and monitor the distribution and determinants of disease occurrence and other outcome measures in human populations. The educational objectives are to provide knowledge on methods for determining the causes of disease and for evaluating health services, programs, and treatments; develop concepts and statistical skills to conduct, study, analyze, and monitor the distribution and determinants of disease and other outcome measures; apply basic methodological skills to analyze discrete problems in health; acquire critical thinking for problem-solving and developing research protocols; and use the problem-solving approach for collection, analysis, and synthesis of data.

*Health Policy and Management* exposes students to a curriculum designed to provide them with skills of contemporary public health administration and management as well as analytical skills for designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating public health interventions, including financial and human resource management, comprehensive policy and program planning, analysis, evaluation, and implementation. Emphasis will be placed on learning that creates a balance between comprehensive understanding and specialization, between theory and practice, and between academic inquiry and professional pragmatism. An innovative attitude toward current and future public health needs and issues is emphasized and explored through classroom instruction, group projects, and field studies. The educational objectives are to provide knowledge of the managerial process and functions of management; utilize state-of-the-art systems and tools in policy formulation and implementation and managerial decision-making; and critically evaluate current and future public health problems and to develop and implement sound policies.

### **Electives**

Electives (6 credit hours) expand students' knowledge base within a specific concentration. Although electives may be selected from other disciplines, including non-public health degree programs, they must be related to the concentration of interest and approved by the doctoral program advisors.

### **Comprehensive Examination**

In order to become a candidate for the Dr.P.H. degree, a student must pass a written comprehensive examination. The comprehensive examination must be passed prior to approval of the dissertation proposal. The examination will include core and concentration doctoral and courses. An aggregate score of eighty percent or higher will be required for passing.

### **Dissertation**

Students will complete doctoral level research that demonstrates an ability to conduct a rigorous research project within a specific concentration. The research topic, approved by the dissertation committee, should reflect the candidate's interest in a problem issue unique to public health. The completion of a minimum of 45 semester credit hours and successful completion of the comprehensive examination are required before enrolling in the dissertation course. Enrollment must be continuous until the research experience culminates in the successful defense of the dissertation.

## **PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS**

Students are required to spend a minimum of 135 clock hours per semester in a community health research practicum. The research practicum, which begins the second year of enrollment, requires three continuous, one-semester hour courses that culminate in a capstone experience during the final semester. A written and oral presentation of the community research project and the submission of a manuscript to a refereed journal for publication are required for completion of the practicum. The community research practicum is based on research and public health issues related to each student's concentration. The practicum allows students to develop insight into planning their dissertations in a community oriented, public health setting.

## **COMPLETION TIME REQUIREMENTS**

Students must complete all degree requirements within eight years from the time of admission into the program. The actual amount of time for completion varies according to the student's progress in the program.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Graduate students are required to make arrangements for expenses they incur during their graduate studies. These expenses include tuition and other fees required by the University and/or the academic units in which the students are enrolled.

### **Tuition**

Tuition fees are determined by the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi State Legislature. Information for the respective academic year may be obtained from the current University's Graduate Catalog.

### **Residency**

In order to meet the legal residency requirement in Mississippi, students must reside in the state for a continuous period of at least 12 months. They must meet this requirement prior to admission in order to qualify for in-state tuition fees.

### **Financial Assistance**

Graduate students are offered a number of options for financing their studies. They may apply for assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships through the Division of Graduate Studies and the School of Health Sciences. In addition, students may apply for loans and other financial assistance at the University's financial aid office and extramural funds. Applicants must request and submit required information for each respective type of financial assistance.

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must apply to the Division of Graduate Studies and to the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program in the School of Health Sciences. Admission to the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program is on a selective basis and is determined by the following criteria:

- ☐ Master of Public Health Degree or a master's degree in a related discipline in public health
- ☐ Admission to the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University
- ☐ Academic promise as evidenced by above average achievements in undergraduate and graduate studies
- ☐ Satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the past five years
- ☐ Satisfactory performance on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Standard Test (IELST) - International Applicants Only
- ☐ Statement of purpose
- ☐ Curriculum vitae
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation (one professional and two academic references)
- ☐ Entrance interview (contingent upon initial assessment)

*Transfer students must meet the same admission standards as all other applicants*

**Application Deadline: March 1**

**Jackson State University  
College of Public Service  
School of Health Sciences**

**Doctor of Public Health  
Degree Program**

**Application Information**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Acceptance into the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program requires dual admission to the Division of Graduate Studies and the School of Health Sciences. Applicants should contact the Division of Graduate Studies at the above mailing address or at (601) 979-2455 to check the status of their application for admission to the Division of Graduate Studies. Inquiries regarding the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program should be directed to the program at the address below or at (601) 979-8806.

This information is in addition to the on-line application for Graduate Studies at Jackson State University and must be submitted directly to the Doctor of Public Health Program at the following address:

**Jackson State University  
College of Public Service  
School of Health Sciences  
Doctor of Public Health Program Admission Coordinator  
350 West Woodrow Wilson Drive, Suite 320  
Jackson, MS 39213**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**March 1** for Fall semester admission.



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**Doctor of Public Health Degree Program**

**Application for Admission**

**Concentration of Interest (Check one)**

☐ Behavioral Health Promotion and Education      ☐ Epidemiology      ☐ Health Policy and Management

**Personal Information**

Name (☐Dr., ☐Ms., ☐Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Current Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

**List all Colleges and Universities Attended**

Name of Institution	Location	Attended From – To	Year Graduated	Degree Received	Major

**List Names and Addresses of Employers, Dates of Employment, and Position Titles.**

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***\*NOTE:** Please supplement the above information with a curriculum vitae/résumé. Also, carefully review the enclosed checklist to ensure that you submit all required materials, including the Division of Graduate Studies application and fees.*

**I certify that the above information is correct. I understand that admission to the Division of Graduate Studies does not imply acceptance in the Dr.P.H. Degree Program of the School of Health Sciences.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Doctor of Public Health Degree Program**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (Career Goals Essay)**

Write a statement reflecting your philosophy of public health, and your personal, professional, and educational goals. State how you believe the doctoral program in your proposed area of concentration will help you achieve your career goals. **The statement should be concise and no longer than 2-3 pages.**

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Signature

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Date

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Doctor of Public Health Degree Program  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Please complete the upper portion of this form and forward it to an individual who can evaluate your academic record and/or professional work. Please attach a separate letter of recommendation on letterhead.

**SECTION I (To be completed by applicant)**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Applicant's Concentration of Interest (Check one)

☐ Behavioral Health Promotion and Education    ☐ Epidemiology    ☐ Health Policy and Management

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ I waive my right of access to this recommendation    ☐ I do not waive my right of access to this recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**SECTION II (To be completed by recommender)**

The person named above is applying for admission to the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program at Jackson State University in the concentration indicated above. We would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant's ability to undertake rigorous doctoral study and the range of his/her abilities and accomplishments. The information given in this recommendation will be considered confidential ONLY if the applicant has signed the above waiver.

How long, and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please carefully assess the applicant in the areas listed below. In making your assessment, compare the applicant to other individuals you have known and have similar education and levels of professional experience. You may include additional observations in your letter of recommendation. We greatly appreciate your response.

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In summary, what is your overall rating of the applicant regarding his/her ability to complete a doctoral program?

☐ Highly Recommend  
☐ Recommend

☐ Recommend with Reservation  
☐ Do Not Recommend

If you indicated “recommend with reservation” or “do not recommend,” please explain.

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Signature

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Date

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Institution

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Address

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**Please return the completed form cpf 'lgwgt' to the applicant with your signature on the seal across the back of the envelope.**

*Jackson State University's School of Health Sciences, College of Public Service  
recruits, admits and provides services, financial aid, and instruction to all students  
without regard to race, sex, religion, national origin, or physical disability.*

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<b>Ability to Work Independently</b>	O <input type="checkbox"/>	E <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	BA <input type="checkbox"/>	UA <input type="checkbox"/>

In summary, what is your overall rating of the applicant regarding his/her ability to complete a doctoral program?

☐ Highly Recommend  
☐ Recommend

☐ Recommend with Reservation  
☐ Do Not Recommend

If you indicated “recommend with reservation” or “do not recommend,” please explain.

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Name (type or print)

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Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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**Doctor of Public Health Degree Program  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Please complete the upper portion of this form and forward it to an individual who can evaluate your academic record and/or professional work. Please attach a separate letter of recommendation on letterhead.

**SECTION I (To be completed by applicant)**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Applicant's Concentration of Interest (Check one)

☐ Behavioral Health Promotion and Education    ☐ Epidemiology    ☐ Health Policy and Management

Name of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee students access to their educational records. Students, however, are entitled to waive their right of access concerning recommendations. Please check and sign the following statement ONLY if you wish to waive your right of access to this recommendation.

☐ I waive my right of access to this recommendation    ☐ I do not waive my right of access to this recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**SECTION II (To be completed by recommender)**

The person named above is applying for admission to the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program at Jackson State University in the concentration indicated above. We would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant's ability to undertake rigorous doctoral study and the range of his/her abilities and accomplishments. The information given in this recommendation will be considered confidential ONLY if the applicant has signed the above waiver.

How long, and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please carefully assess the applicant in the areas listed below. In making your assessment, compare the applicant to other individuals you have known and have similar education and levels of professional experience. You may include additional observations in your letter of recommendation. We greatly appreciate your response.

	<u>O</u> utstanding	<u>E</u> xcellent	<u>G</u> ood	<u>A</u> verage	<u>B</u> elow <u>A</u> verage	<u>U</u> nable to <u>A</u> ssess
<b>Analytical Ability</b>	O <input type="checkbox"/>	E <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	BA <input type="checkbox"/>	UA <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Oral Communication Skills</b>	O <input type="checkbox"/>	E <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	BA <input type="checkbox"/>	UA <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Written Communication Skills</b>	O <input type="checkbox"/>	E <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	BA <input type="checkbox"/>	UA <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Leadership</b>	O <input type="checkbox"/>	E <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	BA <input type="checkbox"/>	UA <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ability to be Self-Critical</b>	O <input type="checkbox"/>	E <input type="checkbox"/>	G <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	BA <input type="checkbox"/>	UA <input type="checkbox"/>
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**School of Health Sciences**  
**Application for Scholarship/Assistantship**  
**Fall 2014 – Spring 2015 Academic Year**  
*(Application Deadline – April 30, 2014)*

Eligibility Criteria and Submission Request:

1. Applicant must be admitted to one of the M.P.H. or Dr.P.H. Program with a minimal 3.35 GPA.
2. Applicant must be enrolled full-time (9-12 hours) and in good standing with the University.
3. Two letters of recommendation – sealed and submitted with application (one from community civic / service organization and from an academic professor).
4. Submission of Official transcript with application.
5. Two page typed Essay related to an important issue facing public health in the U.S. This must be your original work.
6. Specifications and Limitations of Scholarship
  - a. Applicant must be enrolled full-time (9-12 hours) during the academic year that the scholarship is awarded.
7. Specifications and Limitations of Assistantship
  - a. Applicant must be enrolled full-time (9-12 hours) during the academic year that the scholarship is awarded.
  - b. Assistantship will provide a bi-monthly stipend for 15-20 hours per week of service. Service hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
8. Amount of both the scholarship and assistantship varies, depending on available funding.
9. All applications are reviewed by committee.
10. The scholarship and assistantship are renewable provided the student maintains the 3.35 GPA and reapply by April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.
11. Submission of completed application packet is due by April 30, 2014, 5 p.m. to:

***The School of Health Sciences, Executive Director Office: 350 West Woodrow Wilson Ave.  
Suite 320, Jackson, MS 39213.***

***For further information please call 601-979-8806.***



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☐ SCHOLARSHIP

☐ ASSISTANTSHIP

ENROLLMENT SEMESTER/YEAR: ☐ Spring ☐ Fall Year \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE STATUS: ☐ M.P.H. ☐ Dr.P.H.

Most Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Program Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: Day/Month/Year \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

GENDER: ☐ Male ☐ Female

ETHNICITY: (Check one):

- ☐ Black/African-American
- ☐ Hispanic American
- ☐ Asian American
- ☐ White American
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ Other

**\*Assistantships**

**Must be able to work 15-20 hours per week, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**



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**Doctor of Public Health Degree Program  
STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY**

**This statement must be signed and returned with your application packet.**

*I certify that I have answered all of the questions completely and truthfully. I understand that misrepresentations and false information given as part of my personal statement and/or supporting credentials and documents may be cause for cancellation of further consideration for admission to or continuation in the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program at Jackson State University. I also understand that all credentials and documents that I submit become the property of Jackson State University.*

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Signature

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Date

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
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**Checklist for Application to the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program**

Please check this list to make sure you have submitted the followings materials and send them directly to:

- The Division of Graduate Studies, Jackson State University, P.O. Box 17095, Jackson, MS 39217 **and**
- Doctor of Public Health Degree Program, School of Health Sciences, Jackson State University, Attn.: Chair, Admissions Committee, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave., Suite 320, Jackson, MS 39213.

All application materials must be received by **March 1** to be considered for admission. Please return the checklist with notation indicating the materials enclosed.

***The Division of Graduate Studies***

- ☐ Division of Graduate Studies Admission Application
- ☐ Two Official Transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- ☐ Division of Graduate Studies Financial Aid Application
- ☐ Out-of-State and International Application Fee of \$25.00
- ☐ Proof of immunization against measles and rubella
- ☐ TOEFL Score (for international applicants who native language is not English) and/or IELs
- ☐ Statement of Financial Support to be sent to the Division of International Studies (for international applicants)

***Doctor of Public Health Degree Program  
School of Health Sciences***

- ☐ Program Application for Admission:
  - ☐ Curriculum Vitae
  - ☐ Statement of Purpose
  - ☐ Recommendation forms **and** letters (3)
  - ☐ Statement of Authenticity
- ☐ Copy of GRE scores (taken within the past five years)

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Signature

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Date

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Matriculation into the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program requires **dual admission** to the Division of Graduate Studies and the School of Health Sciences. You should contact the Division of Graduate Studies at the above mailing address or at (601) 979-2455 to check the status of your application for admission to the Division of Graduate Studies. Inquiries regarding the Doctor of Public Health Degree Program should be directed to the program at the above address or at (601) 979-8806.



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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