Online Master of Public Health (MPH)

Background:
The purpose of the GRE is to assess an applicant’s analytical writing, verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning skills to evaluate his/her likely success in graduate-level academic work. It is not the only metric used to evaluate likely success in the program, but it is an important one. Other metrics include an evaluation of the written statement, work history, prior academic work and references. The current policy states that applicants to the online MPH program must submit GRE scores with their application and that the scores can be no older than five years. Current policy also states that applicants may request a waiver for the GRE application requirement. This document contains guidelines for that waiver request.

Policy:
Applicants with outstanding professional achievements in a health-related field and/or academic credentials may apply for a waiver of the GRE application requirement. This is generally reserved for applicants who have sufficient professional and/or other academic credentials that demonstrate likely success in the online MPH program. These credentials may include:

- At least five years of professional work experience with evidence of promotions, honors/awards or other achievements in a health-related field
- Distinguished U.S. military service with progressive increases in rank and honors/awards
- Earned doctorate degree (i.e., M.D., D.O., Pharm.D., Ph.D., J.D., D.D.S., D.N.P.) from a U.S.-accredited college or university*
- Earned master’s degree in a health profession (i.e., MSN), policy and management (i.e., MPA, MBA), or related field from a U.S.-accredited college or university*
- Record of publication of peer-reviewed journal articles, technical reports or other written scholarly products
- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher from a U.S.-accredited colleges or universities attended (on a 4.0 scale)*
- The applicant must meet the minimum graduate admissions criteria

*Degree programs from colleges and universities outside of the U.S. will also be considered, but are subject to additional review. The items listed above are subject to verification and review. Completion of these achievements does not automatically guarantee a GRE waiver.

Process:
Applicants that wish to apply for a waiver of the GRE application requirement should complete the GRE Waiver Application form and submit the required documentation. The review process generally takes 5-8 business days. Summary of the process:

1. Student completes the GRE Waiver Application, including required documentation, and submits to the departmental administrative assistant.
2. Departmental administrative assistant forwards paperwork to department chair for first stage of approval.
3. If department chair approves, the departmental administrative assistant forwards the paperwork to the associate dean for second stage of approval.
4. If associate dean approves, the departmental administrative assistant forwards the paperwork to the Office of Graduate Studies where the dean of graduate studies makes the final decision.
5. If dean of graduate studies approves, the approval is communicated to the departmental administrative assistant, who notifies the applicant.

Applicants should contact the departmental administrative assistant for status updates.