SOPHAS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MPH/MD – MPH Customized-Houston Campus-MD-McGovern Medical School

Application Deadlines: https://sph.uth.edu/prospective-students/application-deadlines/

- December 1 Deadline for all degree-seeking applicants who wish to be considered for new student scholarships
- April 1 Deadline for MD/MPH for Summer/Fall
- October 1 Deadline for MD/MPH for Spring

Visit SOPHAS.org to explore, prepare, apply, and review the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) website.

Review the SOPHAS Frequently Asked Questions before initiating the application http://sophas.org/faqs/

Select “APPLY” and click on “Create an Account” to start the online application.

Create a new applicant account by completing the required data fields and agreeing to the terms and conditions listed. Please then select “Create my Account” to finalize your account setup.

*An automated email from SOPHAS will be sent immediately to the email account the applicant listed.

On the next screen, “Start Your Application,” use the dropdown menu to select our institution “University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health” and click “Search”

Select the drop down menu for degree and select “MPH/MD”

Click on “+” to add “MPH/MD-MPH Customized - Houston Campus/ MD-McGovern Med School”

Click on “I am Done, Review my Selections”

Please review your program selections to make sure that they are correct and then select “Continue to my Application.”

SOPHAS will then guide you to the following page:
Click on each box and fill out required fields.

***PLEASE COMPLETE ALL BOXES (Personal Information, Academic History, Supporting Information, Program Materials) AND ALL DATA FIELDS THAT ARE REQUIRED ***

*We highly recommend* that you complete the additional information fields of community service, honors, research and other

A writing sample is **NOT** required for MD/MPH applicants.

PLEASE NOTE: SOPHAS *does not* have a mechanism to accept TMDSAS materials! Therefore, you must request your letters of recommendations as stated below:

When you click on the box for “**Supporting Information**” click on the box for “**Recommendations**” (Letters of Recommendation)

➢ UTHealth School of Public Health requires 3 Letters of Recommendations.
Select “Create Recommendation Request” and fill in required information.

- Please request three references from professors, advisors, etc. or professional recommenders who know you as a student and your potential/promise as a public health professional; you can request the letters written for your medical school application from the original letter writers.

Please contact the Student Affairs Office at the McGovern Medical School to let them know that you are applying for the dual degree program.

Student Affairs Office: 713.500.5116; https://med.uth.edu/admissions/

When you are completing the Program Materials box:

Click on the “Program Materials” box and select the “Documents” tab

For the “Statement of Purpose and Objectives” section, SOPHAS requires applicants to submit a narrative commenting on any or all of the following:

- plans you have to use your education and training;
- the needs and/or challenges you perceive as important in your field of study; and
- any personal qualities, characteristics, and skills you believe will enable you to be successful in your chosen field of study. The word maximum is 1500. It is recommended to compose the narrative in a word document and upload into the application data field.

- The personal statement and objectives is required. A writing sample, as mentioned above, is NOT required.

“Academic History” section: The mechanism for entering coursework from your prior degrees works just like TMDSAS. You have to have a copy of your prior transcripts to view and then enter course-by-course the course names and grades. You will then be asked to make transcript requests from the academic institutions to forward official copies directly to SOPHAS (the address is provided within the SOPHAS application portal).

SOPHAS does not have a mechanism to accept the TMDSAS materials.

In the “Academic History” section > “Standardized Test” data fields, the MD/MPH applicant’s GRE/MCAT requirement is waived if an official acceptance offer has been made from the McGovern Medical School at UTHealth. Official GRE scores can be sent to SOPHAS by entering the following code 4479. Official MCAT scores can submitted directly to SOPHAS by entering the following code “SOPHAS”. A copy of the official admissions letter to the MD program can be uploaded in the “Program Materials” section in the “Other” section.

When the application is complete, at the top of the application page you select “Submit Application” you will pay the application and e-submit your application.
For questions about your SOPHAS application, please contact:

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