

HOPE Program Administration

Admissions: The HOPE Program Director, with support from faculty in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology as needed, is responsible for advising and screening potential applicants, certifying eligibility, evaluating applications, and issuing admissions decisions. The Program Director also oversees the academic progress of each student throughout the program, from admission through graduation.

Student Application Process: Applicants have two options for submitting applications to the program:

- a. the national SOPHAS online application portal for participating Schools of Public Health (located at: <http://www.sophas.org/>); or
- b. electronic application forms provided by the Rutgers School of Public Health, Office of Admissions and Recruitment (contact information: Rutgers School of Public Health, 683 Hoes Lane West, 1st Floor, Piscataway, NJ 08854; p. 732-235-4646).

New Student Orientation: New Student Orientation will be conducted jointly by the staff and faculty of the participating departments in the School of Pharmacy and School of Public Health.

Student Matriculation and Registration: All program students will be registered and enrolled as matriculating in the degree program with the School of Public Health. Course registration is conducted through the Rutgers School of Public Health to align with information needed to support graduate transcripts and financial aid, where applicable.

Courses offered by the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy are cross-listed through the School of Public Health's registration platform. Matriculated degree-seeking students have registration priority on parity with matriculated degree-seeking students in each school for core and elective courses.

Financial Aid Administration: The Office of Student Financial Aid at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences provides financial aid administrative support for this degree.

Degree Conferral: The Graduation Application found on the School of Public Health website is submitted to the School of Public Health. The Registrar at the School of Public Health certifies completion of the degree and order the diploma. The Master of Science degree is awarded jointly by the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and the School of Public Health.

Alumni Affairs: Graduates are considered alumni of both the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and the School of Public Health.

Tuition, Fees and Home School Designation: Tuition and student fee payments are managed by the School of Public Health for the MS-HOPE degree and the HOPE Certificate. The tuition and fee schedule align with the prevailing tuition and fee schedule for the School of Public Health which serves as the Home School for MS-HOPE and Certificate students. For the PharmD/MS-HOPE dual-degree program, the Home school designation resides with the unit offering most of the credits, as determined on a semester-by-semester basis for each student.