Dear Prospective Student,

I am pleased to introduce you to our DrPH Program through the eyes of current students and recent graduates pursuing leadership careers in public health.

The University at Albany School of Public Health is unique because of its strong partnership with the New York State Department of Health, one of the largest, most comprehensive health departments in the country. This collaboration fosters real-time integration of academic discipline with experience in public health practice, preparing graduates for challenges they will face in the real world of public health.

These brief biographies are intended to convey a true sense of the DrPH experience here at the University at Albany.

I look forward to receiving your application!

Best wishes for much success in the future,

Barry R. Sherman, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and
Director, DrPH Program

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### Program Details

**Core Competencies:** Academic course work and practicum experiences integrate learning objectives that demonstrate mastery of core DrPH competencies: advocacy, communication, community/cultural orientation, critical analysis, leadership, management, professionalism and ethics.

**Departmental Concentrations:** There are three concentrations: Health Policy, Management and Behavior, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Environmental Health Sciences. It is possible to pursue specific interests such as: infectious or chronic disease epidemiology, program development and evaluation, policy analysis, and impact of environmental pollution and climate change on human health.

**Practicum Placements:** Cornerstones of the program are two required practicum placements to demonstrate mastery of evidence-based public health decision-making. Students develop leadership skills and demonstrate independence by executing an original project with significant public health impact.

**The Doctoral Project:** Students must complete a doctoral project, a substantial body of work, that proposes an evidence-based intervention or policy solution for a significant public health problem. The dissertation demonstrates competency in translating empirical knowledge into public health practice. The doctoral project and dissertation are culminating experiences that prepare graduates to assume leadership roles in both academia and public health practice.

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### Meet Our Current DrPH Students

**Dorcey L. Applys, MPH (4th Year)**
- B.S. in Psychology, Delaware State University MPH, University at Albany School of Public Health
- Class of 2010 Scholar, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention/Association of Schools of Public Health, Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership
- Former Capacity Building Assistance Specialist, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Former Director of Programs and Operations, Capital District African American Coalition on AIDS, Albany, New York
- Current interests: Health disparities, Lupus, HIV/AIDS, and Health Care Reform
- Dissertation: Corticosteroid use, emotional health and work and regular daily activities: Ethnic differences in women with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

**Sanghamitra Savadatti, MPH (4th Year)**
- B.S. in Dental Surgery, College of Dental Sciences, Dharwad, India MPH, Harvard School of Public Health
- Former Public Health Director at Prevent Blindness Tri-State.
- Current interests: Macro and micro factors that affect diabetes prevention and management in India and tailoring diabetes specific evidence–based interventions
- Dissertation: Health promoting lifestyle profile of Asian Indians in the U.S. in relation to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and Metabolic Syndrome
Meet Our DrPH Graduates

Dayna Maniccia, DrPH
- M.S. and DrPH, University at Albany School of Public Health
- Practicum experiences: Evaluation of New York State sponsored stroke awareness media campaign and Assessment of bias due to survey non-response
- Dissertation: Interventions to modify television viewing behavior of children: A review, meta-analysis, and key-informant interviews

Trang Q. Nguyen, MD, DrPH
- MPH, East Stroudsburg University MD, Hanoi Medical University, Vietnam DrPH, University at Albany
- Practicum experiences: Asthma prevalence and associated factors, national asthma survey – New York State 2002-2003 and New York state electronic emergency department data validity study: Asthma and respiratory diagnoses
- Directed asthma surveillance and evaluation efforts in NYS Department of Health
- Served on national committees on asthma surveillance and evaluation of public health interventions
- Currently: Director of Public Health Information Group, New York State Department of Health

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the admission requirements?
A: Students must have the following:
- MPH, or master’s degree in health, social science or a related field, from an accredited American college or university or a well-regarded foreign college or university
- At least two years work experience in public health or a related field

Note: Students with a non-MPH master’s degree will be required to take all MPH core courses not previously taken

Q: What is needed to apply to the program?
A: Students must submit all of the following:
- Application for graduate admission and application fee
- Personal statement
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities
- 3 letters of recommendation
- TOEFL scores (international students only)

Q: How do I apply?
A: The University at Albany uses the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS) found at www.sophas.org.

Q: Are GRE or MCAT scores required?
A: No, neither test is required.

Q: What are the degree requirements?
A: The program requires the following:
- Minimum of 48 credit hours of course work
- Passing grade on the comprehensive examination
- Two 6 credit practicum experiences
- Successful completion of doctoral project and dissertation

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