Yale NUS College

Five-Year Concurrent Degree Programme (CDP) with Yale School of Public Health (YSPH)
Five-Year Public Health Programme

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What is Public Health?
Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where we live, learn, work and play.

Research, education and policy development to cultivate conditions in which people can prevent disease and promote health.

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Why Yale School of Public Health

• 384 MPH students + BA/BS-MPH from Yale + PhD
• 130+ full-time faculty
• More than 6,000 graduates
• Community service is a shared value
• Diversity
• Research
• Your own path
Programme Overview

Yale-NUS students are eligible to the following departments:

- Biostatistics
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases
- Chronic Disease Epidemiology
- Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Health Policy

Concentrations in Climate Change, Global Health, Public Health Modeling, Regulatory Affairs, or US Health and Justice can be pursued on a case-by-case basis

Programme Design

- 18 credits/courses are required for the MPH degree (1 course = 1 credit)
- 135 Yale-NUS MCs required for YSPH CDP students for BA/BS (exception from 160 general MC requirement for Yale-NUS students)
- BA/BS and MPH are both awarded at the completion of the MPH
How to Prepare

• Research experience @Yale-NUS or elsewhere
• Public health related internship:
  • E.g., government ministries, non-governmental organizations, hospitals/health centers, etc.
• Courses with public health content and/or papers/projects on health-related topics
• Work with advisor and CIPE to build a convincing narrative – articulate connections of your experience to public health
• Build relationships with possible recommenders
Admissions Criteria

• Research, professional, volunteer experience
• Clarity of focus and articulation of future goals
• Passion for and commitment to public health
• Academic achievement
• One year of college-level science and math (strongly preferred)
Application Process: 1 October to 1 November

2. 2 Letters of Recommendation (at least 1 from Faculty)
3. Transcripts
4. SAT or ACT scores
5. Personal essay: Why Public Health
6. Resume
7. Application Fee

Candidates apply directly to YSPH. Yale-NUS does not play any role in YSPH’s decision making process for applications.
# Programme Structure and Timelines

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<th>Apply to program by Nov 1st. Interviews take place during last week in November and decisions by December</th>
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<td>Year 3, Semester 2</td>
<td>Inform CIPE of your acceptance and prepare for study abroad the following semester. Throughout Year 3, Students focus on courses in their major</td>
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<td>Year 4, Semester 1</td>
<td>Spend this semester at the Yale School of Public Health taking 4 courses (1 credit = 1 course) and begin work on capstone projects</td>
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<td>Year 4, Semester 2</td>
<td>Spend semester at Yale-NUS finishing capstone project, taking 2 approved public-health related courses at Yale-NUS or NUS</td>
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<td>Summer Break Between Year 4 and Year 5</td>
<td>Participate in a public health-related internship during this time. Internships must be approved by the Office of Public Health Practice</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>Spend entire fifth year at the School of Public Health taking prescribed classes; Receive BS/BS and MPH at end of Year 5</td>
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Studying at YSPH (Year 4, Semester 1)

Courses
- Student take 4 required core courses, such as:
  - Biostatistics in Public Health
  - Social Justice and Health Equity
  - Major Health Threats: Determinants and Solutions
  - Foundations of Epidemiology and Public Health
  - Ethics and Public Health: An Introduction
  - Health Policy and Health Care Systems
- Capstone: students make arrangements to join their capstone course remotely

Finances
- Tuition fees are paid directly to YSPH
  - Different than typical Semester Abroad programmes
  - Financial aid can be applied to these tuition fees, but students are responsible for the remainder
Yale-NUS and Courses at NUS (Year 4, Semester 2)

Courses
- Students take 2 approved courses at NUS, likely Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health
- Coursework will depend on specific program selected for MPH
- Students should meet with Faculty Advisor Jeannette Ickovics to plan their coursework
- Students complete their Yale-NUS capstone

Finances
- Students pay tuition to Yale-NUS, financial aid applies
Internship (Summer between Years 4 and 5)

Internship Requirements
• Internships can be anywhere in the world
• Must be relevant to public health and be approved by the Office of Public Health Practice
• Must be at least ten weeks of full time work in a public health setting

Examples of Internships
• Expanded Program on Immunization Leadership and Management Program at YSPH's Global Health Leadership Institute
• Maternal-child health projects in Samoa
• World Health Organization in the Unit for the Management of Noncommunicable Diseases
• Community Health Department at Yale New Haven Health System

More details available at
https://publichealth.yale.edu/communications/archive/slideshows/internships/
Studying at YSPH (Year 5)

Courses
- Students are in full-time residence at the Yale School of Public Health during their fifth year in the program
- Completion of remaining required courses and the Master's thesis
- Upon completion of these requirements, students will then receive both their Bachelor’s and MPH together

Finances
- Tuition paid directly to YSPH
- Yale-NUS financial aid does not carry over
- Limited scholarships from YSPH for international students
- Yale-NUS Scholarships: Bataua and H.L. Kwee Scholarships
Questions
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