

## 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, references and others. The current policy states that applicants to the 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 that have sufficient professional and other academic credentials that demonstrate likely success in the MPH program. These credentials may include:\*

- **A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher** from the U.S.-accredited college or university where the degree was earned\*
- **At least five years of professional work experience** with evidence of promotions, honors/awards, or other professional achievements in a health-related field
- **Distinguished U.S. military service** with progressive increases in rank and honors/awards
- **Earned doctorate degree** (i.e., MD, DO, PharmD, DPM, PhD, JD, DDS, DNP) 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
- **The applicant must meet the minimum graduate admissions criteria**  
<https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/admissions-criteria>

*\* The items listed above are subject to verification and review. Completion of these achievements does not automatically convey a GRE waiver.*

## PROCESS:

Applicants that wish to apply for a waiver of the GRE application requirement should complete the Application for GRE Waiver form and submit the required documentation. The review process generally takes 5-8 business days. Approval of a GRE waiver does not guarantee admission. Summary of the process:

1. Student completes the Application for GRE Waiver, including required documentation, and submits to the Administrative Assistant
2. Administrative Assistant forwards paperwork to the Graduate Coordinator for first stage of approval
3. If Graduate Coordinator approves, the Administrative Assistant forwards the paperwork to the Associate Dean for second stage of approval
4. If Associate Dean approves, the Administrative Assistant forwards the paperwork to the Office of Graduate Studies where the Dean of Graduate Studies makes the final decision
5. If the Dean of Graduate Studies approves, the approval is communicated to the Administrative Assistant, who notifies the applicant

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Applicants may request a waiver of the GRE application requirement for the Master of Public Health degree program. Waivers of the GRE application requirement are generally only granted to distinguished applicants whose record of professional and academic achievement serve as a comparable indicator of likely success in the Master of Public Health program. Before completing this form, please review the GRE Waiver Guidelines.

**YOUR INFORMATION:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ KSU BANNER ID \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

The student must meet the minimum graduate admissions requirements and must have submitted an application to the College of Public Health ([www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/graduate](http://www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/graduate)).

**THE BASIS OF GRE WAIVER REQUEST IS AN UNDERGRADUATE GPA OF 3.0 OR HIGHER AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

- I have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from a U.S.-accredited college or university\* and one of the other criteria below.
  - If you had a GPA of 3.0 or higher, please identify at least one other criteria below.
  - If you did not have a degree GPA of 3.0 or higher, you are not eligible for a GRE waiver.
- At least five years of professional work experience with evidence of promotions, honors/awards or other professional achievements in a health-related field
- Distinguished U.S. military service with progressive increases in rank and honors/awards
- Earned doctorate (i.e., MD, DO, PharmD, DPM, PhD, JD, DDS, DNP) 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

**ATTACH REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUEST:**

1. A cover letter explaining why a GRE waiver should be granted in your case
2. Updated resume/CV
3. Documentation that supports your request

By signing below, I am requesting a waiver of the GRE application requirement and authorizing the University to conduct whatever background check is necessary to verify the information I have submitted. I further acknowledge that submitting this information does not automatically constitute a waiver of the GRE application requirement and that such waiver is at the sole discretion of the University.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Submit this form and supporting documentation to [kbaker80@kent.edu](mailto:kbaker80@kent.edu) for processing.**

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