ENVIRONMENTAL AND RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH SCIENCES
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in Environmental Health
Epidemiology Specialization
Admission Requirements and Evaluation Criteria

Admission requirements

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (exceptions are permitted in some circumstances; please contact us to discuss).
- Successful applicants to the Ph.D. program will generally have completed a prior master's degree in a closely related field of study; OR completed a professional doctorate degree (e.g., M.D., D.V.M., D.O., J.D.) PLUS prior relevant research or applied professional experience that includes scientific writing (please address in the personal statement). Please contact the program for further guidance.
- Personal statement: please address the areas of evaluation (see evaluation criteria below) in 2-3 pages, single-spaced; most personal statements should be about 2 pages unless you choose to include additional explanation in your application materials (e.g., low grades). Please specifically address the following:
    - Your academic preparation, including quantitative experience and ability
    - Your interest in the program and in the faculty research areas
    - Any relevant professional or research experience
    - Your experience as a leader, in outreach, and/or community involvement
    - Your career or professional goals
    - Please describe a personal or professional scenario in which you have demonstrated perseverance.
    - Explain your role in the submitted written product, if applicable, and how the written product demonstrates your quantitative ability.
    - Describe how you will contribute to Colorado State University's goals of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.
    - Explain any potential deficiencies (e.g., low grades).
- Minimum of two letters of recommendation: Letters of recommendation should be provided by someone who can speak to the applicant's academic preparation and potential for success in this graduate program. Letters of recommendation should address the following:
    - Academic preparation
    - Scholarly potential
    - Potential for success in this graduate program, including personal attributes such as perseverance, self-efficacy, emphasis on long-term goals
    - Please indicate for how long and how well you know the applicant.

- Applicants must also provide *at least two* of the following as evidence of analytic/quantitative abilities:
    - Transcripts demonstrating academic success (generally grades of B or better) in health, public health, natural sciences, or other fields with a substantial quantitative component (e.g., mathematics, statistics, engineering)
    - Written product from a professional experience demonstrating analytic/quantitative skill. Note: if you submit a written product, please explain your role in the written product and how the product demonstrates your quantitative ability.
    - Letter(s) of recommendation that provides specific examples of applicant's analytic/quantitative abilities
    - Graduate Record Exam scores within the last three years. Note that GRE scores, if submitted, will not hurt your application but could benefit your application if the scores are strong. GRE scores are not required.

Evaluation criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the following areas: academic preparation; scholarly potential; alignment with the program; non-traditional learning; leadership, outreach, and community involvement; emphasis on long-term goals, perseverance, self-efficacy; and commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.