Epidemiology is the study of the distribution of disease in populations, and of risk and preventive factors for disease. The Department of Epidemiology’s mission is to provide rigorous training in the fundamentals and practice of epidemiology, to contribute to the understanding of the causes and prevention of disease and its outcomes, and to improve public health through excellence in research and practice. Epidemiology has a central role in public health and biomedical research more generally because it comprises techniques to ensure that research, study design and interpretation of results are as accurate as possible.

**Highlights**
The Epidemiology Program at UW is very highly ranked, with a large award-winning faculty. Research interests include cancer, infectious diseases (primarily HIV/STIs), cardiovascular disease, injury, maternal and child health, reproductive health, Alzheimer's disease, and diabetes. Nutritional, genetic, molecular, metabolic, gender, environmental, medical, pharmacological, psychosocial, socio-economic, and behavioral factors are also studied. The Department's research and educational mission involves substantial collaborations with other UW School of Public Health and School of Medicine departments, multiple UW research centers and local institutions, including local and state health departments, Seattle Children's Hospital, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and Harborview Medical Center, to mention a few.

**Degrees and/or Certificates Offered**

**MPH:** Epidemiology (General Track*, Maternal and Child Health Track, or Global Health Track)

**MS:** Epidemiology (General Track* or Clinical Research Track)

**PhD:** Epidemiology (General Track*)

*Specialization through electives and dissertation/thesis.

**Graduate Certificate Programs:**
Basic Clinical Research Methods
Advanced Clinical Research Methods
Degree students may earn a graduate certificate from another department.

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**Applicant Qualifications**
The Department attracts students nationally and internationally and welcomes applicants from diverse backgrounds. MS/MPH applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher with a health-related background by the time of entry. Experience in public health is considered, and public health research is preferred, especially for the PhD. PhD applicants must hold a health-related master's degree at the time of entry.

**Academic/Professional Opportunities**
Epidemiologists work as leaders and other key staff on collaborative, multidisciplinary teams as university faculty, research scientists, public health practitioners, study coordinators, and data analysts. They carry out their roles at medical institutions, research universities, local, state, national and international public health agencies, health care consulting firms, pharmaceutical manufacturers, insurance companies, and non-profit organizations.

**Admissions**
It is critical to read the directions and follow the links to requirement specific instructions at: http://depts.washington.edu/epidem.

Applications must be submitted on-line at: https://www.grad.washington.edu/applForAdmiss/.

Applications include a statement of purpose, diversity statement, three references letters, and scanned transcripts. The GRE General Test is required for all applicants, except MS/MPH applicants with a U.S. MD, PhD, DDS, DVM, DO, ScD or equivalent. An international applicant must submit a TOEFL/IELTS score if he or she does not hold a bachelor's degree from an institution that only uses English as the language of instruction or a master's or doctorate from the U.S.

**Application Deadline**
Summer or Autumn Quarter entry only
(Summer entry is for UW postdocs only.)
December 1 of previous year