

GRE Waiver Policy - ECU Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) Degree
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Eligibility: Applicants who have completed their ECU online application and submitted their application fee payment may request a GRE waiver if you meet both 1 and 2 of the following criteria:

1. Previously Earned Advanced Degree
 - a. You have an earned MPH or closely related graduate level degree from a US regionally accredited institution that required the GRE for admission, and you have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater. *Note you are responsible for providing the documentation from your institution.*
or
 - b. You have an earned MD or PhD degree from a US regionally accredited program that required an entrance exam for admission, and you have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater.

2. Professional Experience
 - a. You have seven or more years of **full-time** experience in public health at the professional (post-graduate degree) level that shows increased responsibility over the scope of your career

Operational Process: If you believe you meet the eligibility requirements listed above you should:

1. Send an email to the program director requesting a GRE waiver:
 - a. The body of your email should contain clear language of evidence of how you qualify for the waiver.
 - b. Include a copy of the admission requirements from the institution where you received your previous advanced degree to validate an entrance exam was required. A letter from the institution's chief enrollment officer, director of admission or registrar, or a copy of the catalog text for the year you originally matriculated is sufficient.
 - c. Include a copy of your resume along with employer contact information for validation purposes.
 - d. While not required, consider including a copy of your formal job description(s).

2. The request is reviewed by the program director:
 - a. The program director and/or the admissions committee has discretion on the decision regarding requests for the GRE waiver. If the program director supports a GRE waiver, they send a recommendation to the Graduate School who then confirm eligibility. If eligibility is affirmed, the Graduate School manually updates the applicant record with a waiver and contacts both the student and the program director.
 - b. If the program director does not support a GRE waiver or the Graduate School is unable to endorse a waiver recommendation, the program director will inform you that the request for a GRE waiver was denied