



Information Packet

Master of Science Infection Prevention and Epidemiology

Program Start: [January & August](#)

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Master of Science in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology (MSI)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Masters of Science degree in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology is a part-time graduate program that has a total of 12 courses. Students will complete these courses sequentially, one on-line course every eight weeks. Students will have one week off in-between courses and will complete the program in 23 months.

All students must complete and pass each course with a 'B' or 3.0 grade point average (GPA).

Courses	Credits
Introduction to Epidemiology	3
Statistics & Research Methods	3
Principles & Epidemiology of Infectious Disease	3
Molecular and Immunological Methods in Infectious Disease	3
Clinical Microbiology	3
Antimicrobial Stewardship	3
Reprocessing & Environment of Care	3
Regulation & Quality Improvement	3
Principles of Surveillance and Reporting	3
Healthcare Informatics & Data Management	3
Transformational Leadership	3
Internship & Capstone	3

This program uses a cohort model, allowing students to move through each course with the same group of students. Twenty students will be admitted to each class.

FACE-TO-FACE PROGRAM IMMERSION

All students are encouraged to attend a face-to-face program immersion at the beginning of the program. The literature supports successful on-line programs with high graduation rates require an initial face-to-face orientation. This two day session helps to build a student community, introduction to the university and program coursework.

Specific orientation details are to be determined.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree
- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or greater for a BA or BS degree
 - A cumulative GPA is calculated by averaging all GPAs that lead to the completion of the bachelor degree.
 - Any applicant who does not meet the minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 or higher, or does not have a GPA on their transcript, must complete the graduate record examination (GRE). GRE scores expire in five years.

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- Acceptable GRE scores include:
 - Verbal: 150
 - Quantitative: 149
- Official College transcripts must verify your completed degree program
 - Applicants must submit official transcripts from all institutions they attended that lead to the completion of their bachelor's degree.
 - All foreign transcripts must be submitted with an official transcript evaluation; this evaluation is paid by the student.
- Completion of three prerequisite courses:
 - Microbiology (4 credits)
 - Anatomy & Physiology (8 credits)
 - 2 Anatomy & Physiology courses or
 - 1 Anatomy and 1 Physiology course taken separately
 - Introduction to Statistics (3 credits)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **On-line Program Application**
- **Program Application Fee (\$50)**
- **Official Transcripts**
- **Personal Essay**
- **Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume**

PROGRAM APPLICATION

- Visit the UP website at www.uprovidence.edu
- Click on the orange Apply box
- Select Application for Graduate Admission
- Click on Create Account

PROGRAM APPLICATION FEE

Applicants are required to pay a \$50 application fee. Applicants pay this fee through the university website at www.uprovidence.edu.

- Select Pay Application Fee under the School of Health Professions link at the top of the page.
- Enter your name
- Select Application Fee for the Payment Allocation
- Enter \$50.00 as the Payment Amount
- Select your Payment Option
- Follow the prompts to finish your payment

Applications will not be reviewed until this fee has been paid.

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OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Applicants must submit official transcripts from the institution(s) where they completed their BA or BS degree. UP requires transcripts from all institutions attended leading up to their degree. If a student completed their degree in a foreign country, they must also provide an official transcript interpretation. If there is not a GPA associated with the BA or BS degree, the applicant must complete the GRE.

Applicants are highly encouraged to submit their official transcripts electronically to UP.

Most institutions have this option available. If an email address is required, send transcripts to admissions@uprovidence.edu.

PERSONAL ESSAY

Applicants are required to answer an essay question in their online application.

Essay question: In one page: please explain how this degree program will benefit you personally and professionally in your current and/or future career.

All essays are read and ranked using a rubric. To score high on the essay, students are highly encouraged to write a complete answer (2-3 paragraphs) that is no longer than one page. Your writing (spelling, grammar, punctuality, etc.) and content will be graded against the rubric.

CURRICULUM VITAE/RESUME

Applicants are required to submit their current CV or resume to as a supplemental item on their application.

FINANCIAL AID

Applicants can apply for financial aid on the UP website at <https://uprovidence.edu/become-a-student/financial-aid/>. Applicants will need to apply initially for the 2018-2019 school year. For questions, contact the Financial Aid office at 406-791-5202.

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