

MASTER

# Public Health

## Master 2 Public Health

### Data Science

## What is public health data science?

A way of gathering, analyzing and linking information about people and their health to improve healthcare for all. It is an emergent discipline, arising at the intersection of (bio)statistics, computer science, and epidemiology. It generates data-driven solutions by employing critical thinking and analytics to create knowledge from (big) data.

### Training objectives

- › To train professionals in the data science field applied in public health either, in the industry or public sectors.
- › To provide basic skills (scientific expertise, management of complex issues, capacity to manage informational and technological data, etc.) to integrate a PhD programme within a research team.
- › To develop knowledge skills that allow to manage projects or multidisciplinary programmes in data science in collaboration with partners and networks involved.
- › To know how to conduct research based on public health, from project design to data analysis and presentation of results.
- › To have multidisciplinary skills in epidemiology, computer science and biostatistics.
- › To know how to understand strengths and limits of technologies and digital approaches to public health.

### Target audience

This Master programme is for English-speaking students and professionals with an appetite for data science. Prior training in epidemiology, biostatistics and/or in medical informatics is required to attend the courses.

Candidates must be comfortable with data manipulation: data management, analysis, and interpretation. Knowledge of R and Python software is strongly recommended.

For working professionals, it is requested to follow all the courses (face-to-face and online) without any exception: attendance at all courses is mandatory. No time adjustment is allowed to complete the programme over 2 years for candidates engaged in professional activities.

## Program structure

### Semester 3

#### › Basics (6 ECTS)

Focus on basic knowledge and the functional capabilities of the tools used in health data analytics.

#### › Electronic health data (6 ECTS)

Focus on the skills required to conceptualize, manage, analyze and communicate via health research carried out by Electronic Health Records (HER) and medicoadministrative databases (MA-DBs).

#### › Digital cohorts (3 ECTS)

Focus on the skills required to conceptualize, manage, analyze and communicate via cohort studies that integrate digital tools.

#### › Web-based data (6 ECTS)

Focus on the abilities needed to prepare public health studies which integrate data from social networks and web forums, linked open data and mobile data.

#### › Omics data (6 ECTS)

Focus on the abilities needed to conceptualize, manage, analyze and communicate using clinical studies that integrate high dimensional data.

### Semester 4

#### › Value creation (3 ECTS, online)

Focus on the dissemination of research results in the academic and industry domains, by developing communication and entrepreneurial skills.

#### › Internship (30 ECTS)

Students complete their internship either with the research team that generated a project case study during the Public Health Data Science Master's programme or else with a team from the extensive research network of the Graduate Program.

### International partnerships:

- ›  [McGill University](#): possibility of an official dual degree in France (University of Bordeaux) / Canada-Quebec
- ›  [EuropubHealth+](#): the M2 PHDS programme is a second year of specialisation in the European Master's in Public Health (Erasmus Mundus)

### Strengths of the programme

- › Multidisciplinary training combining Epidemiology, (Bio)Statistics and Medical Informatics.
- › A teaching team composed of professor-researchers from Bordeaux Population Health-Ispe and French and international researchers.
- › Innovative training with flipped classrooms focused on data handling and e-learning courses.

### Support services

- › Personalized support and follow-up of students by the teaching team, the scientific director and the pedagogical manager, throughout the year.
- › Individual and collective supervision by the teachers (in person and online).

## Professionalization

Mandatory internship between January and August (from 5 to 6 months).

## Research and professional support

- › Environment of the Inserm U1219 Bordeaux Population Health research center.
- › Numerous collaborations with other research teams in France and abroad.

## Acquired competences

At the end of the MSc, the student is able to:

- › Wrangle and transform health data to perform meaningful analyses
- › Visualize and interpret health data and effectively communicate results and findings
- › Apply statistical methods to draw scientific conclusions from health data
- › Utilize statistical models and machine learning
- › Collaborate with a team on health data-driven research projects

## And after?

### Professional insertion

Positions held by students at the end of their training are all professions whose activity involves, even partially or indirectly, data science in the healthcare field.

More specifically:

- › Researchers or engineers in University and private research teams,
- › Technicians in medical companies, start-ups or contract research organizations (CROs),
- › Digital health consultants or specialists in industry or government departments and agencies,
- › Project managers in a public or private department specialized in data science

### Possible further studies

At the end of this Master's degree, students can begin a PhD programme.

# Program Fact sheet

## Diploma

- › 2nd year of Master's degree

## Track

- › Public Health

## Speciality

- › Public Health Data Science

## Location of the training

- › Isped - Carrière site of the University of Bordeaux

## Number of places

- › 21 students

## Application Requirements

- › Students not having interrupted their studies who have validated:
  - Either 1 year or 2 years of a Master's degree in epidemiology, medical informatics or biostatistics;
  - Either 1 year or 2 years of a Master of Science including the validation of several teaching units in data science, epidemiology, medical informatics or biostatistics.
- › Adults having interrupted their studies\* who have or have had professional activities related to the core disciplines of the diploma and:
  - Having validated at least 4 years at the University;
  - Having undergone the validation procedure of the University of Bordeaux concerning their professional and personal experiences.

\* This public refers to adults returning to the University (continuous training).

### Including:

- Employees in the private sector and civil servants,
- Job seekers,
- Non-employees,
- General public: Anyone can register to this training.
- Beneficiaries with prior learning recognition: total or partial VAE (acquired experience validation), VAPP (recognition of personal and professional learning) allowing to obtain a national diploma.

## Language requirements

This programme is taught entirely in English. Excellent proficiency in English is therefore required. Non-native English-speaking students have to provide a TOEFL or IELTS certification (TOEFL score of 550/213/79-80 or IELTS score of 6.0) or any other document certifying a C1 level in English after examination (university certificates, etc.)

## Training organization

- › Possibility of entering directly to second year of the Master's programme without attending the first year of the Master's degree in Public Health at Isped.
- › 1 year divided into 2 semesters, full-time.
- › Theoretical in-class training from early September to mid-March, i.e. 25 weeks of classes, followed by an internship of 5 to 6 months max.
- › Dissertation defense: late June.

## Organization of the courses

- › According to each teaching unit (TU), courses include lectures, tutorials, projects and group workshops.
- › Definition of the internship's subject and its follow-up carried out through workshops with the whole class and the members of the teaching team.

## Teaching Hours

- › Semester 3: 300 hours.
- › Semester 4: 40 hours + 805 hours minimum 924 hours maximum of internship.

## Knowledge Assessment

- › Courses are organized into TUs and are credited with ECTS.
- › To obtain the diploma, validation of the TUs from both semesters.
- › For each TU: specific knowledge tested by a continuous assessment (individual or by group, oral or written) and/or a final exam.
- › Internship with a written dissertation and oral presentation facing a jury.

## Special terms and conditions

- › Training with or without interruption, validation of professional experience.

## International

- › Possibility to do the internship abroad (international mobility assistance offered locally).
- › Possibility to apply for a dual degree with McGill (first year of the MSc).

## Tuition and Training Fees

Students not having interrupted their studies  
(initial training)  
Tuition fees\* + CVEC

## Adults having interrupted their studies (continuing education)

Tuition fees\*: 254 € + Training costs: 4 300 €\*\*

\* For information, in 2025-2026 for French and EU students, from 254€ to 3 941€ for other international students (not mentioned above) according to the status of the Isped/Partner University agreement + CVEC 105€ only for students under the Initial training status.

\*\* Submitted to the vote of University authorities.

Financial aid may be granted to selected applicants according to criteria of excellence.

## Location of the training

Bordeaux School of Public Health  
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33076 Bordeaux Cedex

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More information

[www.isped.u-bordeaux.fr](http://www.isped.u-bordeaux.fr)

## How to apply?

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Application period on  
eCandidat:

April 7 to May 5, 2026:

[https://ecandidat.licence-  
master.u-bordeaux.  
fr/#/accueilView](https://ecandidat.licence-master.u-bordeaux.fr/#/accueilView)

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Deadline for submitting  
completed files:

May 7, 2026

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Results of the teaching  
committee:

June 2, 2026

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Deadline for confirming  
applications:

June 12, 2026

### For international students applying through Études en France

Register before 15 December 2025\* at: [www.pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr](http://www.pastel.diplomatie.gouv.fr)

\* Important: the deadline for submitting applications depends on the Campus France office in your country of residence.  
Please check with your local office.

Selection based on documents and possibly an interview.