Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Omega Chapter

Eligibility & Nomination Criteria: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the categories in which Delta Omega inducts members?
1. Master’s Students Nearing Graduation
2. Doctoral Students Nearing Graduation
3. Baccalaureate Students Pursuing a Public Health Degree and Nearing Graduation
4. Alumni Who Received a Masters or Doctoral Degree from Milken
5. Faculty at Milken

What are the eligibility criteria for student inductees?
1. Graduate (masters-level and doctoral-level) student inductees must:
   a. Be a current Milken Institute School of Public Health graduate student or be in the last grading period leading to an advanced degree in public health.
      i. *Note: Students are eligible if they were full-time students during the same spring semester as their spring application or full-time students during the prior fall semester.*
   b. Have completed one full year of academic courses. This translates to at least:
      i. 31 credit hours for Master’s students (exception: 25 credit hours for MS in Exercise Science, Biostatistics, and Epidemiology)
      ii. 40 credit hours for doctoral students by the end of the preceding Fall semester
   c. Be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Those elected shall be from the upper 25% in class standing and have demonstrated real or potential qualities of leadership in public health.
      i. *Note: This typically translates to a cumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 3.85. However, GPA cutoffs are recalculated every spring semester to reflect the upper 25% cutoff. This means that the GPA cutoff varies from year to year.*
   d. Demonstrate leadership in public health practice, including research, policy, and advocacy.
2. Baccalaureate student inductees must:
   a. Be candidates for a baccalaureate degree in public health, exercise science or athletic training during the current or previous academic year.
   b. Be in the top 25% of their graduating class. Those elected shall be from the 25% in class standing and have demonstrated real or potential qualities of leadership in public health.
      i. *Note: This typically translates to a cumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 3.80. However, GPA cutoffs are recalculated every spring semester to reflect the upper 25% cutoff. This means that the GPA cutoff varies from year to year.*
   c. Demonstrate leadership in public health practice, including research, policy, and advocacy.

What are the eligibility requirements for alumni inductees?
Alumni must demonstrate leadership in professional and community activities within the field of public health that would serve as a model for future graduates of the school. Alumni members must have at least three (3) years of full-time professional experience related to public health and may not be eligible for nomination within one year of graduation. Nomination must be made by a current Delta Omega member. Alumni should submit:
1. A letter of recommendation from a current Delta Omega member (please contact dltomega@gmail.com if you are interested but do not know a current DO member).
2. A one-page personal statement related to professional and community activities, and
3. A current CV.

Is selection competitive?
Yes. Selection in Delta Omega is very competitive. A maximum of ten percent (10%) of graduating students are elected to membership in any one year.

Which disciplines are eligible?
Individuals from all disciplines within the Milken Institute School of Public Health are eligible.

What materials are required for the student nomination process?
All baccalaureate, masters-level, and doctoral-level students must submit the following:
1. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or mentor in the field of public health explaining your contributions to the field. Recommendations will not be accepted from fellow students.
2. One-page personal statement demonstrating your leadership potential in the field. The letter should reflect your academic accomplishments, professional leadership, and community leadership.
3. Current curriculum vitae (CV)
4. Your transcript will be pulled from Student Records to verify GPA eligibility

When are nominations due?
Nominations are solicited and accepted annually during the spring semester. Typically, nominations open in February and close in March. The nomination period is typically open for 3-4 weeks.

Where do I submit the nomination package?
Nomination packages should be submitted electronically to Delta Omega (dlomega@gmail.com). Please include your GWID on all nomination documents. Recommenders may submit their letters separately.

Can students with less than the credit requirement apply if they are graduating in the summer semester and plan to complete the remaining credits over the spring?
No. A student must have completed the required credits by the end of the preceding fall semester.

How long after the deadline date will applicants know their acceptance status?
Applicants will be notified of induction status approximately 3 to 4 weeks after the application deadline.

How strict is the GPA cut-off? If someone is slightly below the GPA, should they still apply?
The GPA minimum requirement is a strict cut-off and must be attained at the time of application. Student applicants below this GPA **will not be** considered for nomination.

Where can I find out more information about Delta Omega?
You can email us at dlomega@gmail.com or visit the Omega Chapter’s website: http://publichealth.gwu.edu/projects/delta-omega. Information on the national Delta Omega Honorary Society can be found at: http://www.deltaomega.org.