Welcome to Boston University School of Public Health!

Orientation aims to facilitate new students’ transition into the School and to enrich each individual’s unique educational experience. You’ll learn about life inside and outside the classroom, from academics to research, employment, and volunteer opportunities. Orientation is also an excellent opportunity to meet your peers, the faculty and staff, and deans of the School.

Please note: *Italicized events are required or strongly recommended.*

General orientation events

MPH-specific events

MA/MS, DrPH and PhD-specific events

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**Tuesday, August 30**

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<td>9 – 10 am, or by request</td>
<td><strong>Campus Tours</strong> Take a tour of the School of Public Health and the Boston University Medical Campus. Note: additional tours available on Wednesday morning or upon request.</td>
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<td>10 – 11 am</td>
<td><strong>Introduction Program</strong> A welcome and introduction to the School from the deans.</td>
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<td>11 am – noon</td>
<td><strong>Alumni Panel</strong> Recent alumnae will host a question and answer period. This Q&amp;A will provide new students with tips from the “experts; those who have gone before them.”</td>
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| 12:30 – 2 pm          | **Cohort Lunch/Book Discussion** Meet the students and faculty in your cohort and join our first discussion about the Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks book. | Cohort A: L-112  
Cohort B:670- 107/108  
Cohort D: L-301  
Cohort E: L-109A/B/C  
Cohort F: L-303  
Cohort G: EB43  
MS/PhD/DrPH/Dual Degree: T-307center |
2:30 – 4:30 pm

**What is Public Health?**

*A forum with Dean Sandro Galea*

Join Dean Galea in a forum defining what is and is not public health. The presentation and discussion will explore what matters most and priority setting in the broader public health agenda.

**Public Health Legacy**

Participate in an activity to define what you want to leave as your Public Health Legacy.

4:30 pm

**BU SPH Student Organizations-Sponsored Social Event**

Socialize with current MPH students and learn more about student organizations. En route to Lir Lounge, we will tour the South End, your new neighborhood.

Meet in front of Talbot Building; walk to Lir Lounge, 903 Boylston Street

4:30 pm

**MA/MS, DrPH & PhD Students Social**

Socialize with your colleagues from across the School including representatives of the Doctoral Student Organization.

Meet in front of Talbot Building; walk to ZC Boston, 801 Mass Ave.

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**Wednesday, August 31**

8 – 8:30 am, or by request

**Campus Tours**

Take a tour of the School of Public Health and the Boston University Medical Campus. Note: additional tours available upon request.

Tent, Talbot Green

9:00 – 11 am

**Public Health Practice Information Session - Practice Plunge**

You’ll go out into our community and have the opportunity to start thinking about public health in a broad and real way, while exploring your new neighborhood with your classmates.

**Note:** Please be sure to arrive on time, dress appropriately for the weather, and be prepared to walk 20 – 30 minutes. Please let Joanna Brown, jvbrown@bu.edu, know beforehand if you have a mobility or physical limitation.

670 Albany Street, Auditorium
9 – 12 pm **Career Services Resume Critiques**
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11 am – 12:30 pm **Understanding & Addressing Health Disparity at BUSPH – Part 1**
Open to all. The School’s mission is to improve the health of local, national and international populations, particularly the disadvantaged, underserved and vulnerable, through excellence and innovation in education, research, and service. How do we prepare to meet the health needs of the “disadvantaged, underserve and vulnerable”? This interactive session will begin the conversation.

12:30 – 2 pm **Team Building Lunch**
With fellow new students you meet over lunch, you’ll engage in a team challenge that will help raise your awareness of both the strengths and challenges of working in a team.

2 pm – 3:30 pm **Understanding & Addressing Health Disparity at BUSPH – Part 2**

3:30 – 4:30 pm **International Students and Scholars Visa and Immigration Workshop**

3:30 – 4:30 pm **Student Financial Services Information Session**
Question and answer period, featuring financial officers. All students receiving financial aid MUST attend this session.

4:30 pm – 5:15 pm **Practicum Poster Session**
As a culmination of their required practicum experiences, students present posters about their professional work experiences.

5:15 – 6:30 pm **Buffet Dinner**
Come and engage with your SPH Community. Representatives will be available from each certificate area, department, as well as alumni of the school.
**Thursday, September 1**  
**Welcome Lunch for International Students**

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| 12:30 – 2:00 pm | Introduction to the American Classroom.  
International students are invited to a special lunch to meet current and new international students from SPH, learn about all the resources available, activities planned through the year, getting acquainted with the city, and a delicious lunch. | EB43      |

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**Friday, September 2**  
**Community Tours and Field Service Day**

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<td>Various times</td>
<td>Explore your new neighborhoods and the communities you will serve. Meet your fellow classmates, go on a Toxic Tour, and serve at local community organizations. Information on registering for this Community Day will be available by August 15 and will be sent via email.</td>
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## Ongoing Events

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<td><strong>Hospitality Table</strong>&lt;br&gt;Pick up your name badges and Orientation binders. Students and staff will be available to answer your questions throughout the day.</td>
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<td>Thursday, 8:30 am – 4 pm</td>
<td><strong>Student Life Table</strong>&lt;br&gt;Stop by the Student Life table to see what events and organizations are available to SPH students.</td>
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<td>8:30 am – 4 pm</td>
<td><strong>SPH Student ID Card Processing and Pick-up</strong>&lt;br&gt;Albany Garage, 710 Albany Street</td>
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<td>Thursday, 9 am - 6 pm;</td>
<td><strong>Parking Office</strong>&lt;br&gt;If you are planning on bringing a car to campus, stop by the Parking Office to get a permit. Please note: parking restrictions by time of day and lot. See the Parking Office for details.</td>
<td>Albany Garage, 710</td>
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<td>Friday, 9 am - 5 pm</td>
<td><strong>Transportation Office</strong>&lt;br&gt;Find out here your best transportation route to and from Campus.</td>
<td>Albany Garage, 710</td>
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<td><strong>Student Financial Services Open House</strong>&lt;br&gt;Stop by the office to meet with financial officers. Please note informational session on Wednesday, 3:30 pm.</td>
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*Locations*

Please reference the maps included in your orientation packet and/or in the appendix of the Student Handbook.

- **A:** The building in which Student Financial Services and Housing offices are located. It is accessible through the L building.
- **CT:** The Crosstown Building at 801 Massachusetts Ave (at the intersection of Albany Street. Biostatistics, Global Health, and Community Health Sciences departments are based here.
- **EB43:** Evans building basement. Enter in the Instructional building and go down to the basement floor. Travel past the mailroom and EB43 will be on your right hand side.
- **L:** The L Instructional Building, which is directly across the green from the Talbot Building. A handy note: bear L (left) at the guard desk in the lobby.
- **R:** The McNary Learning Center, the first floor of the Research (R) Building; also, directly across the green from the Talbot Building. A handy note: bear R (right) at the guard desk in the lobby and head past it and beyond the elevators.
- **T:** The Talbot Building at 715 Albany Street. Talbot houses BUSPH academic administrative offices