



Bachelor of Science in Public Health/ Master of Public Health Combined Degree Program Rationale with new GE

Title: Bachelor of Science in Public Health/Master of Public Health (BSPH/MPH)

Description and Rationale: Qualified students may complete a combined undergraduate/graduate degree program via a 5-year (3+2) Model. Students have the opportunity to complete both the BSPH and MPH degrees more efficiently than had the degrees been completed separately. Years 1, 2 and 3 involve undergraduate courses; Year 4 is a combination of undergraduate courses and graduate courses, and Year 5 is all graduate coursework. Up to 16 credits of the graduate courses can count toward the bachelor's degree.

Credits required to earn the Undergraduate BSPH Degree: 121 credits

Credits required to earn the Graduate MPH Degree: 42-45 credits

Total Credits of Approved Course Overlap in the Combined Degree Program: between 12-16 credits

Estimated Duration and Planned Timeline for Completion of the Combined Degree Program: 5 years

Explanation of Overlap: Students will follow the specialization curriculum guides for each of the options of combined degree programs within the College of Public Health.

Curriculum/Graduation: The curriculum is set up that even when there are approved substitutions, competencies are still met. If a student pursuing a combined degree decides to not finish the MPH, but only graduate with the BSPH, they are still meeting degree requirements and competencies within a four-year period.

BSPH-Public Health Sociology/Master of Public Health – Health Behavior & Health Promotion (121 BSPH hours + 45 MPH hours, with 15 hours of overlap permitted)

Compared to the “traditional” BSPH degree:

Two MPH required courses, PUBHLTH 6001 (4 credits) and PUBHLTH 6002 (2 credits) are fulfilling 6 credits of the total 21 credits elective requirement for the BSPH degree.

Two MPH required courses, PUBHHBP 7542 (3 credits) and PUBHBIO 6211 (3 credits) will fulfill the 6 credits BSPH requirement of “Public Health Focus Area Courses”.

Waive the BSPH requirement of students having to take a high-level Epidemiology course requirement as students will get sufficient knowledge of Epidemiology in their MPH program.

BSPH-Public Health Sociology/Master of Public Health – Epidemiology (121 BSPH hours + 45 MPH hours, with 12 hours of overlap permitted)

Compared to the “traditional” BSPH degree:

Two MPH required courses, PUBHLTH 6001 (4 credits) and PUBHLTH 6002 (2 credits) will fulfill the 6 credits BSPH requirement of “Public Health Focus Area Courses”.

Two MPH required courses, PUBHLTH 6003 (2 credits) and PUBHLTH 6004 (4 credits) are fulfilling 6 of the 21 total elective credits required for the BSPH degree.

Waive PUBHEPI 4410 (3 credits) as MPH students will get sufficient knowledge of Epidemiology in their MPH program.

Waive the BSPH requirement of students having to take a high-level Epidemiology course

requirement (either PUBHEPI 3411 or 5412) and instead require PUBHEPI 5412 (3 credits) to be taken as part of the MPH program fulfilling an elective.

BSPH-Environmental Public Health/Master of Public Health – Environmental Health Sciences (121 BSPH hours + 45 MPH hours, with 15 hours of overlap permitted)

Compared to the “traditional” BSPH degree:

Three MPH required courses, PUBHLTH 6001 (4 credits), PUBHLTH 6002 (2 credits) and PUBHEHS 5325 will fulfill 9 credits towards the BSPH selective credit requirement.

Two BSPH specialization courses required, PUBHEHS 5315: Principles of Toxicology (3 credits) and PUBHEHS 5335 (3 credits) will be taken as a combined degree student to apply to both the bachelor’s and master’s degree.

BSPH-Environmental Public Health/ Master of Public Health – Epidemiology (121 BSPH hours + 45 MPH hours, with 16 hours of overlap permitted)

Compared to the “traditional” BSPH degree:

Four MPH required courses, PUBHLTH 6001 (4 credits) PUBHLTH 6002 (2 credits), PUBHLTH 6003 (2 credits) and PUBHLTH 6004 (4 credits) will fulfill the BSPH selective credit requirement.