



## Bachelor of Science in Public Health/ Master of Public Health Combined Degree Program Rationale with new GE and new ODHE rules

**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 9 credit hours of the graduate courses can count toward the bachelor's degree.

**Credits required to earn the Undergraduate BSPH Degree:** 121 credit hours

**Credits required to earn the Graduate MPH Degree:** 42-45 credit hours

**Total Credits of Approved Course Overlap in the Combined Degree Program:** 9 credit hours

**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 9 credit hours of overlap permitted)**

Compared to the “traditional” BSPH degree:

- Replace the BSPH requirement of students taking two Public Health Focus Area Courses with two graduate courses, Public Health 6001 and 6002.
- Apply PUBHHBP 7542 to count towards BSPH total degree hours.

### **BSPH-Public Health Sociology/Master of Public Health – Epidemiology (121 BSPH hours + 45 MPH hours, with 9 credit 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”.
- 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 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.
- Apply PUBHBIO 6211 to count towards BSPH total degree hours.

**BSPH-Environmental Public Health/Master of Public Health – Environmental Health Sciences (121 BSPH hours + 45 MPH hours, with 9 credit 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 (G section taken) will fulfill 9 credits towards the BSPH degree.

**BSPH-Environmental Public Health/ Master of Public Health – Epidemiology (121 BSPH hours + 45 MPH hours, with 9 credit hours of overlap permitted)**

Compared to the “traditional” BSPH degree:

PUBHLTH 6001 (4 credits) PUBHLTH 6002 (2 credits), and PUBHBIO 6211 (3 credit hours) will fulfill 9 credit hours towards the BSPH degree.