

B.S.P.H. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH /M.S.P.H. MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Bachelor of Science in Public Health/Master of Public Health (4+1 BSPH/MSPH)

The University of Miami’s School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS) and the Department of Public Health Sciences (DPHS) offer a 4+1 program that combines a Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) and a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH). SONHS academically-qualified juniors are eligible to apply to the MSPH program. If accepted, students complete the combined bachelor’s and master’s degrees in 5 years.

Applicants must be enrolled in the BSPH program with the SONHS and apply separately into the 4+1 BSPH/ MSPH. Applicants must be in good academic standing as defined by the School of Nursing at the time of submission. Acceptance into the BSPH program does not in any way indicate or guarantee acceptance to the MSPH degree program. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) admissions requirement is waived for the BSPH students.

Accepted students take 12 credits of master’s level (600) Public Health courses during their undergraduate senior year, not to exceed 6 credits per semester. These 600 level credits count towards the MSPH degree., Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the graduate level courses in order to matriculate into the MSPH program. The summer following the completion of the BSPH degree, students may take 3 to 6 graduate-level credits at the 600 level Public Health courses and then take the required the following fall and spring semesters to complete the 45 credit MSPH degree.

BSPH students must apply through SOPHAS during the undergraduate junior year by March 1 to start the MSPH program in the fall. Admission decisions regarding the entry of BSPH students into the MPH program are made solely by the Admissions Committee of the Department of Public Health Sciences.

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Admission Requirements

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Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BSPH DEGREE (120-121 credits)		
Area of Proficiency		
English Composition		
ENG 105	English Composition I	3
ENG 106	English Composition II	3
Mathematics		
Mathematics: MTH 107 or higher		3
Statistics: BPH 202 or other approved statistics course		3
Social Science		
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3
One additional approved social science elective		3
Modern Language		
One modern language course at or above the 200 level		3
Natural Science		
BIL 150 & BIL 151	General Biology and General Biology Laboratory	5
Chemistry (choose one option below)		4-5

CHM 103 & CHM 105	Chemistry for the Health Sciences I and Chemistry for the Health Sciences I (Laboratory)	4
CHM 121 & CHM 113	Principles of Chemistry and Chemistry Laboratory I	5
Areas of Knowledge		
Arts & Humanities		9
People & Society *		0
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)		9
Major		33
BPH 206	Introduction to Public Health	3
BPH 208	Introductory Epidemiology	3
BPH 305	Issues in Health Disparities	3
BPH 309	Health and Environment	3
BPH 310	Global Health	3
BPH 321	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
BPH 352	Biological Principles of Public Health	3
BPH 465	Public Health Statistics and Data Management	3
BPH 490	Field Practicum in Community Health	3
Major Elective **		3
Advanced Writing and Communication Skills ***		0
Electives ****		
MSPH DEGREE (45 credits)		
Core Courses		
EPH 600	Introduction to the Science Practice of Public Health	3
EPH 601	Medical Biostatistics I	4
EPH 602	Biostatistics II	3
EPH 617 or EPH 620	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Health Education and Behavior	3
EPH 621	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
EPH 631 or EPH 632	Public Health Administration U.S. Health Systems	3
EPH 641	Environmental Health	3
Choose two Methods Courses ¹		6
Elective Courses ²		11
EPH-600, 700 level course not already listed		
BST-600, 700 level courses not already listed		
Research Thesis Project		
EPH 698	MSPH Thesis Proposal	3
EPH 699	MSPH Thesis ³	3
Total Credit Hours		165-166

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