

M.P.A. MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION / M.P.H. MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH JOINT DEGREE

Master of Public Administration Joint Degree (MPA/MPH)

The Master of Public Administration/ Master in Public Health (MPA/MPH) degree is offered jointly by the University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences and the Miller School of Medicine's Department of Public Health Sciences. The joint degree is designed for students who seek an in-depth knowledge of public health with training in management and public policy administration. Students may complete the requirements for the MPA and MPH degrees consecutively or in succession.

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Average Program Duration: 2.5 years

Number of required credits: 66

Admission Requirements

- **Application** - Applicants must submit their application online through SOPHAS (<https://sophas.org/>), the centralized application service of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) (<https://www.aspph.org/>). All application materials, including transcripts, test scores, statement of purpose/personal statement, resume/CV, and letters of recommendations, must be submitted directly through SOPHAS. Applicants to the MPH/MPA joint degree must apply to both, the Department of Public Health Sciences MPH program and to the College of Arts and Sciences MPA program separately. Joint degree applicants should check with each program regarding admissions requirements.
- **Transcripts** – Applicants must submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities. All foreign transcripts must be official and submitted in the original language. If the original language is not English, an official translation must be submitted along with the transcript. All non-U.S. transcripts must be evaluated by the World Education Service (<https://www.wes.org/>) (WES) using ICAP course-by-course evaluation service.
- **Standardized Test Scores** - The GRE Record Exam (GRE) is not required for the MPH program.
- **English Proficiency Exam** - International students are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (<https://www.ets.org/toefl/>) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (<https://www.ielts.org/en-us/>). If English is *not* a student's native language, the TOEFL/IELTS requirement *may be waived* if the applicant holds an undergraduate or graduate degree from an English-teaching academic institution within the United States or from an English-speaking country.
- **Resume/Curriculum Vitae** – Applicants must include a detailed resume including employment, public health experiences, community service, research, and academic or professional honors. Prior public health experience is not required in order to be considered for admission.
- **Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement** – Applicants are required to submit a statement of purpose that details their academic interest in the program. The statement should discuss any experiences in public health including field experience, research, training, education or other related qualifications. Applicants should discuss how earning the degree will contribute to their future professional and career goals, as well as to the future of public health. Applicants should also address any academic deficiencies, if applicable.
- **Letters of Recommendation**– Applicants must provide three letters of recommendation from individuals who are best able to assess their ability to be successful in a graduate degree program. Ideally, recommenders are recent professors, researchers or employers in a related field. Letters should be signed and on letterhead. Applicants will be asked to include the contact information of their recommenders on the SOPHAS application and recommenders will be sent an online form to complete via email.

For more information about our application process, please click here (<https://graduatestudies.publichealth.med.miami.edu/admissions/application-process/>). To obtain detailed curricula on all our program offerings, please visit our website (<http://publichealth.med.miami.edu/>).

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Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MPA REQUIREMENTS (30 credit hours)		
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	3
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	3
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	3
POL 671	Government and Business	3
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3-6
Approved MPA Elective		0-3
MPH REQUIREMENTS (36 credit hours)		
Core Courses		
EPH 600	Introduction to the Science Practice of Public Health	3
EPH 601	Medical Biostatistics I	4
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
Generalist Concentration		
EPH 607	Interdisciplinary Health Communication	3
EPH 602 or BST 625	Biostatistics II Survey of Statistical Computing	3
EPH 644 or EPH 656 or EPH 647	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation Qualitative Research Methods Community Based Participatory Research and Social Network Analysis	3
Capstone		
EPH 682	Generalist Capstone Project	2
Approved Elective Courses		6
EPH-600, 700 level courses not already listed		
BST-600, 700 level courses		
Total Credit Hours		66

Sample Plan of Study

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Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
EPH 600	Introduction to the Science Practice of Public Health	3
EPH 601	Medical Biostatistics I	4
EPH 607	Interdisciplinary Health Communication	3
EPH 617	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	3
Credit Hours		13

Spring		
EPH 621	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
EPH 632	U.S. Health Systems	3
EPH 602	Biostatistics II	3
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	3
Credit Hours		3
Year Two		
Fall		
EPH 641	Environmental Health	3
EPH Approved Elective		3
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POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
EPH 644, 647, or 656	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation or Community Based Participatory Research and Social Network Analysis or Qualitative Research Methods	3
EPH 682	Generalist Capstone Project	2
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
Credit Hours		11
Summer		
MPA Elective		3
Credit Hours		3
Year Three		
Fall		
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	3
POL 671	Government and Business	3
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3
Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		66