

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

Overview

The University of Miami's School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS) and the Department of Public Health Sciences (DPHS) offer a 4+1 joint degree program that combines a Bachelor of Science in Health Science (BSHS) and the Online Master of Public Health (MPH). SONHS academically qualified BSHS juniors or sophomores are eligible to apply to the Online MPH program. If accepted, BSHS students initiate the 4+1 BSHS/Online MPH joint degree program during their undergraduate senior year. They complete the combined bachelor's and master's degrees in 5 years.

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

BSHS students apply to the 4+1 BSHS/Online MPH joint degree program through the SOPHAS portal (<https://sophas.org/>) and submit their application no later than February 15 to start the program in the Fall semester of their undergraduate senior year. Admission decisions regarding the entry of BSHS students into the Online MPH program are made solely by the Admissions Committee of the Department of Public Health Sciences.

Accepted students take 12 credits of graduate-level (600) public health courses during their undergraduate senior year, not to exceed 6 credits per semester. These 600-level graduate public health credits count towards the Online MPH degree. Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in these graduate courses in order to matriculate into the Online MPH program. The summer following the completion of the BSHS degree, students may take 3 to 6 graduate credits at the 600 level. The remaining graduate courses are completed during the following Fall and Spring semesters to fulfill the required 42-credit of the Online MPH degree. Completion of a field experience and capstone project is required for all students completing an Online MPH degree. Depending on the timing of the capstone project, completion of an Online MPH may take some additional time after the 5th academic year.

BSHS students interested in pursuing the 4+1 BSHS/Online MPH joint degree program must meet with their undergraduate advisor to develop an academic plan. The advisor will also explain the policies and procedures of the program and link the student with the graduate program advisor. Graduate advising begins during the undergraduate senior year to facilitate the transition from the undergraduate to graduate degree.

Admission Requirements

Students apply for the 4+1 BSHS/Online MPH joint degree program through the SOPHAS admissions portal during the Fall or Spring semester of their second (sophomore) or third (junior) undergraduate year. Admissions requirements for the master's component of the 4+1 program are equivalent to those for admission into the Department of Public Health's regular Master of Public Health (MPH) program. Admission to the Online MPH program officially takes effect upon completion of the BSHS degree. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to work closely with their faculty advisors at the SONHS and DPHS to ensure that the requirements of the BSHS degree and the Online MPH degree are successfully met.

- To apply for the 4+1 BSHS/Online MPH joint degree program, the student must submit the following items on SOPHAS (<https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsophas.liaisoncas.com%2Fapplicant-ux%2F%23%2Fdeepink%2FprogramSearch%2Forganization%2F1034082811816155136.&data=05%7C02%7CRVerdeja%40med.miami.edu%7C45ace51a247043565a6c08dc38761b8c%7C2a144b72f23942d48c0e6f0f17c48e33%7C0%7C0%7C638447327161301972%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwWlLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C&sdata=H%2FrP5RnfX0yi2RGQ82bN7gIm7ipkYUicYsrOwwuEsw4%3D&reserved=0>):
 - Application fee
 - Curriculum Vitae/Resume
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - Statement of Purpose/Personal statement
 - Official transcripts from every post-secondary school attended
- This graduate degree program also requires submission of certain supplemental materials, including:
 - TOEFL/IELTS score, as applicable
 - Foreign evaluation on international transcripts, as applicable

For more detailed information, please visit our Public Health Sciences Graduate Studies Admission Website (<https://graduatestudies.publichealth.med.miami.edu/admissions/application-process/>).

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www.publichealth.med.miami.edu/graduate (<http://www.publichealth.med.miami.edu/graduate/>)

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		120
Refer to the link below for more information on the BSHS requirements.		
https://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/nursing-health-studies/health-science/health-science-bs-general-track (https://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/nursing-health-studies/health-science/health-science-bs-general-track/)		
Online MPH REQUIREMENTS		42
Refer to the link below for more information on the Online MPH requirements.		
https://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/medicine/public-health/master-public-health-mph-online (https://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/medicine/public-health/master-public-health-mph-online/)		
Total Credit Hours		162

- ¹ Students may select graduate public health elective courses to fit their own area of interest. These grouped electives allow for personal tailoring of the academic program to fit the student's individual needs and career goals.
- ² The MPH Capstone Program: Students are required to complete 5 credits -- EPH 680 Capstone Field Experience and EPH 682 Generalist Capstone Project. Both courses are vital components of the Online MPH program and together form the Capstone Experience. The Capstone Field Experience is designed to provide students with real-world work experience in the field of public health. This experience places students in health-related settings (local, national, and international) to work on projects of mutual interest to both the field organization and the student. The Capstone Project is intended to build upon this fieldwork and is geared toward providing the student with an opportunity to apply public health academic theory and acquired skills to community health problems. Students are encouraged to build their Capstone Program in such a way that supports their academic and professional interests as they advance in their careers as public health professionals.

Sample Plan of Study

Freshman Year		
Fall		Credit Hours
Undergraduate Courses		17
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Spring		
Undergraduate Courses		17
	Credit Hours	17
Sophomore Year		
Fall		
Undergraduate Courses		17
	Credit Hours	17
Spring		
Undergraduate Courses		17
	Credit Hours	17
Junior Year		
Fall		
Undergraduate Courses		17
	Credit Hours	17
Spring		
Undergraduate Courses		17
	Credit Hours	17
Senior Year		
Fall		
Undergraduate Courses		9

EPH 600	Introduction to the Science Practice of Public Health	3
EPH 621	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Undergraduate Courses		9
EPH 617	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	3
EPH 641	Environmental Health	3
Credit Hours		15
Summer		
Graduate Elective in Public Health		3
Credit Hours		3
Fifth Year (Graduate)		
Fall		
EPH 601	Medical Biostatistics I	4
EPH 631	Public Health Administration	3
EPH 644, 647, or 656	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation or Community Based Participatory Research and Social Network Analysis or Qualitative Research Methods	3
EPH 680	Practical Field Experience	3
Graduate Elective in Public Health		3
Credit Hours		16
Spring		
EPH 602	Biostatistics II	3
EPH 607	Interdisciplinary Health Communication	3
EPH 682	Generalist Capstone Project	2
Graduate Elective in Public Health		3
Credit Hours		11
Total Credit Hours		162

* **Online MPH Graduate Program:** BSHS students will complete 12 of 42 graduate-level credits (6 in spring and 6 in fall) for the Online MPH during their senior year of undergraduate studies. Enrolling in these graduate courses as an undergraduate student requires special permission from advisors and deans. The remaining MPH credits will be completed during the summer, fall, winter intersession, spring, and summer semesters immediately following graduation from the BSPH program. In this Study Plan sample, **Year One** refers only to the summer immediately following completion of your undergraduate degree; **Year Two** begins with the fall semester of full-time graduate courses.