B.S.P.H. Bachelor of Science in Public Health / M.P.H. Master of Public Health Joint Degree

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

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 Public Health (MPH). SONHS academically-qualified juniors are eligible to apply to the MPH 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/MPH. 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 MPH 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 MPH degree. Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the graduate level courses in order to matriculate into the MPH 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 MPH degree.

BSPH students must apply through SOPHAS during the undergraduate junior year by March 1 to start the 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.

BSPH students interested in pursuing the 4+1 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.

Admission Requirements

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BSPH degree

This is only a sample. There are numerous ways students can create plans of study for the public health major. Students should feel empowered to use the information listed in the Academic Bulletin and the Student Handbook (http://www.miami.edu/sonhs/index.php/sonhs/current_students/student_handbooks/) to take charge of their education, pursue their own academic interests, and create their own, unique plans of study.

The School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHS) recommends students create their own plan of study that accounts for their ENG, MTH, and modern language placements and incorporates their major, minor, and cognate interests. Once students draft their initial plan of study, they are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor in the Office of Student Services (OSS) (http://www.miami.edu/sonhs/index.php/sonhs/).
office_of_student_services/) to review their plan, address any questions or concerns, discuss areas for improvement, and brainstorm ways to integrate research experiences, study abroad opportunities, global initiatives, graduate school requirements, and career preparation experiences.

The sample plan of study listed below is based on the following ENG, MTH, and modern language placement information and major, minor, and cognate selections:

- **ENG placement:** ENG 105
- **MTH placement:** MTH 101
- **Modern Language placement:** SPA 101
- **Major(s):** Public Health
- **Minor(s):** None
- **Cognates**
  - **Art & Humanities:** Popular Culture (RAU = English)
  - **People & Society:** Public Health major (RAU = Nursing & Health Studies)
  - **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Biology and Chemistry for Pre-Health Sciences (RAU = Chemistry)

**MPH degree**

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### Sample Plan of Study

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<td>EPH 644, 647, or 656</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Program Evaluation or Community Based Participatory Research or Qualitative Research Methods</td>
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