

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

Overview

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 and Health Studies 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 graduate courses the following fall and spring semesters to complete the 45 credit MPH degree.

BSPH students must apply through SOPHAS (<https://sophas.org/>) during the undergraduate junior year by February 15 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 students must apply through SOPHAS (<https://sophas.org/>) during the undergraduate junior year by February 15 to start the program in the fall. All application materials, including transcripts, test scores, statement of purpose/personal statement, resume/CV, and letters of recommendations, must be submitted directly through SOPHAS. The recommended minimum cumulative GPA of all public health coursework is 3.50. Prior public health experience is not required in order to be considered for admission.

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Curriculum Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| BSPH Degree Requirements | | 121 |
| Refer to the link below for more information on the BSPH requirements. | | |
| https://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/nursing-health-studies/public-health/public-health-bs/ (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/medicine/public-health/curriculumtext/) | | |
| MPH Degree Requirements | | 45 |
| Refer to the link below for more information on the MPH requirements. | | |
| https://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/medicine/public-health/master-public-health-mph/ (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/medicine/public-health/curriculumtext/) | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 166 |

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 (<https://www.sonhs.miami.edu/academics/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) (<https://www.sonhs.miami.edu/admissions-and-student-services/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 WRS, MTH, and modern language placement information and major, minor, and cognate selections:

- **Written Communication placement:** WRS 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

BSPH students will complete 12 of 45 graduate-level credits (6 in spring and 6 in fall) for the 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.

Sample Plan of Study

| Freshman Year | | Credit Hours |
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| Fall | | |
| BPH 206 | Introduction to Public Health (W) | 3 |
| MTH 101 | Algebra for College Students | 3 |
| PSY 110 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| SPA 101 | Elementary Spanish I | 3 |
| WRS 105 | First-Year Writing I | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| BPH 208 | Introductory Epidemiology | 3 |
| MTH 107 | Precalculus Mathematics I | 4 |
| SPA 102 | Elementary Spanish II | 3 |
| WRS 106, 107, or ENG 106 | First-Year Writing II or First-Year Writing II: STEM or Writing About Literature and Culture | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 16 |
| Sophomore Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| BPH 310 | Global Health | 3 |
| BIL 150 & BIL 151 | General Biology and General Biology Laboratory | 5 |
| BPH 202 | Introductory Statistics in Health Care (W) | 3 |
| SPA 201 | Intermediate Spanish I | 3 |
| Major Elective (*) | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 17 |

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| Spring | | |
| CHM 121 & CHM 113 | Principles of Chemistry and Chemistry Laboratory I | 5 |
| ENG 383 | The Literature of Science Fiction | 3 |
| PSY 240 | Psychopathology | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 14 |
| Junior Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| AMS 322 | Topics in American Studies: Literature | 3 |
| BPH 321 | Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (W) | 3 |
| BPH 352 | Biological Principles of Public Health | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| BPH 309 | Health and Environment (W) | 3 |
| BPH 322 | Introduction to Health Policy | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Senior Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| BPH 465 | Public Health Statistics and Data Management (W) | 3 |
| GSS 210 | Popular representations of Queer sexualities | 3 |
| Major Elective (*) | | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| EPH 600 | Introduction to the Science Practice of Public Health | 3 |
| EPH 621 | Fundamentals of Epidemiology | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 21 |
| Spring | | |
| BPH 305 | Issues in Health Disparities | 3 |
| BPH 490 | Field Practicum in Community Health (W) | 4 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| Elective | | 3 |
| EPH 617 | Disease Prevention and Health Promotion | 3 |
| EPH 641 | Environmental Health | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 22 |
| Year One | | |
| Summer | | |
| EPH 614 or 652 | Global Outbreak or Health Policy | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 3 |
| Year Two | | |
| Fall | | |
| EPH 601 | Medical Biostatistics I | 4 |
| EPH 631 | Public Health Administration | 3 |

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| 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 |
| Elective in public health | | 3 |
| | Credit Hours | 16 |
| Spring | | |
| EPH 607 | Interdisciplinary Health Communication | 3 |
| EPH 602 | Biostatistics II | 3 |
| EPH 682 | Generalist Capstone Project | 2 |
| Elective in public health | | 3 |
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| | Credit Hours | 14 |
| | Total Credit Hours | 168 |

(W) = Course is designated as writing-intensive

(*) = Students may choose an elective from the following

courses: APY 205, BPH 301, BPH 303, BPH 306, BPH 317, BPH 319, BPH 355, BPH 365, BPH 402, BPH 419, BPH 461, BPH 487, BTE 450, HMP 460, HMP 460, C and SOC 480

- § **MPH Graduate Program:** BSPH students will complete 12 of 45 graduate-level credits (6 in spring and 6 in fall) for the 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 the summer immediately following completion of your undergraduate degree; **Year Two** begins with the fall semester of full-time graduate courses.