

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

Overview

Bachelor of Science in Public Health/Online Master of Public Health (4+1 BSPH/Online 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 an Online Master of Public Health (MPH). SONHS academically-qualified juniors are eligible to apply to the Online 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/Online 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 Online 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 Online MPH degree. Students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the graduate level courses in order to matriculate into the Online 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 42 credit Online MPH degree.

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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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Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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 (https://bulletin.miami.edu/undergraduate-academic-programs/nursing-health-studies/public-health/public-health-bs/)		
Online MPH Degree 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-mp-online (https://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/medicine/public-health/master-public-health-mp-online/)		
Total Credit Hours		163

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)

Online MPH degree

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Sample Plan of Study

Freshman Year		Credit Hours
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

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

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
Credit Hours		11
Total Credit Hours		165

(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 460HMP 460, C and SOC 480

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