

PUBLIC HEALTH, B.S. TO PUBLIC HEALTH, M.P.H. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Saint Louis University's accelerated Bachelor of Science in Public Health/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) is designed for students who demonstrate academic success in the public health major and related coursework. The Council on Education for Public Health accredits the B.S. in public health and the M.P.H. degrees.

This accelerated SLU program enables public health majors to obtain their undergraduate and master's degrees in five years; they then enter the workforce up to a year earlier than with traditional two-year M.P.H. programs.

Students apply to the accelerated program during their junior year, and accepted students begin graduate coursework during their senior year. Students retain undergraduate status, financial aid and tuition rates until their undergraduate degree is conferred after year four. At that time, students attain official graduate student status, pay graduate tuition and become eligible for graduate assistantships.

Students in SLU's accelerated B.S./M.P.H. program choose one of five concentrations:

- Behavioral science and health equity (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/behavioral-science-health-equity/>)
- Biostatistics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/biostatistics/>)
- Epidemiology (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/epidemiology/>)
- Health management and policy (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/health-management-policy/>)
- Public Health Practice (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/programs-and-certificates/public-health/master-of-public-health/health-mp-concentrations/public-health-practice.php>)

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following SLU programs:

Public Health, B.S. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/undergraduate-programs/public-health-bs/>)

Public Health, M.P.H. (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mp/>)

Accreditation

Saint Louis University's College for Public Health and Social Justice is fully accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). To see our most recent accreditation documentation, please visit the College for Public Health and Social Justice website (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/about/accreditation.php>). (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/about/accreditation.php>)

Admission

Saint Louis University students who are public health majors and meet the eligibility requirements may apply in the fall semester of their junior year.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Students must be in their fifth semester of collegiate study.
- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40.
- Students must demonstrate a plan to complete 90 credits of the 120 credits required for their public health major by the beginning of their fourth year of studies.
- Students must be eligible to complete the accelerated curriculum with no more than 15 credits during each semester in year four of the program.
- Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with Saint Louis University and the College for Public Health and Social Justice.
- Students must demonstrate the potential for leadership in public health; this can be done through engagement in volunteer activities or work experience.

The College for Public Health and Social Justice Undergraduate Public Health Student Handbook (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice/pdfs/cphsj-student-handbook-ug.pdf>) outlines application procedures and program details.

Requirements Program Requirements

Interested undergraduate students must apply to the accelerated program during their 5th semester (fall semester of year 3) and have at least one semester with an established GPA at SLU. Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with SLU and the College of Public Health and Social Justice. Students should also demonstrate leadership in their field, e.g. through volunteer or work experience. Students should earn a minimum of C in all B.S. Public Health major courses.

During their senior/final year as an undergraduate, students may not register for more than 15 credits each semester. Accelerated students can take a maximum of 15 credits of MPH coursework at the 5000- or 6000- level over their senior year that will count for both the BSPH and MPH degrees.

Students should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40 in order to progress into the graduate program and must earn a minimum grade of B- in all graduate-level courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Undergraduate-to-Graduate Program Roadmap

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	2-3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication	3
PUBH 2100	Introduction to Global Health	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		15-16
Spring		
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
HMP 1300	Contemporary Challenges in Health Care	3
MATH 1400	Pre-Calculus (CORE: Quantitative Reasoning)	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		15
Year Two		
Fall		
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
PUBH 2300	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
PUBH 3200	Evidence Based Public Health	3
CORE: Writing Intensive		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credits		15
Year Three		
Fall		
! Eligible students formally apply to the Accelerated Program.		
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	2-3
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
PUBH 3100	Public Health & Social Justice (CORE: Dignity, Ethics, & a Just Society)	3
EPI 4000 or General Elective		3
CORE: Global Interdependence		3
CORE: Identities in Context		3
Credits		17-18

Spring

Department reviews applications, conducts interviews, and qualified students are notified of acceptance.

CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
CORE 4000	Collaborative Inquiry	2-3
PUBH 4100	Biological Basis of Public Health (CORE: Ways of Thinking: Natural & Applied Sciences)	3
BST 3100 or General Elective		3
CORE: Reflection in Action		3

Credits 15-16

Year Four

Fall

PUBH 4000	Politics and Public Health Advocacy	3
PUBH 5030	Methodological Approaches to Understanding Population Health	3
PUBH 5040	Generating Evidence from Public Health Data	3
Public Health Elective: Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class according to their concentration.		3
Undergraduate General Elective		3

Credits 15

Spring

PUBH 4960	Capstone in Public Health	3
Public Health Elective: Accelerated Students substitute an MPH class, according to their concentration.		3
General Elective: Accelerated Students substitute an MPH class according to their concentration.		3
Undergraduate General Elective		3
Undergraduate General Elective		3

Credits 15

Summer

PUBH 5910	Practice Experience in Public Health	1
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Credits 1

Year Five

Fall

Masters Level Course		3
Masters Level Course		3
Masters Level Course		3
Masters Level Course		3
Masters Level Course		3

Credits 15

Spring

Masters Level Course		3
Masters Level Course		3
Masters Level Course		3
Masters Level Course		3

Credits 12

Total Credits 150-153

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