

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 B.S. in Public Health and the M.P.H. degrees are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

This accelerated 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 eight concentrations:

- Behavioral Science and Health Equity (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/behavioral-science-health-equity/>)
- Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/biosecurity-disaster-preparedness/>)
- Biostatistics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/biostatistics/>)
- Epidemiology (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/epidemiology/>)
- Global Health (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/global-health/>)
- Health Management and Policy (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/health-management-policy/>)
- Maternal and Child Health (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/maternal-child-health/>)
- Public Health Practice (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/public-health-practice/>)

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following 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-mph/>)

Admission

Saint Louis University students in the public health major who 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.

Application procedures and program details are outlined in the College for Public Health and Social Justice Undergraduate Public Health Student Handbook (<https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/my-cphsj/home/undergraduate/undergraduate-public-health-programs/ugph-student-handbook/>).

Requirements

Undergraduate Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)		
Prerequisites for Major Courses		
MATH 1400	Pre-Calculus	3
Required Public Health Major Courses		
HCE 3100	Public Health & Social Justice	3
HMP 1300	Contemporary Challenges in Health Care	3
PUBH 2100	Introduction to Global Health [†]	3
PUBH 2300	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3
PUBH 3200	Evidence Based Public Health	3
PUBH 4000	Politics and Public Health Advocacy	3
PUBH 4100	Biological Basis of Public Health	3
PUBH 4960	Capstone in Public Health	3
BST 3100	Applied Biostatistics I (Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class.)	3
EPI 4000	Intro Epidemiology: Foundations & Practice (Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class.)	3
Public Health Elective: Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class.		3
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Undergrad General Elective Courses		
Select an additional 46-49 credits of general electives to achieve the minimum 120 credits for graduation.		
Total Credits		120

‡ Fulfills the cultural diversity core requirement.

- The accelerated B.S./M.P.H. program allows students to use up to 15 graduate credits towards their undergraduate degree.

Graduate Courses

Accelerated applicants choose one of six M.P.H. concentrations. The chosen concentration determines the graduate course requirements. Graduate requirements may change by the time students are formally accepted to the graduate program in the second semester of junior year. See the Master of Public Health requirements page (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/graduate-programs/public-health-mph/#requirements-text>) for a list of the current courses.

- Behavioral Science and Health Education
- Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Global Health
- Health Management and Policy
- Maternal and Child Health

Continuation Standards

- Cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.00
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.40 in order to participate in the graduate program
- Minimum grade of B- in all graduate-level courses
- Minimum grade of C in all B.S. in Public Health major courses
- Minimum grade of C- in all core courses
- Minimum grade of D in all remaining general elective courses counting toward the minimum 120 credits required for graduation
- Students who wish to apply for the accelerated B.S./M.P.H. program must meet additional requirements as outlined in the CPHSJ Undergraduate Public Health Student Handbook (<https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/my-cphsj/home/undergraduate/undergraduate-public-health-programs/ugph-student-handbook/>).

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 (Ways of Thinking: 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
PUBH 3200	Evidence Based Public Health	3
General Elective		3

Credits 15

Spring

CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
HCE 3100	Public Health & Social Justice	3
General Elective		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 4000	Politics and Public Health Advocacy	3
General Elective: Global Interdependence Attribute		3
General Elective: Identities in Context		3
General Elective (Take if needed to reach 120 total undergraduate credit)		1

Credits 15-16

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 (Fulfills Core Way of Thinking: Natural Sciences)	3

General Elective: Reflection in Action Attribute	3
General Elective	3
Credits	15-16
Year Four	
Fall	
Undergraduate General Elective	3
EPI 4000 Intro Epidemiology: Foundations & Practice (Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class, dependent on concentration.)	3
Public Health Elective: Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class dependent on concentration.	3
General Elective: Accelerated Students substitute an MPH Class dependent on concentration.	3
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Credits	15
Spring	
PUBH 4960 Capstone in Public Health ³	3
BST 3100 Applied Biostatistics I (Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class, according to their concentration..)	3
Public Health Elective: Accelerated Students substitute a graduate level class, according to their concentration.	3
General 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
Credits	15
Summer	
PUBH 5910 Practice Experience in Public Health	1
Credits	1
Year Five	
Fall	
Masters Level Course	3
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Masters Level Course	3
Masters Level Course	2
Credits	11
Spring	
Masters Level Course	3
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Credits	12
Total Credits	144-147

Apply for Admission (<http://www.slu.edu/admission/>)

For additional questions about undergraduate admission, please contact:

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Accelerated students double count 24 credits of the MPH courses toward their undergraduate degree.

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