SOCIAL WORK, MSW/PUBLIC HEALTH, MPH

The Zilber College of Public Health and the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare collaboratively offer a program designed to provide students with theoretical, research-based policy and practice knowledge and accompanying skill sets, to address health inequities and inequalities and respond to the health and well-being needs of communities at the local, regional, national and international arenas.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/).

Admission

Students are admitted to each graduate program separately and based on admission requirements which are consistent with those specified by the UWM Graduate School, the MPH program in the Zilber College of Public Health, and the MSW program of the Department of Social Work.

Credits and Courses

Students accepted into this MPH/MSW program complete the following courses:

Master of Public Health (MPH)

Required Common Core Courses (24-25 Credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Required Common Core Courses		
PH 702	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
PH 703	Environmental Health Sciences	3
PH 704	Principles and Methods of Epidemiology	3
PH 705	Principles of Public Health Policy and Administration	3
PH 706	Perspectives on Community & Behavioral Health	3
PH 708	Health Systems and Population Health	3
PH 733	Overview of Qualitative Methods for Public Health *	1
PH 791	Leadership in Public Health	1
PH 800	Capstone in Public Health	2
SOC WRK 823	Coordinated Public Health and Social Work Field Education **	3
Total Credits		**25**

* Students in the PHP Track take PH 776 Qualitative Approaches in Public Health Policy instead of PH 733. Students in the CBHP Track may take PH 776 Qualitative Approaches in Public Health Policy as an elective instead of PH 733.

** SOC WRK 823 satisfies the PH 790 Field Experience for MPH/MSW students.

Students specialize in one of the two public health tracks of study:

- Community and Behavioral Health Promotion
- Public Health Policy

Community and Behavioral Health Promotion Track (24 credits)

In addition to the common MPH core classes, students complete:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PH 700	Structures of Inequality and Population Health	3
PH 725	Theories and Models of Health Behavior	3
PH 726	Community Health Assessment	3
PH 727	Program Planning & Implementation in Public Health	3
PH 728	Program Evaluation in Public Health	3
Electives (see table below)		**9**
Total Credits		**24**

Community and Behavioral Health Promotion Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Methods "S" Electives		**6**
Select two of the following courses:		
PH 729	Survey Research Methods in Public Health	3
PH 776	Qualitative Approaches in Public Health Policy	3
PH 831	Community Engagement and Participatory Research Approaches in Public Health	3
Electives		**3**
Select one of the following courses:		
PH 719	Social Justice in Public Health	3
PH 730	Overview of Children with Special Health Care Needs	3
PH 740	Special Topics in Public Health:	1-3
PH 752	Public Health and Mental Health	3
PH 820	Maternal and Child Health Foundations, Policy and Practice	3
PH 999	Independent Study	1-3
Other courses as approved by advisor.		

Public Health Policy Track (24 credits)

In addition to the common MPH core classes, students complete:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PH 776	Qualitative Approaches in Public Health Policy	3
PH 777	Quantitative Research Methods for Public Health Policy	3
PH 779	Public Health Policymaking and Policy Analysis	3
PH 785	Principles of Public Health Economics	3

Electives (see table below)		**12**
Total Credits		**24**

Public Health Policy Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Content Elective		**3**
Select one of the following courses:		
ED POL 630G	Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy in Urban America	3
PH 700	Structures of Inequality and Population Health	3
PH 719	Social Justice in Public Health	3
PH 730	Overview of Children with Special Health Care Needs	3
PH 752	Public Health and Mental Health	3
PH 769	Critical Perspectives on Nutritional Epidemiology and the Food System	3
PH 784	Social and Economic Policy as Health Policy	3
PH 820	Maternal and Child Health Foundations, Policy and Practice	3
PH 859	Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities in the United States	3
Methods and Practice Elective		**9**
Select three of the following courses:		
BUS ADM 755	Health Care Administration and Delivery Systems	3
BUS ADM 766	Marketing for Nonprofit Organizations	3
ED POL 601	Foundations of Community-Based Organizations	3
ED POL 602	Proposal Writing and Fundraising Skills for Community-Based Organizations	3
NONPROF 791	Nonprofit Advocacy and Public Policy	3
PH 726	Community Health Assessment	3
PH 727	Program Planning & Implementation in Public Health	3
PH 728	Program Evaluation in Public Health	3
PH 729	Survey Research Methods in Public Health	3
PH 763	Epidemiology for Equity	3
PUB ADM 630	Budgeting and Finance in the Public Sector	3
PUB ADM 763	Scope and Dynamics of Public Administration	3
URBPLAN 791	Introduction to Urban Geographic Information Systems for Planning	3
Other courses as approved by advisor.		

Total MPH Degree Credits Required: 48-49 Credit Hours

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Curriculum		
SOC WRK 604	Social Systems and Social Work Practice	3
SOC WRK 662	Methods of Social Welfare Research	3
SOC WRK 665	Cultural Diversity and Social Work	3
SOC WRK 705	Individual Behavior and Social Welfare	3
SOC WRK 708	Social Work Methods I: Individuals and Families	3
SOC WRK 709	Social Work Methods II: Groups, Organizations and Communities	3
SOC WRK 721	Field Instruction I	3
SOC WRK 750	Social Welfare Policy Development and Implementation	3
Advanced Practice Curriculum		
SOC WRK 711	Direct Social Work Practice I	3
SOC WRK 712	Advanced Practice and Leadership in Organizations and Communities	3
SOC WRK 795	Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs	3
SOC WRK 851	Social Issue and Policy Analysis:	3
Field Courses		
SOC WRK 722	Field Instruction II	3
SOC WRK 822	Field Instruction IV	3
SOC WRK 823	Coordinated Public Health and Social Work Field Education	3
Electives (see table below)		**4**
Total Credits		**49**

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Choose at least two courses:		
SOC WRK 630G	Families and Poverty	3
SOC WRK 680G	Death and Dying	3
SOC WRK 685G	Social Gerontology	3
SOC WRK 690G	Mindfulness and Community Building	3
SOC WRK 753	Adult Psychopathology	3
SOC WRK 754	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	3
SOC WRK 765	Social Work Boundaries and Ethics in Professional Practice	2-3
SOC WRK 771	Development of the Family Over the Life Span	3
SOC WRK 774	Trauma Counseling I: Theory and Research	3
SOC WRK 775	Trauma Counseling II: Diagnosis and Treatment	3
SOC WRK 791	Current Topics in Social Work:	1-3
SOC WRK 811	Direct Social Work Practice II:	3
SOC WRK 818	Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders	3
SOC WRK 820	Seminar in Social Work Practice:	3
SOC WRK 855	Practice Skills and Concepts for Aging and Health	3
SOC WRK 999	Independent Reading in Social Work	1-3
Other courses as approved by advisor.		

Total Degree Credits Required:

(1) With BSW: 34 cr. (includes 9 cr. satisfied by public health credits)

(2) Without BSW: 58 cr. (includes 9 cr. satisfied by public health credits)

Total Credits for Coordinated Degree Program:

(1) With BSW: 73 - 74 cr.

(2) Without BSW: 97 - 98 cr.

The credits for the coordinated program would typically be completed in both programs at the same time, rather than one program after the other. A student not completing the requirements for the coordinated degree program would need to complete all requirements for an individual program in order to receive a degree.

Additional Requirements

Time Limit

Students in the coordinated MPH/MSW degree program must complete all degree requirements within seven years of the first enrollment semester as a degree student.

Social Work MSW Learning Outcomes

Students moving from the Professional Foundation Curriculum to the Advanced Curriculum within the Masters in Social Work (MSW) Program will be able to:

- Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
- Engage diversity and difference in practice.
- Advance human rights and social, economic and environmental justice.
- Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
- Engage in policy practice.
- Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
- Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
- Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
- Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

Students graduating from the Masters in Social Work (MSW) Program will be able to, *at the level of an advanced practitioner:*

- Demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
- Engage diversity and difference in practice.
- Advance human rights and social, economic and environmental justice.
- Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice.
- Engage in policy practice.
- Engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
- Assess individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
- Intervene with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.
- Evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

Public Health MPH Learning Outcomes

All graduate students in UWM's Zilber School of Public Health can expect to:

1. Explain the foundational principles and historical perspectives that shape the field of public health.
2. Describe how multiple determinants, including socioeconomic, biological, behavioral, and environmental, and the interrelations among these determinants shape population health and health inequities.
3. Integrate principles of social and environmental justice within public health practice and research.
4. Employ ethical principles and protocols in public health practice and research.
5. Implement approaches to public health practice and research that recognize the social, cultural and environmental circumstances of individuals, communities and populations.
6. Utilize appropriate quantitative and/or qualitative methods in public health practice and research.
7. Apply interdisciplinary theories, research methods and best practices to address public health issues and promote population health.
8. Collect, synthesize and critically analyze information and data to identify and address public health issues and inform interventions.
9. Practice professionalism; demonstrated by integrity, respect, transparency, sound judgment, and constructive interactions with colleagues, community members, stakeholders and the public at large.
10. Demonstrate leadership and partnership skills that foster and support collaborations across diverse communities, settings and sectors.
11. Communicate effectively about public health issues with diverse audiences using a variety of strategies and modalities.
12. Advocate for the public's health and health equity.