



SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

AY 2025-26 PROGRAM GUIDE

Dual Degree Master of Public Health, Health Management & Policy and Master of Social Work

Information in this document is updated annually. Please refer to the document for the year you entered the program. Student resources, policies, and procedures applicable to all School of Public Health graduate students are outlined at the end of this document, and can be found on the SPH website, www.ohsu-psu-sph.org.

Overview

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The goal of the Health Management & Policy program is to develop and strengthen the knowledge and practice of the delivery and management of health services. The program prepares individuals for the exercise of competent and effective policy and administrative leadership in the health sector. The Health Management & Policy curriculum includes the core concepts of public health with specific instruction in management, finance, strategy, policy, economics, and ethics.

MPH:HMP Program Competencies

Students graduating from the MPH: Health Management and Policy (HMP) program will be able to:

- Demonstrate effective verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrate ethical, social, and cultural competency.
- Engage with, and integrate the knowledge and experience of other health professions, stakeholders, and communities.
- Demonstrate critical and self-reflective thinking.
- Apply theory to practice to design, implement, manage, and evaluate organizational performance and health policy.
- Apply policy process knowledge and advocacy techniques to develop and implement policies that advance health.
- Select and apply appropriate methods to analyze, evaluate, and manage health system programs and services.
- Demonstrate professionalism and leadership skills.

Students in the MSW/MPH Health Management and Policy track will complete at least 122 credits, which consists of 69 Social Work Credits and 53 Public Health Credits. Generally, Public Health coursework will count for 9 credits of MSW requirements as follows: BSTA 525 Introduction to Biostatistics (4 credits) will count for the MSW advanced research elective requirement, HSMP Organizational Behavior in Health Service Organization (3 credits) and HSMP Program Evaluation and Management in Health Services (3 credits) will count as 6 MSW elective credits. The 9-credits MSW three-course advanced concentration sequence will count toward MPH elective credits.

MPH Health Management & Policy Program of Study

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Core Required Coursework (17 Credits)		
BSTA 525	Introduction to Biostatistics	4
EPI 512	Epidemiology I	4
ESHH 511	Concepts of Environmental Health	3
HSMP 574	Health Systems Organization	3
PHE 512	Principles of Health Behavior	3
Program Required Coursework (25 Credits)		
Varies	Interprofessional Course (consult your advisor or Program Director) • UNI 504 Qualitative Methods for Health Professionals • IPE 523 Climate Change & Human Health • IPE 525 Relational Leadership • UNI 502 Conversations in Global Health • UNI 511 Data Equity for Health Professionals Other courses with IPE or UNI prefix (other than IPE 501)	1*
HSMP 541	Organizational Behavior in Health Service Organizations	3
HSMP 571	Health Policy	3
HSMP 573	Values and Ethics in Health	3
HSMP 576	Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations	3
HSMP 577	Health Care Law and Regulation	3
HSMP 586	Introduction to Health Economics	3
HSMP 587	Financial Management of Health Services	3
HSMP 588	Program Evaluation and Management In Health Services	3
Culminating Experience (5 credits)		
HSMP 509PE	Practice Experience (PE)	4
HSMP 502	Integrative Project (IP)	1
Electives (15 credits)		
HSMP 544	Leadership and Governance in Health Services	3
HSMP 575	Advanced Health Policy	3
HSMP 578	Performance Improvement in Health Services	3
HSMP 579	Health Information Technology and Systems Management	3
HSMP 580	Health Services Human Resources Management	3
HSMP 581	Population Health: Policy and Practice Implications	3
HSMP 582	Oregon Health Policy: Lessons for State and National Reform	3
HSMP 583	Economics of Health Systems and Policy	3
HSMP 584	Social Policy and Public Health	3
HSMP 585	Implementation Science in Health Systems	3
HSMP 589	Research Design in Health Services	3
Other elective course options chosen in consultation with/approved by Faculty Advisor		
PA 525	Grantwriting for Nonprofit Organizations	3
PA 549	Cross-cultural Communication in the Public Sector	3
PA 554	Policy Analysis Research	3
PA 556	Public Contract Management	3
PA 558	Managing Public Projects and Programs: From Local to Global	3
PA 575	Foundations of Collaborative Governance	3
Total Credits		62

*Some IPE courses are more than 1 credit. Students who take an IPE course that is greater than 1 credit can have the additional credits applied towards their elective requirement

MPH Health Management & Policy: Sample Course Schedules

Linked below are recommended course schedules for full-time students, although other schedule configurations are possible. Part-time students should consult with program advisors in both programs to develop a more personalized schedule. Please note that each SPH program has a quarter in which its students are prioritized for registration for certain (required) courses and students in non-prioritized programs will not be allowed to register for off-term prioritized courses until the priority registration period ends, and then, only if seats are available. Registration for open seats is on a first-come, first-served basis. It is important that you register promptly, and that you make every attempt to follow the term-by-term course plans linked out below, when the HMP program has priority for those required courses.

Priority registration is only for a limited period (typically 2 weeks, longer for fall). Once the priority registration period ends, students from other programs may register for the HMP prioritized courses and, similarly, you may register for courses that were prioritized for other programs. While there is some flexibility to take courses in alternate terms, *we can only hold space for you during your prioritized registration term, during the priority registration period*. If you wait to register until after the priority period, or need to take a course in another term, the SPH cannot guarantee you will be able to register.

Elective courses should be selected in consultation with your Faculty Advisor. Always consult your Faculty Advisor regarding your program of study and course selection to determine the schedule that fits best for you. If you receive federal financial aid, it is important to be aware of associated requirements when planning your schedule. Federal loans require at least half-time enrollment (5 credits). Please refer to [PSU's Office of Financial Aid](#).

2025 Dual Degree Course Sequence

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nrd3uhbBM33HNDBPydXuThGadQl3SipGHlpA5iz9RMI/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.vfhgpllhhdoy>

Graduate Student Resources, Policies, and Procedures

[Policies and procedures](#) applicable to all School of Public Health graduate students can be found on the SPH website at <https://ohsu-psu-sph.org/graduate-students-policies-and-procedures/>. Please review the student policies and procedures listed there, including but not limited to the following sections:

- ☐ Advising
- ☐ Academic Standing
- ☐ Academic Dismissal
- ☐ Academic Dishonesty
- ☐ Codes of Conduct
- ☐ Educational Records Privacy
- ☐ Minimum Course Grade Requirements
- ☐ Recognition of Prior Earned Credit
- ☐ Course Waiver Policy
- ☐ Incomplete Coursework
- ☐ Course Approvals (Electives)
- ☐ Independent Study
- ☐ International Travel and Coursework
- ☐ Continuous Enrollment
- ☐ Leave of Absence
- ☐ Withdrawal Policy
- ☐ Time Limits
- ☐ Grievance Resolution
- ☐ Degree and Certificate Conferral

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