

Human Services/Public Health (HMS/MPH) Joint Degree

The UIS Departments of Human Services and Public Health have an articulation agreement that allows interested students to obtain a joint master's degree in Human Services and Public Health (HMS/MPH). Although many courses are offered online, the HMS/MPH joint degree is classified as an on campus joint degree. The HMS/MPH joint degree is a 71 credit hour master's degree option that requires students to take 40 credit hours from MPH and 27 credit hours from HMS, plus a 4 credit hour internship from the MPH program. Students take core classes from both HMS and MPH, as well as concentration and elective courses. Closure exercises from both departments are required. All prerequisites from each department apply. Interested students must meet with an academic advisor prior to enrolling. Students must submit a graduation application for each degree by the applicable deadline and will earn two separate degrees.

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes are important components for all academic programs at the University of Illinois Springfield and are required by the Higher Learning Commission. Questions related to the learning outcomes for this program should be addressed to the applicable department/school.

Requirements

Core Requirements

HMS Core Courses

HMS 501	Critical Perspectives in Human Services	3
HMS 511	Social Policy and Human Services	3
HMS 514	Staff Development and Supervision	3
HMS 516	Ethics and Professional Development	3

MPH Core Courses

MPH 501	Introduction to Public Health	4
MPH 503	Biostatistics	4
MPH 506	Research Methods in Public Health	4
MPH 511	Epidemiology	4
MPH 521	Introduction to Environmental Health	4
MPH 531	Public Health Policy	4
MPH 561	Public Health Education	4

Internship Requirement

MPH 581	Internship ¹	4
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MPH Concentration Courses

Social Determinants of Health (Required)

MPH 541	Social Determinants of Health	4
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Advanced Epidemiology (Select one course from the following)

MPH 512	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	
MPH 513	Epidemiology of Chronic Diseases	
MPH 514	Analytical Epidemiology	

Advanced Public Health Policy (Select one course from the following)

MPH 508	Program Evaluation for Public Health
MPH 575	Health Economics
MPH 585	Introduction to Health Services and Administration

HMS Electives

Select three courses from one of the following concentrations: **12**

Alcohol and Substance Abuse

HMS 521	Advanced Interviewing and Intervention
HMS 525	Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
HMS 527	Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse
HMS 528	Dual Diagnosis and Relapse Prevention

Child and Family Studies

HMS 521	Advanced Interviewing and Intervention
HMS 525	Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
HMS 533	Child Abuse And Neglect
HMS 537	Treating Children from Diverse Populations
HMS 567	Family Dynamics and Intervention

Gerontology

HMS 508	Psychology Of Aging
HMS 529	Perspectives on Aging
HMS 563	Sociology of Death, Dying, and Bereavement
HMS 582	Aging And The Human Services

Nursing Home Administration Concentration

HMS 532	The Psycho-Social Aspects of Aging in the 21st Century
HMS 541	Senior Care Administration
HMS 589	Financial Management in the Nonprofit Sector

Social Service Administration

HMS 538	Social Services Administration
HMS 584	Introduction to Nonprofit Management
HMS 588	Grant Writing in Human Services
HMS 589	Financial Management in the Nonprofit Sector

HMS Closure

HMS 585	HMS Capstone	3
MPH Comprehensive Examination Closure ²		0

Total Hours **71**

¹ Students in the joint MPH/HMS degree are required to complete 400 contact hours for the internship

² Students MUST complete the MPH Comprehensive Examination. No credit hours are awarded for completion of the exam. Students who do not complete the examination during their final semester of study must enroll in MPH 583 (zero credit hours, one billable credit hour) each regular semester (fall/spring) until they pass the exam.