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**Fast Track MPH/MSPH for USF Honors Students**

**Description:** This program provides opportunities for Honor students to enroll in a Masters in Public Health program at the beginning of their senior year. Eligible seniors complete up to 20 graduate credits in public health that count toward the bachelor's degree as well as an MPH or MSPH. The MPH is considered a professional degree and is appropriate for student wishing to be prepared to work in a public health career. The MSPH is considered a research oriented degree.

**Prerequisites**

All students will take:

HSC 4554 Survey of Human Diseases (3)

HSA 4011 Introduction to Public Health (3)

Prospective applicants are encouraged to take these courses before their senior year. These courses will not count toward the graduate degree, but may count toward the undergraduate degree as determined by the undergraduate advisor.

**Honors Fast Track Options**

Undergraduate Degrees				Graduate Degrees	
BMS	ISS	INS	Concentrations	MSPH	MPH
			<b>Department of Community &amp; Family Health</b>		
	X <sup>4</sup>		Social and Behavioral Sciences, Women's Health, Social Marketing <sup>1</sup> , Aging Studies, Behavioral Health	X	
			<b>Department of Health Policy &amp; Management</b>		
	X	X	Health Care Organizations and Management <sup>2</sup>		X
	X		Health Care Policies and Programs		X
			<b>Epidemiology &amp; Biostatistics</b>		
X	X	X	Epidemiology	X	
X	X	X	Biostatistics <sup>3</sup>	X	
			<b>Environmental &amp; Occupational Health</b>		
X		X	Toxicology / Risk Assessment	X	X
X		X	Environmental Health	X	X
			<b>Global Health</b>		
X		X	Global Communicable Disease	X	X

<sup>1</sup> Business Majors also

<sup>2</sup> Requires Microeconomics and Basic Accounting

<sup>3</sup> Requires Calculus and Linear Algebra

<sup>4</sup> In addition to ISS, any of the following majors would be suitable: Anthropology, Criminology, Gerontology, Psychology, Sociology, Women's Studies

**Admission and Application Process for Enrollment:** Students are encouraged to apply early and applications will be accepted starting in the fall of the student's junior year. Application information is available at Graduate Studies (<http://admissions.grad.usf.edu/>) and additional information may be found at [www.publichealth.usf.edu](http://www.publichealth.usf.edu). Admission is for fall semester and applications must be received by July 1 for guaranteed consideration. Applications received after July 1 will be processed for fall admission although there is no guarantee that processing will be completed in time. Spring and summer admissions will be considered on an individual basis.

**Admission Requirements**

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- Minimum Verbal score of 450 and minimum quantitative score of 550 on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or a mean MCAT of 8, AND good standing in the Honors program, senior status. (Helpful Hint: Take the General GRE exam, not a specialized one.)
- Two letters of recommendation from undergraduate faculty.
- One letter from the Honors advisor noting GPA of 3.2 or better.
- Desire for a public health career as documented in a one page goal statement.
- Approval by appropriate department admission committee.
- Approval by the College and Graduate School.

**Advising:** When a student is accepted into the masters program, a graduate advisor will be assigned. The undergraduate advisor and student will be given a listing of courses the student will need to take in the senior year. The student will seek approval to register for graduate classes from the graduate advisor. The undergraduate advisor will continue to assure the student meets all undergraduate degree requirements.

The student is expected to make contact with the graduate advisor at least once a semester before pre-registration to plan and seek approval for course registration and planning. All students are expected to be familiar with the College of Public Health ([www.publichealth.usf.edu](http://www.publichealth.usf.edu)) and Graduate School [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu) requirements.

**Field Experience:** Senior undergraduate students will enroll in one credit (3 hours / week) of field experience Fall and Spring semester. The first semester field experience will focus on introducing students to various public health areas and the second semester will focus on introducing the student to their chosen concentration area in Public Health. The College of Public Health Field Placement Coordinator will work with the student. An additional, more intensive, field experience is required at the end of the masters program as well.

**Mentoring:** Every effort will be made to assign each student a second year graduate student mentor who is in the same concentration area. If the cohort of students is sufficiently large, one to two required group meetings per semester will be scheduled. These meetings will address student concerns, successes, experiences at the College of Public Health, and evaluation of the program.

**Course Locations:** Most classes are offered in the evening, one day a week. Classes are held at the USF College of Public Health, 13201 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa. FL on the USF Tampa campus.

**Program Outline Overview**

The **MPH** is considered a professional degree and is appropriate for students wishing to be prepared to work in a public health career. The MPH has extensive field experience, requires a special project and written comprehensive exam.

The **MSPH** is considered an academic or research oriented degree, has less emphasis on field experience and more on research methods, requires a thesis, and a written comprehensive exam.

**Typical MPH Sequence** (Professional Degree)

<b>Semester 1 (First year graduate / senior undergrad)</b>		<b>10 credits</b>
PHC 6000	Epidemiology	3
PHC 6050	Biostatistics I	3
PHC 6102	Principles of Health Policy and Management	3
PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience	1
	Undergraduate courses as determined by Undergraduate Advisor	

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<b>Semester 2 (First year graduate / senior undergrad)</b>		<b>10 credits</b>
PHC 6410	Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health	3
PHC 6357	Environmental and Occupational Health	3
PHC xxxx	Concentration Course	3
PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience	1
	Undergraduate courses as determined by Undergraduate Advisor	

<b>Semester 3 (graduate)</b>		<b>9 credits</b>
PHC xxxx	Concentration Course	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3

<b>Semester 4 (graduate)</b>		<b>9 credits</b>
PHC xxxx	Concentration Course	3
PHC xxxx	Concentration Course	3
	Concentration or Elective	3

<b>Semester 5 (graduate)</b>		<b>9-12 credits</b>
	Elective	3
PHC 6977	Special Project	3
PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience	3-6
	Comprehensive Exam	0

**Typical MSPH Sequence** (Research Oriented Degree)

<b>Semester 1 (First year graduate / senior undergrad)</b>		<b>10 credits</b>
PHC 6000	Epidemiology	3
PHC 6050	Biostatistics I	3
PHC xxxx	6410, 6357 or 6102	3
PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience	1
	Undergraduate courses as determined by Undergraduate Advisor	

<b>Semester 2 (First year graduate / senior undergrad)</b>		<b>10 credits</b>
PHC xxxx	Concentration Course	3
PHC xxxx	Concentration Course	3
PHC xxxx	Concentration Course	3
PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience	1
	Undergraduate courses as determined by Undergraduate Advisor	

<b>Semester 3 (graduate)</b>		<b>9 -12 credits</b>
PHC xxxx	Concentration and Elective Courses	9-12

<b>Semester 4 (graduate)</b>		<b>9-12 credits</b>
PHC xxxx	Concentration and Elective Courses	3-12

<b>Semester 5 (graduate)</b>		<b>6 credits</b>
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PHC 6971	Thesis	6
PHC 6945	Supervised Field Experience	Optional
	Comprehensive Exam	0

**For Additional Information**

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