BSPH/MPH OR MSPH OR MPHTM OR MHA COMBINED DEGREE

The BSPH may be combined with a professional master’s degree: MPH (most concentrations), MSPH, MPHTM or MHA degrees. The combined program allows for the sharing of 12 credits toward both degrees and saves approximately 1 semester. Students fulfill the MPH, MSPH, MPHTM or MHA degree requirements.

Students submit their application to the combined degree in the second semester of their senior year (See Timeline for details) and begin graduate coursework during their senior year. After receiving the BSPH, the student continues in full-time graduate study to the professional master’s degree. In order to share 12 credits for both degrees, continuous registration is required with no gap in enrollment.

The BSPH may be combined with all of the SPHTM professional master’s programs in the MPH (except Community Health), MSPH, MPHTM or MHA degrees. See MHA below.

BSPH/MPH or MSPH or MPHTM Combined Degrees

Combined degree student select a specific MPH, MSPH or MPHTM program (concentration) of study. Student may select any of the MPH, MSPH, or MPHTM concentrations (except the generalist MPH in Community Health). These degrees require a total of 42 - 45 credits plus a practicum and a culminating experience: 12 shared credits (foundational courses) plus another 30-33 master’s credits required for their selected MPH, MSPH or MPHTM program (concentration) (See the requirements for each program (concentration).

Combined degree students may take up to 12 credits in four foundational courses (no substitutions):

• SPHL 6050 Biostatistics for Public Health (3)
• SPHL 6060 Epidemiology for Public Health (3)
• SPHL 6070 Health Systems, Policy and Management (3)
• SPHL 6080 Design Strategies in Public Health Programs (3)

Note: the competencies for SPHL 6020 Introduction to Public Health (3) are obtained in the BSPH degree, therefore, this course is waived for Combined Degree Students. Student may substitute another course to obtain the total number of credits required for the professional master’s.

The BSPH/MPH or MSPH or MPHTM combined degree may be completed in approximately 1½- 2 years following graduation from the undergraduate BSPH, a time savings of 1 semester. A MPH or MSPH degree typically takes 2 to 2½ years to complete. Actual time depends on the number of credits students complete per semester and the time to do the practicum and integrated learning experience.

Combined Degree students should meet with their faculty advisor early in their senior year to plan study that will incorporate the goals and competencies of the MPH/MSPH/MPHTM program they intend to pursue. Please note that Combined Degree students must complete all requirements for the BSPH and graduate from the BSPH program.

The professional master’s require a practicum and integrated learning experience (ILE). These are done toward the end of the course work and planned with the master’s advisor to fulfill the program competencies. Practical experience or internships that is not planned within MPH competencies may not count as either the practicum or ILE.

Combined BSPH/MHA

The MHA program is a 60 credit masters in health administration plus a 950-hour administrative residency. (See the MHA degree requirements) BSPH/MHA Combined Degree students may share up to 12 credits during their senior year in the BSPH program. Combined Degree students may only begin the MHA full time in the fall semester. Students are eligible to attempt to test out of several of these classes and proceed to the next class in sequence. MHA courses that may be taken from the following courses:

Fall Semester Spring Semester (choose 2)
SPHL 6060 Biostatistics for Public Health
or BIOS 6040 – Intermediate Biostatistics

Spring Semester (Chose 2)
HPAM 6360 Human Resource Management
HPAM 6050 Health Systems Concepts HPAM 6210 Health Law & Regulation
HPAM 6710 Quantitative Decision Models
HPAM 6170 Quality Management in Health Care
HPAM 6780 Information Systems

Requirements

BSPH/MPH or MSPH or MPHTM or MHA Combined Degrees
BSPH students may select any of the professional degree programs as the master’s level of specialization, except the MPH in Community Health Sciences (CHS). The CHS concentration is a generalist program that may overlap with portions of the BSPH degree.

Combined degree students complete four of the foundational courses during their senior year. The Tulane BSPH students do not take the SPHL 6020 because the competencies for this course have been obtained during undergraduate study.

In the selected area of study, combined degree students complete the MPH, MSPH, MPHTM or MHA requirements as listed for these degrees.