

Dual Degree MSW-MPH

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MSW-MPH dual-degree students will satisfy the requirements for **60 MSW credit hours** and a minimum of **45 MPH credit hours**. **The table below lays out the suggested curriculum and course sequencing for the MSW-MPH dual-degree program, in which students will complete a minimum of 92 credit hours.**

Program Structure

1. Applicants would be required to meet the admission requirements for both the LSU Graduate School and the LSUHSC. Separate applications must be made to both the LSU Graduate School and LSUHSC SPH and the appropriate test scores provided. Application to the LSUHSC SPH is made through the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS), a centralized admissions system used by the Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health. A minimum of 10-15 applicants are projected each year for the dual degree.
2. Students would begin this dual degree program within the LSU SSW, and the first year would be devoted exclusively to the first-year SSW requirements. Students already enrolled in the social work program may apply to enter the dual degree program provided the application is received by the SPH by the Spring semester of the first academic year. The other years would be devoted to a combination of MSW and MPH courses, with the MPH Culminating Course and MSW Capstone experience occurring in the 3rd year. The respective faculties of the SPH-BCHS program and the SSW have approved an award of **13** hours of MSW credit toward the MPH degree for courses taken in the SSW, and of **12** hours of MPH credit toward the MSW for courses taken in the SPH.
3. To complete the program on schedule, a standard graduate course load of 9 to 15 hours per semester will be maintained, with 15 hours being the minimum course load for full time social work students while working on their MSW requirements of the dual degree.
4. For those pursuing the dual degree program, the social work requirements would not vary. The current MSW curriculum (Section F) and the dual degree curriculum (Section H) are attached. Social work students currently have the option of a thesis or non-thesis Capstone experience, an option that will be extended to dual-degree students. The total number of hours for the MSW curriculum (60) would not change under the dual degree program. No web-based social work courses can be taken through the *LSU Online* program; however, web-based social work courses that are offered during regular LSU Baton Rouge campus semesters can be taken.
5. A student successfully completing the required courses of study shall receive two degrees, the Master of Public Health with a concentration in Behavioral and Community Health Studies awarded by the LSUHSC SPH, and a Master of Social Work awarded by the CHSE SSW. Each of the two degrees is awarded separately by the two schools upon completion of the requirements for the particular degree. The only change in either degree program is the awarding of concurrent credit. A student will have the option of pursuing parallel degree program requirements with common areas of study.

6. The recognition of concurrent credit as described above allows a student to complete the requirement for both degrees in three years, including summer semesters, instead of the four years that otherwise would be required.

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Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
Year 1 39 Credit Hours [10 MPH Hours]		
SW 7001 HBSE I [3]	SW 7002 HBSE II [3] (Degree credit for BCHS 6212 [3])	SW Elective [3]
SW 7003 HX/Policy [3] (Degree credit for PUBH 6221 [1])	SW 7004 HD & Oppression [3]	SW Elective [3]
SW 7005 Practice I [3]	SW 7006 Practice II [3]	EPID 6210 Epidemiology [3]
SW 7007 Foundation Field I [3]	SW 7010 Differential DX [3]	
SW 7009 Research I [3]	SW 7008 Foundation Field II [3] (Degree credit for PUBH 6800 [3])	
Year 2 36 Credit Hours [18-19 MPH Hours]		
SW 7501 Research II [3] (Degree credit for BCHS 6215 [3])	SW 7504 Adv. Social Policy [3] (Degree credit for BCHS 6213 [3])	SW 7503 Adv. Field II [3]
SW 7505 Adv. Direct Practice [3]	SW 7502 Adv. Field I [3]	Elective/Thesis [3] OR SW 7905 or SW 7906
SW 7506 CAC for D Practice [3]	BCHS Elective (two needed) [2-3]	BIOS 6100 Bio-Stats [4] (if not taken in Fall)
Elective/Thesis [3] OR SW 7905 or SW 7906	EPI 6216 Bio Basis of Health [3]	
BCHS 6216 Health Program Planning Development [3]	BCHS 6700 BCHS Seminar [.25]*	
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Year 3 17 Credit Hours [17-18 MPH Hours]		
ENHS 6238 Environ Health [3]	BCHS 6600 Culminating Exp. [3]	
HPSM 6268 H Admin & Mngt [3]	BCHS 6700 BCCHS Seminar [.25]*	
BCCHS 6700 BCCHS Seminar [.25]*	BCCHS Elective (two needed) [2-3]	
BCCHS 6214 Health Commun [3]	BCCHS TBD Project Management [2]	

*Students must attend BCCHS Seminar year 2 & 3, Fall & Spring, in order to get 1 hour credit. Seminar is held at noon twice a month and can be attended via video conference with instructor's permission.

NOTE: All dual degree students MUST produce proof of both HIPAA and Human Subjects Research Training in order to register for MPH coursework (e.g. CITI Training).

J. Approved MSW and MPH Elective Courses

MSW	MPH
SW 7305 Grief & Bereavement	BCHS 6220 Issues in Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health
SW 7306 Advanced Social Work Treatment of Individuals	BCHS 7351 Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Health Disparity
SW 7307 Direct Practice with Children and Adolescents	BCHS 7352 Mental Health Promotion in Community Health Sciences
SW 7402 Social Work in Corrections	PUBH 6300 Introduction to Global Health
SW 7403 Social Work and Aging	EPID 6352 Social Epidemiology
SW 7404 Social Work Practice in Schools	BCHS 6217 Community-Based Participatory Programming
SW 7405 Marital and Family Treatment in Social Work	PUBH/BCHS 6500 or 7500 Relevant Special Topics
SW 7406 Social Work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People Prereq: SW 7004 and SW 7005	BCHS 6400 Independent Study
SW 7412 Social Work in Medical Care	Other as deemed appropriate by MPH advisor
SW 7415 Child/Family I	
SW 7416 Child/Family II	
SW 7455 Management in Human Services	
SW 7801 Family Violence	
SW 7803 Grant and Proposal Writing for Human Service Organizations	
SW 7804 Addictive Disorders in Contemporary Society	

SW 7805 Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Disorders	
SW 7807 Special Topics in Social Work	
SW 7905 Independent Reading and Research in Social Work Practice	
SW 7906 Independent Reading and Research in Social Welfare Policy	
SW 7907 Public Policies and the Aging	
SW 8000 Thesis Research	