



April 17, 2013

Scott Herness, PhD
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Dear Scott,

Thank you for reviewing our combined Bachelor and Masters of Public Health (3+2) Program. Below I outline a response to each point the Graduate School Curriculum Committee has raised. A revised proposal also accompanies this letter, with the changes highlighted in yellow.

1. Naming these differing curricula specializations or tracks (rather than combinations) would be consistent with Graduate School language.

Response: We have two BSPH interdisciplinary specializations and nine MPH specializations. Not all combinations are possible and therefore we believe that we need to add specification to the combinations that have been approved by the College.

2. The proposal notes that BS/MPH track combination includes 12 credit hours which will count dually for undergraduate and graduate credit. We note that the BSPH-PHS + MPH-EPI and the BSPH-EPH + MPH-EPI tracks actually total 16 credit hours. Sixteen hours would also be an acceptable number of credit hours for dual credit.

Response: We have changed the maximum number of dual credit to 16.

3. Some description of how students who wish to pursue this dual degree will be counseled or advised. Although it is clear that students who pursue this option early in their undergraduate career could do so without problem, we imagine that students may decide on this option when in their advanced second or early third year. What would the options be for these students, who might require additional undergraduate courses for eligibility? Would they be able to take additional time in their pursuit or be ineligible?

Response: Our proposal did not include our plan to have a pre-application requirement for students wishing to pursue this option. Accordingly, we have added the following to the proposal: "Late in their second year or early in their third year of undergraduate work, students will be asked to complete a pre-application to the

combined degree program, which will serve as an indicator of their interest to apply formally during their third year. The BSPH Undergraduate Committee will review the pre-application and, if necessary, suggest that students meet with an undergraduate advisor to discuss course requirements that will need to be met before formally entering the combined degree program.”

Thus, students will be advised by an undergraduate advisor to take the appropriate number of hours to be eligible for the combined degree program. If students are unable to meet the semester hour requirement by the start of their fourth year, they obviously will not be eligible to enroll at the start of their fourth year of undergraduate work. Students can still be eligible to apply after they meet the requirements for the combined degree program, but at that point it may not be worth it and instead students may choose to complete the BSPH and then enroll in the MPH program.

4. The GPA requirement of 3.5 is cumulative and includes undergraduate work at all institutions s/he may have attended.
5. Graduate credit accrues only after the student enters the Graduate School. For example, any graduate courses the student may have taken during the first three years (while enrolled as an undergraduate) will not count towards his/her accumulated graduate credit.

Response to #4 and #5: We will make this clear to students during the application process. The language in the proposal has not changed because we used the exact language provided by the Graduate School in the section of the proposal where these two points are addressed.

Sincerely,



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Combined Bachelor and Masters in Public Health (3+2 program)

Dear Amy,

The graduate school curriculum committee (GSCC) met on April 11th to consider the proposal to establish a combined degree program where students could simultaneously pursue the Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in Public Health. Students would enroll for the first three years as undergraduate and, upon acceptance the Graduate School, as graduate students for the remaining two years; hence a 3 + 2 program.

Overall, the committee found no major problems with the proposal and found it to be aligned with the Graduate School policies. A few minor points arose:

- Naming these differing curricula specializations or tracks (rather than combinations) would be consistent with Graduate School language.
- The proposal notes that BS/MPH track combination includes 12 credit hours which will count dually for undergraduate and graduate credit. We note that the BSPH-PHS + MPH-EPI and the BSPH-EPH + MPH-EPI tracks actually total 16 credit hours. Sixteen hours would also be an acceptable number of credit hours for dual credit.
- Some description of how students who wish to pursue this dual degree will be counseled or advised. Although it is clear that students who pursue this option early in their undergraduate career could do so without problem, we imagine that students may decide on this option when in their advanced second or early third year. What would the options be for these students, who might require additional undergraduate courses for eligibility? Would they be able to take additional time in their pursuit or be ineligible?

Also, at this point I think it would be beneficial to emphasize two additional points.

- The GPA requirement of 3.5 is cumulative and includes undergraduate work at all institutions s/he may have attended.
- Graduate credit accrues only after the student enters the Graduate School. For example, any graduate courses the student may have taken during the first three years (while enrolled as an undergraduate) will not count towards his/her accumulated graduate credit.

Please return to me a revised copy of the proposal with these few additions/clarifications. Subsequently, the proposal will be submitted to the Graduate Council and to the Committee on Academic Affairs for their respective reviews. Throughout this process I will be working to shepherd this proposal through all these steps.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or clarifications.

Many thanks,



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5 yr (3+2) BSPH + MPH Combined Degree Program

Degree and Program Options: Qualified students may complete a combined undergraduate/graduate degree program via a 5-year (3+2) Model: Years 1, 2 and 3 involve undergraduate courses; Year 4 is a combination of undergraduate courses plus graduate courses. Twelve semester credits of the graduate courses can count toward the bachelor degree. The sum of the graduate credits for the completed four designated graduate courses counts toward the master degree program.

Students who are interested in the combined degree program will be encouraged to work with an undergraduate advisor early on, so that they can have the appropriate coursework completed before starting the combined degree program. Late in their second year or early in their third year of undergraduate work, students will be asked to complete a pre-application to the combined degree program, which will serve as an indicator of their interest to apply formally during their third year. The BSPH Undergraduate Committee will review the pre-application and, if necessary, suggest that students meet with an undergraduate advisor to discuss course requirements that will need to be met before formally entering the combined degree program. During their third year of undergraduate work towards the BSPH, students who are interested in the combined degree program will apply to the MPH program in the College of Public Health through our online application system. After a student is admitted to the MPH program, he/she will apply to the 3+2 combined degree program. This will involve completing the Graduate School's combined degree approval form (http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/Depo/PDF/Combined_Graduate_Program.pdf) and submitting that form to the Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair and the Graduate Studies Committee Chair. If all requirements are met (see "Criteria" listed below), these Chairs will sign and forward to the Graduate School for final approval.

Below, and continuing on page 2, is applicable edited content from the *Graduate School Handbook*. On pages 3 through 7 are the draft combined degree curricula respectively for (1) BSPH-Public Health Sociology + MPH-Epidemiology; (2) BSPH-Environmental Public Health + MPH-Epidemiology; (3) BSPH-Environmental Public Health + MPH-Environmental Health Science; (4) BSPH-Environmental Public Health + MPH-Veterinary Public Health; and, (5) BSPH-Public Health Sociology + MPH-Health Behavior and Health Promotion. Please note that the courses that count toward both degrees are highlighted in each curriculum guide.

Applicants and admitted students must meet and follow Graduate School requirements. An excerpt from Section 8.1 of the *Graduate School Handbook* (<http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/8.1-combined-programs.html>) follows:

Admission. Students enrolled in combined programs are admitted by the Graduate School, the Graduate Studies Committee, and the undergraduate college or school. The College receives application material, determines when the application is complete, calculates the official GPA, and notifies the applicant of the admission decision.

Criteria. To be admitted as a regular or special graduate student in a combined program, the applicant must submit documentation that demonstrates satisfactory fulfillment of the following admission criteria:

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1. completion of a minimum of 90 undergraduate credit hours, for those enrolling in an undergraduate/graduate combined program
2. a minimum of 3.5 cumulative point-hour ratio in all previous undergraduate work for those enrolling in an undergraduate/graduate combined program
3. prerequisite training that will enable the student to pursue the graduate degree program selected

Students may not be admitted to the undergraduate/graduate combined program in conditional or graduate non-degree status.

Credentials. Applicants must submit the same credentials required of other Graduate School applicants.

Procedures. Applicants must consult the appropriate professional or undergraduate college or school about admission requirements and procedures for its combined program students. The procedures outlined in Section II also apply to combined program students. The intended combined program must be indicated on the admission application form. Applicants are required to submit a completed [Approval of Combined Graduate and Undergraduate/Professional Program](#) form available on the Graduate School website. The form must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the semester or session of the combined program.

Advisor. At the time of admission, a Graduate Faculty member is appointed to advise the student. The graduate advisor may be the same as the professional or undergraduate advisor.

Monitoring Progress. The Graduate Studies Committee and the student's graduate advisor are responsible for monitoring progress toward the graduate degree. A statement describing the student's goals, objectives, and general plan for completing both degrees must be submitted to the Graduate School by the end of the first semester or session of enrollment in the combined program.

Course Load. The number of credit hours a combined program student attempts each semester or term is determined by the student and the advisor(s) and must be consistent with the course loads described in [Section III](#) and by the professional or undergraduate college or school.

Schedule Approval. The student may access the University Registrar's website to obtain information about online registration. The student consults with the advisor(s) about course selection.

Withdrawal. Students who are denied further registration in or who withdraw from the graduate portion of their combined program may either retain their graduate credit in the Graduate School should they reenroll at a later time or transfer that graduate credit earned to the other degree program, subject to the rules of the other college or school.

Cumulative Point-Hour Ratio. Students enrolled in combined programs have two cumulative point-hour ratios, one including all credit counted toward the graduate degree and one including all credit counted toward the professional or undergraduate degree.

Academic Standards. The academic standards stated in [Section V](#) apply to combined program students.

Graduate Associates. Students enrolled in professional/graduate combined programs may hold graduate associate appointments provided all eligibility criteria are met. Students enrolled in a bachelor's/master's combined program may hold GA appointments that do not involve teaching of other students provided all other eligibility criteria are met.

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Curriculum Guide for Combined Degree: BSPH-PHS + MPH-EPI

Autumn 1	Credits	Spring 1	Credits	Summer 1	
Arts GE	3	Biological Science GE	3		
Language 1 (1101)	4	Language 2 (1102)	4		
Math 1116	3	Cultures/Ideas or Historical GE	3		
Sociology 1101	3	English 1110.0X	3		
PUBHLTH 1100	1	PUBHLTH 2010	3		
Total	14	Total	16		
Autumn 2	Credits	Spring 2	Credits	Summer 2	
PUBHEHS 3310	3	PUBHBIO 2210	3		
2 nd Writing GE	3	Sociology 3460	3		
Sociology 3549	3	Sociology 3487	3		
PUBHHMP 4650	3	PUBHEPI 2410	3		
Language 3 (1103)	4	PUBHHBP 3510	3		
Total	16	Total	15		
Autumn 3	Credits	Spring 3	Credits	Summer 3	
Physical Science GE	3	Sociology 3410	3		
Sociology 5450	3	Sociology 3463	3		
Sociology 3630	3	Other Social Science GE	3		
GE Open Option	3	PUBHEHS 5320 (May Session)	3		
Sociology 4508	3	PUBHEHS 3320	3		
Total	15	Total	15		
Autumn 4	Credits	Spring 4	Credits	Summer 4	
PUBHBIO 6210 Biostats*	3	PUBHBIO 6211 Biostats*	3	BSPH Capstone (May?)	2
PUBHEPI 6430 Epidemiology I*	4	PUBHEPI 7410 Epidemiology II	4		
Natural Science GE with lab	4	GE Open Option	3		
PUBHEPI 5411	2	Historical Study GE	3		
Literature GE	3	Sociology 5629	3		
		PUBHBIO 6270 SAS	2		2
Total	16	Total	18		2
				Min. Total Credits BSPH	126
Autumn 5	Credits	Spring 5	Credits	Summer 5	
PUBHEHS 6310 Env Health	3	PUBHHBP 6510 Prev Disease	3	PUBHLTH 7998 Project	3
PUBHEPI 6411 Biol Disease	3	PUBHEPI 6431 Health Surveys	3	<i>PUBHLTH 7189 Practicum?</i>	2
PUBHHSM 6610 Hlth Care Org	3	<i>PUBHLTH 7189 Practicum?</i>	2		
PUBHBIO 6212 Biostats	3	Electives	5		
PUBHEPI 7430 Epidemiology III	4				
Total	16	Total	11-13		3-5
				Min. Total Credits MPH	48

*Bold highlighted courses for Autumn 4 and Spring 4 count 16cr toward both BSPH-PHS and MPH-EPI Programs.

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Curriculum Guide for Combined Degree: **BSPH-EPH + MPH-EPI**

Autumn 1	Credits	Spring 1	Credits	Summer 1	
Arts GE	3	Math 1151	5		
Chemistry 1210	5	Chemistry 1220	5		
Math 1150	5	Biology 1113	4		
Sociology 1101	3	English 1110.0X	3		
PUBHLTH 1100	1				
Total	17	Total	17		
Autumn 2	Credits	Spring 2	Credits	Summer 2	
Chemistry 2510	4	Chemistry 2540	2		
PUBHLTH 2010	3	PUBHEPI 2410	3		
Language 1 (1101)	4	2 nd Writing (any 2367 course)	3		
Statistics 1350 or 1450	3	Language 2 (1102)	4		
PUBHEHS 3310	3	PUBHBIO 2210	3		
Total	17	Total	15		
Autumn 3	Credits	Spring 3	Credits	Summer 3	
Biology 1114	4	PUBHHBP 3510	3		
Literature GE	3	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3		
PUBHHMP 4650	3	History GE	3		
Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3	Physics 1200	5		
Language 3 (1103)	4	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3		
Total	17	Total	17		
Autumn 4	Credits	Spring 4	Credits	Summer 4	
PUBHBIO 6210 Biostats*	3	PUBHBIO 6211 Biostats*	3	BSPH Capstone (May?)	2
PUBHEPI 6430 Epidemiology I*	4	PUBHEPI 7410 Epidemiology II	4		
Other Social Science GE	3	Cultures/Ideas or History	3		
Microbiology 4000	3	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	2-3		
Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3	PUBHBIO 6270 SAS	2		
Total	16	Total	14-15		
				Min. Total Credits BSPH	126
Autumn 5	Credits	Spring 5	Credits	Summer 5	
PUBHEHS 6310 Env Health	3	PUBHHBP 6510 Prev Disease	3	PUBHLTH 7998 Project	3
PUBHEPI 6411 Biol Disease	3	PUBHEPI 6431 Health Surveys	3	<i>PUBHLTH 7189 Practicum?</i>	2
PUBHHSM 6610 Hlth Care Org	3	<i>PUBHLTH 7189 Practicum?</i>	2		
PUBHBIO 6212 Biostats	3	Electives	5		
PUBHEPI 7430 Epidemiology III	4				
Total	16	Total	11-13	Total	3-5
				Min. Total Credits MPH	48

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Curriculum Guide for Combined Degree: BSPH-EPH + MPH-EHS

Autumn 1	Credits	Spring 1	Credits	Summer 1	
Arts GE	3	Math 1151	5		
Chemistry 1210	5	Chemistry 1220	5		
Math 1150	5	Biology 1113	4		
Sociology 1101	3	English 1110.OX	3		
PUBHLTH 1100	1				
Total	17	Total	17		
Autumn 2	Credits	Spring 2	Credits	Summer 2	
Chemistry 2510	4	Chemistry 2540	2		
PUBHLTH 2010	3	PUBHEPI 2410	3		
Language 1 (1101)	4	2 nd Writing (any 2367 course)	3		
Statistics 1350 or 1450	3	Language 2 (1102)	4		
PUBHEHS 3310	3	PUBHBIO 2210	3		
Total	17	Total	15		
Autumn 3	Credits	Spring 3	Credits	Summer 3	
Biology 1114	4	PUBHHBP 3510	3		
Literature GE	3	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3		
PUBHHMP 4650	3	History GE	3		
Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3	Physics 1200	5		
Language 3 (1103)	4				
Total	17	Total	14		
Autumn 4	Credits	Spring 4	Credits	Summer 4	
Microbiology 4000	4	PUBHEPI 6410 Epidemiology*	3	BSPH Capstone (May?)	2
PUBHBIO 6210 Biostats*	3	Cultures/Ideas or History	3		
Other Social Science GE	3	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3		
PUBHEHS 5315 Toxicology*	3	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	2-3		
PUBHEHS 5325 Occ Health*	3	Elective?			
Total	16	Total	11-12		2
				Min. Total Credits BSPH	126
Autumn 5	Credits	Spring 5	Credits	Summer 5	
PUBHEHS 6315 Adv Env Hlth	3	PUBHEHS 7330 Exp Assess	3	PUBHLTH 7998 Project	3
PUBHHBP 6510 Prev Disease	3	PUBHEHS 7365 Risk Assess	3		
PUBHHSM 6610 Hlth Care Org	3	PUBHLTH 7189 Practicum	2		
PUBHEHS 6320 Microbiology	3	Elective	3		
PUBHEHS 7380 Exp Sci Monitor	3	Elective	3		
		PUBHEHS 7899 Seminar	1		
Total	15	Total	15	Total	3
				Min. Total Credits MPH	45

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Curriculum Guide for Combined Degree: BSPH-EPH + MPH-VPH

Autumn 1	Credits	Spring 1	Credits	Summer 1	
Arts GE	3	Math 1151	5		
Chemistry 1210	5	Chemistry 1220	5		
Math 1150	5	Biology 1113	4		
Sociology 1101	3	English 1110.OX	3		
PUBHLTH 1100	1				
Total	17	Total	17		
Autumn 2	Credits	Spring 2	Credits	Summer 2	
Chemistry 2510	4	Chemistry 2540	2		
PUBHLTH 2010	3	PUBHEPI 2410	3		
Language 1 (1101)	4	2 nd Writing (any 2367 course)	3		
Statistics 1350 or 1450	3	Language 2 (1102)	4		
PUBHEHS 3310	3	PUBHBIO 2210	3		
Total	17	Total	15		
Autumn 3	Credits	Spring 3	Credits	Summer 3	
Biology 1114	4	PUBHHBP 3510	3		
Literature GE	3	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	3		
PUBHHMP 4650	3	History GE	3		
Biochemistry 4511	3	Physics 1200	5		
Language 3 (1103)	4	Elective?			
Total	17	Total	14		
Autumn 4	Credits	Spring 4	Credits	Summer 4	
Microbiology 4000 (incl. lab)	4	Cultures/Ideas or History	3	BSPH Capstone (May?)	2
PUBHBIO 6210 Biostats*	3	PUBHBIO 6211 Biostats*	3		
Other Social Science GE	3	Molecular Genetics 4500	3		
PUBHEHS 5315 Toxicology*	3	Interdisciplinary Spec Course	2-3		
PUBHEHS 5325 Occ Health*	3	Elective?			
Total	16	Total	11-12		2
				Min. Total Credits BSPH	126
Autumn 5	Credits	Spring 5	Credits	Summer 5	
PUBHHBP 6510 Prev Disease	3	VETPREV 7722 Foodborne	3	VPM 8999 Project	3
PUBHEHS 6310 Princ Env Hlth	3	VETPREV 7723 Biosecurity	3	PUBHLTH 7189 Practicum	2
PUBHEPI 6410 Epidemiology*	3	VETPREV 7780 Veterinary Epi	3		
PUBHHSM 6610 Hlth Care Org	3	Elective	3		
VETPREV 7721 Zoonoses	3	Elective	3		
Total	15	Total	15	Total	5
				Min. Total Credits MPH	45

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Curriculum Guide for Combined Degree: BSPH-PHS + MPH-HBHP

Autumn 1	Credits	Spring 1	Credits	Summer 1	
Arts GE	3	Biological Science GE	3		
Language 1 (1101)	4	Language 2 (1102)	4		
Math 1116	3	Cultures/Ideas or Historical GE	3		
Sociology 1101	3	English 1110.0X	3		
PUBHLTH 1100	1	PUBHLTH 2010	3		
Total	14	Total	16		
Autumn 2	Credits	Spring 2	Credits	Summer 2	
PUBHEHS 3310	3	PUBHBIO 2210	3		
2 nd Writing GE	3	Sociology 3460	3		
Sociology 3549	3	Sociology 3487	3		
PUBHHMP 4650	3	PUBHEPI 2410	3		
Language 3 (1103)	4	PUBHHBP 3510	3		
Total	16	Total	15		
Autumn 3	Credits	Spring 3	Credits	Summer 3	
Physical Science GE	3	Sociology 3410	3	BSPH Capstone (May?)	2
Sociology 5450	3	Sociology 3463	3		
Sociology 3630	3	Other Social Science GE	3		
GE Open Option	3	PUBHEHS 5320 (May Session)	3		
Sociology 4508	3	PUBHEHS 3320	3		
Total	15	Total	15		2
Autumn 4	Credits	Spring 4	Credits	Summer 4	
PUBHBIO 6210 Biostats*	3	PUBHBIO 6211 Biostats*	3	PUBH 7189 Practicum	2
PUBHHBP 6510 Prev Disease*	3	PUBHHBP 7522 Prog plan	3		
Natural Science GE with lab	4	GE Open Option	3		
PUBHHBP 7562 Theory	2	Historical Study GE	3		
Literature GE	3	Sociology 5629	3		
PUBHHBP 7520 Comm Assess	3	PUBHHBP 7532 or 7532 Eval or res. meth	3		
Total	18	Total	18		2
				Min. Total Credits BSPH	126
Autumn 5	Credits	Spring 5	Credits	Summer 5	
PUBHEHS 6310 Env Health	3	PUBHEPI 6410 Epi I	3		
PUBHHSM 6610 Hlth Care Org	3	PUBHHBP 7528 Prof. Practice	3		
PUBHHBP 7452 or 7544 Settings & spec pops, or Fundamental determ.	3	Elective	2		
Elective	2	PUBHHBP 7899.02	1		
PUBHHBP 7899.01	1	PUBHLTH 7189 Culm.	2		
Total	12	Total	11		
				Min. Total Credits MPH	45

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