

Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work

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The Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work includes five departments of Public Health that include: Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; a department of Dietetics and Nutrition, the Academy for International Disaster Preparedness, and the School of Social Work. Programs of study are offered that lead to a Master's of Public Health degree (MPH) (with specializations in Biostatistics, Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Management, and Health Promotion and Disease Prevention), including an Online Master of Public Health; a Master of Science degree in Dietetics and Nutrition; a Master's degree in Social Work (MSW); and a Master of Arts degree in Disaster Management. A Ph.D. in Public Health (with specializations in environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, and health promotion and disease prevention, health systems research); a Ph.D. degree in Dietetics and Nutrition; and a Ph.D. in Social Welfare are also offered. In addition, a Bachelor of Science degree in Dietetics and Nutrition; and a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work are also offered.

The mission of the college is to serve the South Florida community by increasing, sharing, and applying knowledge, wisdom, and ethical decision making in public health and social welfare. Our mission is carried out through:

- Educating and training future leaders, researchers, and practitioners;
- Conducting innovative research translating research into policy, programs, and practice, and
- Promoting healthy lives for diverse and especially underserved populations, here and abroad.

Accreditation

The Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. The Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and Dietetic Internship (DI) are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®). The BSSW and MSW programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Each degree program is committed to preparing students for the pursuit of excellence in professional and scholarly endeavors in an era of globalization, scientific and technological advances, and demographic changes. The health and well-being of communities as affected by multiple determinants is reflected in our interdisciplinary curriculum. The programs emphasize the involvement of practitioners, academic researchers, and the community to improve and promote public health and social well-being.

Office of Student and Alumni Affairs

The Office of Student and Alumni Affairs serves as a liaison between students in the Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work and university-wide student support services. The office works closely with directors and department chairs to coordinate admissions and advising services, and to provide students with information about scholarships, internships, community engagement opportunities and career development resources to help ensure student and alumni success.

The College has dynamic professional staff dedicated to promoting the college and supporting our students while they pursue their academic goals.

Admission Application

Students seeking admission to the graduate programs in the Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work must formally apply to the University for acceptance at <https://admissions.fiu.edu/how-to-apply/graduate-applicant/index.html>. For additional information contact the:

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For additional and updated information about degrees offered, entrance requirements, and services, please visit our website:

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Online Master of Public Health

Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work offers a fully online MPH degree taught by college faculty and experts in public health. The Online MPH degree program prepares students for interdisciplinary public health positions that investigate the distribution of diseases, as well as determinants of social and environmental health among diverse populations. Students also learn how to use existing health policies and influence policies in support of optimizing population health. All admissions and graduation requirements are the same as the traditional MPH program. Each online course is the equivalent of an on-campus section of the

same course in terms of objectives, content, rigor, and transferability. Students must meet stated prerequisites or assessment scores, where applicable.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the University's general graduate admission requirements. Students with diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

1. A Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited US college or university or, in the case of foreign students, a WES verified institution and also recognized in its own country as preparing students for further study at the graduate level.

2. A minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of upper level work.

In addition, applicants are required to submit

- a) a current resume;
- b) a written statement of purpose (career goals);
- c) three letters of recommendation.

3. Foreign graduates, including applicants from non-English speaking countries and domestic students who studied outside of the U.S., must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by presenting a minimum score of 80 on the iBT TOEFL (equivalent to 550 on the paper-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language), or 6.5 overall on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Applicants who hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from an institution within the United States, other English speaking countries, or countries listed in the university's English Proficiency Test Exempt Countries (<https://fiuonline.fiu.edu/admissions/international-students.php>) are not required to submit English proficiency exam scores.

Program Requirements

The Online Master of Public Health requires completion of 45 credit hours of approved course work with a minimum of a 'B' (3.0) average. Public Health Core courses must be passed with a grade of 'B' or higher. All work applicable to the degree must be completed within six years of first enrollment in the master's program.

Public Health Core Courses: (15 credits)

PHC 6000	Epidemiology I: Intro to Public Health Epidemiology	3
PHC 6052	Biostatistics I	3
PHC 6102	Health Policy in a Global Context	3
PHC 6315	Introduction to Environmental Health Sciences	3
PHC 6410	Health Behavior and Public Health	3

Online General Core Courses: (15 credits)

Five courses (3-credits per course) are to be selected to reflect the Online MPH competency-based objectives that allows the learning outcome in the integration of interdisciplinary public health programs.

PHC 6055	Data Management and Epidemiologic Analysis Using SAS/SPSS	3
PHC 6536	Health Demography	3
PHC 6113	Community Health Promotion Planning and Research	3
PHC 6600	Health Promotion Communication Theory and Design	3
PHC 6104	Public Health Management and Leadership	3

Elective Courses (9 credits)

Students are required to take three courses (3-credits per course) for 9-credits of the following advised graduate public health electives. Students may take any other faculty approved 6000 level courses in the college to meet the 9-credit requirement.

PHC 6009	AIDS Epidemiology	3
PHC 6091	Biostatistics 2	3
PHC 6374	Environmental Disasters and Human Health	3
PHC 6412	Health Promotion in Culturally Diverse Communities	3
PHC 6355	Environmental Health and Safety	3
Practicum and Culminating Experience: (6 credits)		
PHC 6945	Practicum in Public Health	3
PHC 6930C	Integrative Seminar in Public Health	3

PHC 6945 (Practicum) and PHC 6930C (culminating experience) are both required for all Online MPH students. The Practicum may be taken after completing a minimum of 30 credit hours, including all core courses. Students must contact the Program at least two semesters prior to registering for the Practicum to begin the process of planning, respective to the geographic location of the student and intended project. The Practicum may be waived if the student has at least 3 years of relevant practice experience working in a public health practice setting. The waiver request is prepared by the student and submitted to the program for final approval. If the Practicum Requirement is waived, the student will need to substitute an approved 3-credit course in place of PHC 6945 (Practicum) such that the total curriculum hour requirement of 45 credit hours is met.

Master of Social Work (Clinical)/Master of Public Health (Generalist)

The MSW (Clinical)/MPH (Generalist) program will be an interdisciplinary, three-year program incorporating knowledge and skills from social work and public health. The combined degree program consists of a combination of social work and public health courses. Any deviation from the course plan set forth by the program will result in the student no longer being a part of the combined degree pathway.

Admissions Requirements

- Students will need to apply to and be accepted into each degree program separately in order to qualify for the combined degree program. Students will have to meet the regular admissions criteria for each program.
- Applicants must be admitted into both programs for the same term in order to proceed in the combined degree program.
- At the time of admission, the student must notify both programs that they are pursuing the combined degree pathway.
- Applicants cannot have any outstanding pre-requisites.

Required Courses

The required credits for the program is 90 credits.

Year One

Fall (15 credits)

SOW 5105	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
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SOW 5235	Social Welfare Policy and Services I	3
SOW 5404	Social Work Methodology	3
PHC 6000	Intro to Public Health Epidemiology	3
PHC 6102	Intro to PH Health Policy & Management	3

Spring (12 credits)

SOW 5342	Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOW 5379L	Interviewing Skills Lab	3
PHC 6052	Biostatistics I	3
PHC 6410	Health Behavior and Public Health	3

Summer (6 credits)

PHC 6536	Health Demography	3
Social Work Elective		3

Year Two**Fall (12 credits)**

SOW 5344	Theory and Practice with Communities & Orgs	3
SOW 5629	Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations	3
PHC 6113	Community Health Promotion Planning and Research	3
PHC 6315	Introduction to Environmental Health Sciences	3

Spring (12 credits)

SOW 5324	Theory and Practice with Groups	3
SOW 5532	Field Practicum I	3
Social Work Elective		3
PHC 6600	Health Promotion Communication Theory and Design	3

Summer (6 credits)

SOW 6125	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
PHC 6055	Data Management	3

Year Three**Fall (9 credits)**

SOW 6435	Evidence-Based Social Work Practice	3
PHC 6104	Public Health Management & Leadership	3
SOW 6236	Social Welfare Policies and Services II	3

Spring (6 credits)

SOW 6425	Clinical Assessment and Intervention Planning	3
SOW 6533	Field Practicum II	3

Summer (12 credits)

SOW 6534	Field Practicum III	6
SOW 6351	Clinical Intervention in Couple and Family Social Work Practice	3
PHC 6930	Integrative Seminar in Public Health	3

Substitutions:

- SOW 6533 Field Practicum II may substitute for PHC 6945 Practicum in Public Health with approval from internship coordinator in public health.
- Students must take two (2) electives in social work. These electives may substitute for the electives in the MPH Generalist.
- MSW/MPH students do not have to take PHC 6500 Foundations in Public Health.