University of Pittsburgh
School of Social Work and Graduate School of Public Health
Joint Degree Program – MSW/MPH
COSA Curriculum Design

Note: Students register for two years (two fall and spring semesters) through the School of Social Work and one year (one fall and spring semester) through the Graduate School of Public Health. You are eligible for funding through the School of Social Work for a maximum of 2 years (these are the two years you register through that school). You must be registered for at least 9 credits in the School of Social Work during the two years you register in that school to be eligible for funding from the School of Social Work. You must have both school advisors approve your course schedule each term. Your advisor in the School of Social Work will lift your “hold” to register each term.

51 total credits (33 course credits, plus 18 field placement credits) are required by the School of Social Work for the MSW/MPH degree

Social Work Core Courses:
SWGEN 2034 Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations (3) (Fall only) (Required)
SWGEN 2098 Generalist Foundations SW Practice (3) (Fall and Summer) (Required)
SWBEH 2063 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3) (Fall only) (Required)
SWRES 2021 Foundation of Social Work Research (3) (Spring only) (Required) NOTE: Beginning 2019-20 academic year, the required BCHS 2525 Applied Research Methods course (3crs.) fulfills the SWRES
SWWEL 2081 Social Welfare (3) (Fall and Spring) (Required)
SWGEN 2099 Generalist Foundation Field Work (6) (Required)

Skill Courses
SWCOSA 2084 Social Administration 3 crs. (Fall and Spring) (Required)
AND
SWCOSA 2088 Community Organization 3 crs. (Fall and Spring) (Required)

Second-Level Human Behavior in Social Environment Course
SWBEH 2008 HB: Urban Environment 3 crs. (Fall and Spring) (Required)

Second-Level Policy Course
SWWEL 2087 Organizations and Public Policy 3 crs. (Fall, Spring) (Required)

Second-Level Research Course (3 credits)

COSA Skill Electives 6 crs. (two courses related to CO or SA track)
Social Administration Electives
SWCOSA 2038 Human Resource Management and Supervision 3 crs. (Fall)
SWCOSA 2040 Grant Proposal Writing 3 crs. (Spring, sometimes in Summer)
SWCOSA 2054 Leadership and Teams (cross-listing with GSPIA) (Fall)
SWCOSA 2085 Financial Management 3 crs. (Spring)
Community Organizing Electives
SWCOSA 2090 Working w/ Group and Intergroup Relations: Facilitation, Negotiation and Mediation 3 crs. (Fall)
SWCOSA 2096 Community Planning and Development 3 crs. (Spring only)

Concentration Field Placement
SWCOSA 2099 COSA Concentration Field Placement 12 crs. (related to CO or SA track)
36 credits officially required in the Graduate School of Public Health
Graduate School of Public Health Core Courses – All required

BIOST 2011 Principles of Statistics 3 crs. (Spring) or
BIOST 2041 Intro to Statistical Methods 3 crs. (Fall)
EOH 2013 Environmental Health & Disease 2 crs. (Spring)
EPID 2110 Principles of Epidemiology 3 crs. (Fall & Summer)
HPM 2001 Health Policy and Management in Public Health 3 crs (Fall & Summer)
PUBHLT 2033 Foundations 1 cr. (Fall & Spring)
PUBHLT 2015 Public Health Biology 2crs. (Fall & Summer)
PUBHLT 2034 Public Health Communications 2 crs. (Fall & Spring)
PUBHLT 2035 Public Health Applications 2 crs. (Fall & Spring) Must have completed all SCHOOL core courses to register*

BCHS Program Core Courses – All required
Five-week Series: BCHS 2520 Theories (1) (Fall & Spring), BCHS 2992 Systems Theories and Approaches (1)(Fall & Spring), and BCHS 2990 Social Dynamics in Public Health (1) (Fall & Spring), 3 crs. (Students must take these above courses consecutively, but not in the same term.)
BCHS 2525 Applied Research Methods 3 crs. (Fall & Spring) NOTE: Beginning 2019-20 academic year, the required BCHS 2525 Applied Research Methods course(3crs.) fulfills the SWRES 2021 Foundation of Social Work Research course (3crs.)
BCHS 2521 Essay/Thesis 1-3 crs. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Required Electives: Students must choose 6 credits of electives
BCHS 2504 Health Communication 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)**
BCHS 2515 Worksite Health Promotion 2 crs.
BCHS 2523 Public Health Program Planning and Proposal Writing 3 crs. (Fall & Spring)
BCHS 2524 Overview of Health Equity 3 crs. (Spring)
BCHS 2526 Health Equity Research Methods & Interventions 3 crs. (Fall)
BCHS 2558 Health Program Evaluation 3 crs.(Spring)
BCHS 2572 Risk Communication 3 crs. (Fall)
BCHS 2608 Introduction to Community Based Participatory Research 1 cr. (Spring)
BCHS 2609 Translating Research for Policy and Practice 1 cr. (Spring)
BCHS 2610 Concept Mapping: A Participatory Research Method 1 cr. (Spring)
BCHS 2612 Project Management 2 crs. (Fall)
BCHS 2991 Multilevel Analysis 1 cr. (Fall)
BCHS 3002 Survey Methods 3 crs. (Spring)
BCHS 3003 Advanced Evaluation Techniques 3 crs. (Fall)
BCHS 3015 Comm. Mapping and Spatial Analysis 3 crs. (Fall)
PIA 2730 Community Development & Focus Groups 1.5 crs. (Spring) OR
NURS 3055 Community Development& Focus Groups 1.5 crs. (Summer)

Non Required Electives
BCHS 2541Research Methods on Aging 2 crs.
BCHS 2558Health Program Evaluation 3 crs.
BCHS 2999Modeling Collective Behavior 3 crs.
BCHS 3007Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods 3 crs.
BCHS 3503 Prevention Science: Translating Knowledge to Practice 3crs.
Additional Requirements
Practicum paperwork completed and submitted
Essay/Thesis paper
IRB modules completed and submitted (first year)
Academic Integrity Module completed (first year)
E-Portfolio completed/evaluated by advisor/submitted

*Students must have completed all “School Core Courses” to register for PUBHLT 2035.
**BCHS 2520/2592, and 2990 are prerequisites for BCHS 2504 Health Communication.
***BCHS 2520 is a prerequisite for BCHS Systems Theories & Approaches and BCSH Social Dynamics.

MPH/MSW students are exempt from PUBHLT 2022 Grand Rounds. The School of Social Work Field Placement satisfies the BCHS 2503 Practicum requirement.

Applicants May Be Eligible for a $10,000 Scholarship

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